



Press release

New ECFD President elected

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Markus König is the new president of the European Confederation of Fuel Distributors (ECFD). He was elected by the members of the ECFD at the Annual General Meeting in May.

On May 24, the representatives of the national member associations voted unanimously for Markus König as their new president. König, 59, is member of the management of the Stuttgart-based medium-sized company Friedrich Scharr KG. The Austrian Jürgen Roth (Fa. Tank Roth GmbH, Graz) was re-elected as ECFD Vice President. Markus König is looking forward to his new tasks as well as to the trust placed in him: „As ECFD we would like to safeguard the interests of our members at the European level and to participate constructively as a dialogue partner in the diverse energy and climate policy issues in the heating and mobility sector. The ECFD primarily represents small and medium-sized, often family-run companies that make an indispensable contribution to reliable, affordable energy supply in Europe. We see it as our most important task to give these companies a strong voice in the regulatory shaping of the energy transition.“

The ECFD members thank the retiring president Johannes Heinritzi (Fa. Franz X. Heinritzi & Söhne GmbH, Bruckmühl), who had chaired the association since 2016, for his many years of commitment.

ECFD is the umbrella organization of the associations of heating oil dealers and independent service station owners in Austria, Belgium, France and Germany, among other countries, and represents the interests of more than 10,000 companies. The current focus of the work of the association, of which UNITI is also a member, is the monitoring of industry-relevant legislation of the Fit for 55 topics of the European Green Deal.



ABOUT ECFD

ECFD is the voice of more than 10,000 distributors of liquid fuels in the EU member states, bringing their competence to the EU level. With an average share of 60 % of filling stations being family-owned members operate mainly independently from major energy companies. ECFD members maintain and secure a reliable supply of conventional fuels, biofuels, LPG and CNG to customers across Europe. In addition, ECFD is actively engaged in the low-carbon energy transition via renewable fuel for the mobility and heating sector. Our members supply sustainable conventional and advanced biofuels and are committed to the rapid market take-off of synthetic powerbased fuels in order to achieve the European climate protection targets. Our members own convenience retail outlets and motorway service areas and provide a range of high quality products and services to European consumers. They also manage and supply fuels used in non-road areas like agricultural machinery, shipping and public sector works. Modern heating and mobility with liquid fuels provides millions of European households with improved air quality, thanks to cleaner fuels with reduced sulphur content, higher energy savings, thanks to well-proven and mature technology, affordable solutions for vulnerable consumers, thanks to the low cost of upgrading to more energy efficient heating systems and alternative clean mobility solutions.

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