



Press Release

Philippe Mengal named as new Executive Director of the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking

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Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) welcomes new Executive Director

BBI JU is delighted to announce the nomination of Philippe Mengal as its new Executive Director.

"On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to congratulate Philippe Mengal for his nomination," said Rudolf Strohmeier, Chair of the BBI JU's Governing Board and Deputy Director General, DG Research and Innovation at the European Commission. "Thanks to his proven experience and business acumen, we are convinced Philippe Mengal is the right person to lead the BBI JU." Marcel Wubbolts, representative of the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) and Chief Technology Officer at DSM, congratulated and welcomed Philippe Mengal at the helm of the BBI JU.

Mr. Philippe Mengal has spearheaded major strategic and managerial achievements across his 24 years of professional experience as CEO, Business Development and R&D Management in the field of green technologies, engineering and food/life sciences industries.

"I am looking forward to this new experience and to assuming my role," said Philippe Mengal. "I will work hard to enable BBI JU to become a real success story."

Philippe Mengal's appointment would be effective as of 1 October 2015, subject to the completion of the necessary administrative procedures required to finalise [the recruitment](#). Philippe Mengal's contract will run for an initial period of three years, after which the Governing Board may decide to extend the term of office for a further period of up to four years. Philippe Mengal's contract is pending signature subject to administrative procedures.

About the recruitment process

The Executive Director was appointed by the BBI JU Governing Board on a proposal from the European Commission.

In line with normal practice for senior posts in the EU institutions, the recruitment process for the BBI Executive Director was handled by the European Commission's [Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security](#). The [vacancy notice](#) was published in the Official Journal on 5 September 2014, with a deadline for applications of 3 October 2014.

The European Commission set up a pre-selection panel, in which a representative of BIC participated as an observer. This panel analysed all applications and identified the candidates with the best profile. These candidates were invited for an interview with the pre-selection panel.

Following the interviews, the pre-selection panel drew up its conclusions and proposed a list of candidates for further interviews with the European Commission's Consultative Committee on Appointments (CCA). Candidates called for an interview with the CCA were also asked to participate in a full-day assessment centre run by external human resources experts. On the basis of the interview and results of the assessment centre report, the CCA established a shortlist of candidates. This shortlist was submitted to the relevant Member of the European Commission who interviewed these candidates.

The European Commission then adopted a shortlist of the most suitable candidates, which it passed on to the BBI JU Governing Board. The Governing Board interviewed the shortlisted candidates and nominated the Executive Director.

About BBI JU

The BBI JU is a public-private partnership (PPP), part of the EU's plan to move its economy to a post-petroleum era. It is expected to help make the EU's economy more resource-efficient and sustainable, while supporting growth and employment. €3.7 billion will fund the BBI JU between 2014 and 2024, with €975 million coming from the European Commission and €2.7 billion from its private partner, the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC).

The EU's bioeconomy currently has an annual turnover of around €2 trillion and employs more than 22 million people.

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