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ECIIA has elected new board members and a new President and Vice President during the General Assembly

Brussels, October 2021 – The European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA) elected new board members during the General Assembly, held virtually on 28 October 2021. Three board members were elected at the General Assembly and the other three had their mandates renewed.

The ECIIA Board and the ECIIA members thank **Thierry Thouvenot**, past President and Chief Audit Executive of Quintet, for his impactful mandate and all the achievements made to promote the profession in Europe.

John Bendermacher was elected as the ECIIA new President: *"I am delighted to continue the advocacy of good corporate governance in Europe and the role of internal auditors. I will strengthen the relation and exchanges with the members and with IIA Global to increase the ECIIA capacity in the future."*

John is the Chief Audit Executive of Euroclear Group, based in Brussels. He is a former member of the IIA Global Board of Directors, the IIA Global Advocacy Committee and was the member and Chair of the IIA Netherlands Board. He has a long career in internal audit in the banking sector.

Massimiliano Turconi was elected as the ECIIA Vice President. Massimiliano is the Chief Audit Executive of TIM S.p.A. and joined the ECIIA Board in 2019. He is also a Board member of Allia. *"I am happy to assist John in the implementation of the new plan and I look forward to chairing the industrial committee."*

The re-elected board members are:

Paul Manning- Paul is Chief Audit Executive at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), based in Vienna. He has 30 years of experience in internal auditing, investigations, risk management, and consulting, with organisations across the commercial, public and non-profit sectors in Europe and worldwide. Paul has been a Council member of the IIA UK & Ireland since 2015, and was its President and Chairman between 2018 and 2020. He was elected to the ECIIA Management Board in 2019 and his mandate has been renewed until the end of 2021.

Manuel de Alzua- Manuel De Alzua has been Head of Internal Audit of Amadeus IT group since 2013. He studied at the ISG business school and has held various roles related to finance, strategy, M&A and internal audit in companies such as Allianz, Havas, AXA, and Amadeus IT Group. He is a board member of IIA Spain. His mandate is renewed until 2023.



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Jens Motel- Jens Motel is Head of Unit Internal Auditing, Risk Management, Controlling Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control at BAFA. He previously served in administrative functions at BAFA. Motel is a board member of IIA Germany. His mandate is renewed until 2023.

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Martta Rajalahti- Martta has over 20 years of experience in the Banking Sector, from various positions and business areas. She has almost 10 years of internal audit experience - covering positions from CAE to "hands-on internal auditing" and developing internal auditing. Her special interest lies in Governance issues.

Iveta Reinholde- She is the head of the Public Council for the Supreme Audit Institution in Latvia. She is specialised in the legal framework for internal audit.

Leen Van der Plas- Leen has broad experience in internal auditing in banking (ING), over 30 years in different roles and responsibilities. He is currently Chief Auditor at ING in the Netherlands.

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ABOUT ECIIA

The ECIIA is the voice of internal audit in Europe. Our role is to enhance corporate governance through the promotion of the professional practice of internal auditing.

Our members comprise 34 national institutes of internal auditing from countries that fall within the wider European region, representing 48 000 members. The ECIIA mission is to further the development of good Corporate Governance and Internal Audit at the European level, through knowledge sharing, developing key relationships, and impacting the regulatory environment, by dealing with the European Union, its Parliament and any other European regulators and associations representing key stakeholders.

