

PRESS RELEASE

Eurogypsum elects Emmanuel Normant as new President for the EU plaster and plasterboard industry

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Eurogypsum, the European Manufacturers Association for Plaster and Plasterboard Products, is delighted to announce that Emmanuel Normant has been elected as the new President of Eurogypsum. The Board of Directors of Eurogypsum unanimously appointed the Vice-President for Sustainable Development of the Paris-based Saint-Gobain Group for a two-year presidency starting on 27 May 2020.

Emmanuel Normant will succeed in the role to Christoph Dorn, Managing Director of Knauf Group Central Europe and Chairman of the Management Board of Knauf Gips KG, who will take over the position of Vice-President of Eurogypsum. Eric Bertrand, Head of Research and Development and Intellectual Property at Etex, becomes the new Treasurer of the EU association.

Emmanuel Normant, a French citizen, graduated as an engineer from *Ecole Polytechnique* and *Ecole des Mines de Paris*. Before joining Saint-Gobain, he worked for the French Ministry in charge of environment. As of 2002, he has worked for Saint-Gobain, mostly within the Construction Product Sector, in Brazil, China and France. He held several high-level positions within the company, from General Delegate for Asia-Pacific to President of the insulation activity of Saint-Gobain. In May 2016 he became the Vice-President for Sustainable Development of the Saint-Gobain Group.

Commenting on his election, Emmanuel Normant said: *"Taking up the presidency of Eurogypsum is both an honour and a major responsibility in the challenging times our societies are facing today. Gypsum products and our industry have a strong potential to support an economic recovery based on the construction and renovation of sustainable homes for all Europeans"*.

Eurogypsum, a Brussels-based association founded in 1961, is committed to promoting a sustainable built environment in Europe. Gypsum is a natural product used to manufacture plaster and plasterboards, which are widely used in buildings all over the world. Plasterboards, which are easy to install and dismantle, are particularly valued for their fire protection, sound,

and thermal insulation properties. They can also store and release humidity according to the ambient air quality. Eurogypsum has long been involved in projects to improve the quality of buildings and close the loop in the production and recycling of plasterboards.

Christoph Dorn, the incumbent president, said: *"I am very pleased to pass the torch to Emmanuel. He has taken a leading role in our association's activities and I have full confidence that he can guide Eurogypsum and our Secretary General Tristan Suffys in the current challenges, facilitating Europe's economic recovery while promoting sustainability."*

Emmanuel Normant added: *"I would like to thank Christoph Dorn for the extraordinary work in driving change at Eurogypsum for the past two years. We are now well equipped to take up the challenges ahead and I look forward to working closely with him as a Vice-President and all our members, European institutions and all stakeholders to speed up our sector's recovery and Europe's transition to a more sustainable built environment"*.

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Eurogypsum is a European federation of national associations of producers of gypsum products (i.e. plaster and plasterboard). It is one of the few fully integrated industries (from cradle to cradle) within the construction products field. The companies which mine gypsum also process it and manufacture the value-added products and systems used extensively in construction and other industries. With a turnover of EUR 7 billion, the European gypsum and anhydrite industry operates some 160 factories and 154 quarries and generates employment directly to 28,000 persons and indirectly for 300,000 persons. The Gypsum industry provides jobs to 1,100,000 plasterers and plasterboard installers. It trains around 25,000 persons per year across Europe.

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