



## Filip Geerts, new Secretary General of CECIMO

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Mr. Javier Eguren, President of CECIMO, has the pleasure to announce that Mr. Filip Geerts will take over the general management of CECIMO from Mr. Derek Palethorpe as from February 1st 2008.

Filip is a professional in international, EU and national public and regulatory affairs with a focus on the technology industry.

At Agoria (2001-2008), the federation of the technology industry in Belgium and a member of CECIMO, his team worked on market intelligence, business development, advocacy, innovation and technical regulation for the sector of Information and Communication Technologies. He has in parallel also been in charge of other associations like GOF (GSM Operators Forum), RISS (Radio Infrastructure Site Sharing) and NPA (Number Portability Association).

He created in 2001 and has been since the President of Recupel ICT, the take-back scheme of E&E equipment.

Filip is the founder and for the last 5 years the President of the WEEE FORUM, a European association regrouping 40 take-back systems. He is the President of the International Electronics Recycling Congress and member of the board of the World Recycling Congress in Shanghai and Toronto.

In 2001 he was also appointed secretary general of FITCE, the International Federation of Telecom Experts.

Before joining Agoria, he has been the manager of public and regulatory affairs EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) at IBM in Brussels (1998-2001).

From 1993 till 1998, he has been in charge within Fabrimetal as manager and secretary-general of different national and EU trade associations, reporting to boards of CEO's of SME's and global companies and directors of national trade associations. He has established an EU liaison office for COCIR (Electromedical Industry) and has been secretary-general of CELMA (Luminaires Manufacturers).

During his studies he worked at Euro Info Centre and he started his career at the EU Commission (1992-1993).

Filip is a commercial engineer from the Catholic University of Leuven and has master degrees in European law and economics from Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), Lyon (France) and the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). He followed a post graduate course at Vlerick Management School and at the London School of Economics. He recently followed with success the international executive programme at Insead Fontainebleau and Singapore. From the US Embassy he got in 2004 the International Visitor Grant USA.

*Taking into account his work experience and network, we believe that beside a good coalition- and opinion-builder, policy-maker, lobbyist and promotor of the sector-interests, he will also be a leader in association management in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of CECIMO for its members and partners*

Filip was born 39 years ago in Belgium. He is married, has two children and lives in the neighborhood of Brussels.

### ABOUT CECIMO:

CECIMO and its 15 national member associations represent and promote the interest of 1450 European companies, accountable for 50% of the world production of machine tools. Founded in 1950, CECIMO centralises activities, monitors projects and defines objectives of the European machine tool manufacturers with a team of 6 people.

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