



PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Urban Keussen (EWE) Elected as new CEDEC President

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Following the CEDEC General Assembly in Rome today, CEDEC is delighted to announce that Dr. Urban Keussen has been unanimously elected by the Board of Directors as the new President of CEDEC, the European Federation of Local and Regional Energy Companies. Dr. Keussen, who currently serves as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of EWE AG, will lead CEDEC for a two-year term, marking an exciting new chapter for the association. His election signifies a pivotal moment for CEDEC and its members as they continue to champion the interests of local and regional energy and broadband companies across Europe.

As Vice-President Christine Gochard (Gaz Electricité Grenoble – FR) was newly elected, whereas Marcello Bondesan (HERA – IT), Jean-Pierre Hollevoet (Fluvius- BE) and Dick Weiffenbach (Netbeheer Nederland – NL) have renewed their mandate.

Mr. Keussen expressed his gratitude to the CEDEC Board of Directors for their trust and unanimous support, stating, *"I feel very honoured to be elected as President of CEDEC. Our members are key drivers of the energy transition. Representing them is an exciting task I am happy to take. It is more important than ever to have an intense dialogue with decision-makers and to send clear messages. The new European Parliament and Commission will soon have to decide on the next steps towards the path to climate neutrality 2050. We have heavy investments ahead of us and need clarity on the energy road map. As CEDEC President and together with CEDEC members we will act as partner, advisor and challenger of politics to support finding the best solutions."*

Dr. Urban Keussen has been a vital part of EWE AG's Board of Management since March 2018, contributing significantly to the North German energy supplier's technological advancements and strategic initiatives. With a long-standing career in the energy sector, including extensive experience with energy grids at national and European level, Dr. Keussen brings deep technical expertise and a strong commitment to innovation. His vast experience and leadership in the energy industry will be crucial to CEDEC's future endeavours. In these dynamic times following the EU elections, his forward-looking spirit will be highly valuable.

Dr. Keussen succeeds Dr. Florian Bieberbach, CEO of Stadtwerke München GmbH (SWM), as President. During his Presidency, Mr. Bieberbach played a decisive role in CEDEC's success during highly challenging and unprecedented times, always steering the ship on its planned strategic course. He distinguished himself through his unwavering support for local interests in Europe, guiding CEDEC and its members with foresight and sensitivity to the diversity of companies and conditions across CEDEC member countries. Under his Presidency, CEDEC played an influential role in shaping European energy policy, from key elements of the Green Deal to the reform of the Gas market, in the past legislative term, further promoting the essential role of local energy companies and integrated energy systems in achieving a decarbonised energy system of the future.



CEDEC's members – national associations and 2000 energy and broadband companies – welcome and congratulate Dr. Keussen on his new role and look forward to his leadership in driving the future of local and regional energy solutions across Europe.

CEDEC background information

CEDEC is the European Federation of local and regional energy companies, representing the interests of 2000 local and regional energy and broadband companies across Europe, close to citizens and businesses, serving 100 million electricity, gas and district heating customers and broadband connections.

The predominantly medium-sized local and regional energy companies have developed activities in every part of the energy value chain. The wide range of services provided by these local utility companies is reliable, sustainable and close to the customer. Through their investments and local jobs, they make a significant contribution to local and regional economic development.