

News&Events

Press releases

Publications

Newsletter

Media Gallery

Archives

Events

Press contact

News

Follow us



follow us on twitter
[@EUROFER_eu](#)

Press Release

Geert Van Poelvoorde re-elected as EUROFER President

Brussels, 28 November 2017 – The board of the European Steel Association (EUROFER) has re-elected Geert Van Poelvoorde as president of the organisation. The board meeting, which took place last week, also saw the election of EUROFER vice-presidents, also serving two year terms.

Mr Van Poelvoorde is CEO of ArcelorMittal - Flat Carbon Europe, and has nearly 30 years of experience in various positions in the steel sector.

"Under Mr Van Poelvoorde's leadership EUROFER has further reinforced its position as the main interlocutor on steel-related issues on the European stage. He has helped ensure that the European steel industry has been well represented in ongoing discussions about trade, climate and energy, and innovation policy", said Axel Eggert, director general of EUROFER.

"During the president's previous tenure, the European steel sector faced considerable challenges, particularly from massive dumping of steel from third countries on the EU market. There have also been the reform of the European Union Emissions Trading System and the EU's overall trade defence tools, as well as numerous anti-dumping cases", added Mr Eggert. "Mr Van Poelvoorde's contribution has helped EUROFER stay on top of these issues".

Speaking after his re-election, Mr Van Poelvoorde said, "I am honoured that my colleagues on the EUROFER board have seen fit to appoint me for a second time to this important position. I believe that, alongside the EUROFER team, I have been able to contribute to the ongoing revival of the European steel industry. I look forward to continuing this vital work over the next two years".

The election of the EUROFER president and vice-presidents takes place every two years, chosen from amongst the association's membership.

Notes for Editors

Contact

Charles de Lusignan, Communications Manager, +32 2 738 79 35, (charles@eurofer.be)

PDF

A PDF of this Press Release is available: [here](#)

About the European Steel Association (EUROFER)

EUROFER is located in Brussels and was founded in 1976. It represents the entirety of steel production in the European Union. EUROFER members are steel companies and national steel federations throughout the EU. The major steel companies and national steel federations in Switzerland and Turkey are associate members.

About the European steel industry

The European steel industry is a world leader in innovation and environmental sustainability. It has a turnover of around €170 billion and directly employs 320,000 highly-skilled people, producing on average 160 million tonnes of steel per year. More than 500 steel production sites across 22 EU Member States provide direct and indirect employment to millions more European citizens. Closely integrated with Europe's manufacturing and construction industries, steel is the backbone for development, growth and employment in Europe.

Steel is the most versatile industrial material in the world. The thousands of different grades and types of steel developed by the industry make the modern world possible. Steel is 100% recyclable and therefore is a fundamental part of the circular economy. As a basic engineering material, steel is also an essential factor in the development and deployment of innovative, CO₂-mitigating technologies, improving resource efficiency and fostering sustainable development in Europe.