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ECIIA General Assembly: New Leadership to Drive Future Advocacy and Governance

The European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA) gathered members from 29 countries in Brussels to discuss pivotal leadership changes and future directions during their General Assembly meeting on Friday, June 28th.

The Assembly expressed its profound gratitude to John Bendermacher for his dedicated leadership since 2020. Under his guidance, ECIIA achieved significant milestones, particularly in advocating for the crucial role of internal audit (IA) in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives. John also spearheaded the transformative ECIIA plan, which received formal approval at this meeting.

Massimiliano Turconi, Chief Audit Executive (CAE) of TIM and an ECIIA board member since 2020, was warmly welcomed as the new President. Turconi outlined his vision for the future, emphasising the need to broaden ECIIA's advocacy reach and deepen the involvement of National Institutes (NIs) in these efforts. He aims to amplify the European voice of internal audit while pursuing the collaboration with IIA Global. "Our mission continues to be promoting internal audit's essential role in fostering strong governance, sustainable practices, and business digital transformation. We want internal audit to be recognised as a vital player in protecting the public interest," said Turconi.

Additionally, the General Assembly welcomed Kathleen Meganck, Chief Audit Executive at Service Fédéral d'Audit Interne and a board member of IIA Belgium, as the newest member of the ECIIA Board. Her experience and commitment will be valuable as ECIIA continues to advocate for the internal audit profession in the public sector across Europe.

The meeting confirmed the commitment of ECIIA to advancing the role of internal audit in navigating today's dynamic and complex business environments.

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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 35 national institutes of internal auditing from countries that fall within the wider European region, representing 55 000 members.

The ECIIA mission is:

- Advocate the profession of internal auditing, and promote the role and value of internal audit and strong corporate governance to European regulators and other European stakeholders;
- Support the National Institutes in advocacy activities and related services