

ECSEL JU re-elects Governing Board Chair

At its Governing Board meeting of 26 November 2019, the ECSEL Joint Undertaking Governing Board re-elected Dr. Sabine Herlitschka as their Chairperson, for a period of one year starting on March 1st 2020.

Dr Herlitschka, presently Chief Executive Officer of Infineon Technologies Austria AG, was first elected to chair the ECSEL JU Governing Board in February 2018. In this role, she has actively emphasised that Electronic Components and Systems not only is a key enabling technology area but provides essential answers to major global challenges. *“Taking climate change - the climate crisis - as an example, our society faces a huge challenge, a challenge where the output of our collective effort as ECSEL has real positive impact by significantly increasing energy efficiency, thus reducing CO2 emissions drastically.”*

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Herlitschka stated: *“We jointly have to further develop ECSEL in view of the new Horizon Europe Programme and the importance of its Key Digital Technologies. This is even more important when considering the current global developments, particularly in China and the U.S. Europe has a strong role to play in Electronic Components and Systems, and the ECSEL Governing Board can be instrumental on this way.”*

About ECSEL Joint Undertaking:

ECSEL JU operates an ambitious Research, Development and Innovation programme that will combine EU funding (from Horizon 2020) together with National funds from ECSEL Participating States and the Private sector, to leverage a total investment approaching 5Bn EUR over its lifetime: Electronic Components and Systems (ECS), being at the core of virtually all economic sectors, have unparalleled impact for the economy and for society and in Europe, and are therefore a Key Enabling Technology of considerable significance for Europe.

The Governing Board is the highest governance body of the JU, that has overall responsibility for the strategic orientation and the operations of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, and supervises the implementation of its activities. The Public Authorities Board is responsible for all matters related to calls for proposals and allocation of public funding, while the Private Members Board is responsible for drafting the multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda and proposes the research and innovation activities plan. The Executive Director is the chief executive responsible for the day-to-day management of the ECSEL JU in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Board.

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