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### WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFEDERATION-EUROPE ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP

Herman Nijns, CEO of Randstad Belgium & Luxembourg, has been elected as the new President of the World Employment Confederation-Europe. WEC-Europe members also elected two new members for the Executive Committee. Other current members of the organisation's leading body all secured another term.

Brussels, 18 February 2021 – Herman Nijns, CEO of Randstad Belgium & Luxembourg, has been elected as the new President. Herman Nijns is a Board member in several industry associations in Belgium and served as President of Federgon, WEC-Europe's Belgian national federation member, from 2017 to 2020.

"I am proud to take the helm of the World Employment Confederation Europe for the next three years," reacts Nijns. "Our industry is in a unique position to help European policy makers, employers and workers make sense of the massive changes taking place across labour markets. It is my objective to strengthen the World Employment Confederation Europe's image through fact-based thought leadership and broader representation of the full breadth of recruitment and employment services."

Nijns succeeds Bettina Schaller, Head of Global Public Affairs at The Adecco Group, who has served as WEC-Europe's President for the past three years. Schaller was elected President of the World Employment Confederation, the global trade association for the private employment services sector, in September 2020. WEC-Europe is one of the regional organisations that is part of the global Confederation.

WEC-Europe's leadership is further renewed by the election of two new members to the Executive Committee: Menno Bart from the Adecco Group as the new chairman of the Public Affairs Committee and Agostino Di Maio from the Italian federation Assolavoro as regular member. The other current Executive Committee members have been re-elected for a new term: Maalfrid Barth from ManpowerGroup and Jurriën Koops from the Dutch federation ABU, both as Vice-Presidents; Agnieszka Zielinska from the Polish federation Polskie Forum HR as regular member, and Sonja van Lieshout from Randstad in her new capacity as chairwoman of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee.

For a full overview of WEC-Europe's new Executive Committee, consult this webpage.

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### **About the World Employment Confederation-Europe**

The World Employment Confederation-Europe is the voice of the private employment services industry at the European level, representing national federations as well as large international workforce solutions companies from across Europe. Members of the World Employment Confederation-Europe represent a wide range of HR services, including agency work, direct recruitment, career management, Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO) and Managed Service Provider (MSP).



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