

PRESS RELEASE

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T&D Europe appoints new Secretary General

Mr Nadi Assaf becomes new T&D Europe Secretary General, replacing Dr Oliver Blank

On the occasion of its General Assembly held in Brussels on 13 September 2016, T&D Europe¹ has elected Mr. Nadi Assaf as its new Secretary General, starting on 14 September. Nadi Assaf is Deputy Chief Executive at Gimélec, the French industry association for **electrical and automation solutions** for the power, building, industrial, data centers and infrastructure markets. Gimélec is the French member of T&D Europe.

Nadi brings over 25 years of experience and a strong knowledge of T&D Industry including regulatory issues, electricity utilities markets and transversal topics currently facing the industry. He was instrumental in the creation of T&D Europe in 2008. He was previously T&D Europe Secretary General from 2008 to 2010.

Nadi Assaf takes over from Oliver Blank, European Affairs Director at ZVEI, who has successfully led T&D Europe for the past six years. Oliver's understanding of Brussels' political environment and the challenges facing the industry have been essential to the Association. He will remain an active contributor to the activities of T&D Europe as the representative of its German member ZVEI.

Nadi Assaf will be supported in his mission by Pierre Lucas, Operations Director since March 2010, and Laure Dulière, Policy Adviser, who recently joined the Secretariat. They are both in charge of coordinating the Association's work, monitoring the European Union's activities of relevance for the Association, as well as liaising with its institutions. Laure Dulière with her extensive international experience in communication and public affairs in the institutional, corporate and NGO environment will be an asset as T&D Europe is stepping up its advocacy initiatives at EU level.

Commenting the election, the President of T&D Europe Gerhard Seyrling, General Manager Central Europe Region at GE Grid Solutions, said: *"present since the creation of T&D Europe, Nadi Assaf is fully committed to the interest of our members and the promotion of our industry as an essential actor of the European electricity system. Under his lead and with the support of the newly-reinforced Secretariat, T&D Europe will strengthen cooperation with the EU institutions to ensure the electrical grid technology providers play an essential role in the Energy Union."*

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¹ T&D Europe is the European Association of the Electricity Transmission & Distribution Equipment and Services Industry. Its members are the European National Associations representing the interests of the electricity transmission and distribution equipment manufacturing and derived solutions. The companies represented by T&D Europe account for a production worth over €25 billion, and employ over 200,000 people in Europe. (www.tdeurope.eu)