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“Ms Eva Chamizo Llatas takes over EASE presidency on 1 January 2018”

Third presidency of EASE for Iberdrola, following the previous mandates held by EDF and Uniper.

On **22 November 2017**, the **European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)** General Assembly, representing 38 companies across the energy storage value chain, **elected Ms Eva Chamizo Llatas**, Director of European Affairs and Head of the Iberdrola Brussels Office, to serve as the **new EASE President**. Ms Chamizo Llatas is an expert in European Union Law and served as Head of the Legal Service of the Spanish Permanent Representation to the European Union from 2001 until 2015.

“This is a **crucial moment for energy storage** which has evolved from a niche topic to a vitally important aspect of the energy transition” Ms Chamizo Llatas declared during her welcome speech. “We will **continue to engage with policymakers to ensure that the barriers to storage deployment are removed, that investment security is strengthened in the sector, and that the full value and potential of energy storage is realised across Europe**. Therefore, I am committed to representing the association and working with EASE members and external stakeholders to pave the way for a brighter future for energy storage in Europe.”

On 1 January 2018, Ms Chamizo Llatas will officially take over the presidential torch from Dr K. Peter Röttgen, formerly Vice President for Market Interface Management at Uniper. She will be supported in her new function by **three Vice-Presidents: Mr Michael Lippert**, Marketing & Business Development Manager of the Energy Storage Business Unit at Saft; **Mr Jillis Raadschelders**, Principal Consultant Energy Storage at DNV GL; and **Mr Thierry Le Boucher**, Executive Vice President Sales & Marketing, Renewable Energy, Energy Management and Networks within the R&D division of EDF.

At the EASE Annual Reception 2017, **EASE Secretary General Mr Patrick Clerens** thanked Dr Röttgen for his commitment and the significant progress achieved during the past three years and introduced the new president, wishing her success in addressing the challenges that energy storage is facing in the coming years: “We are now experiencing considerable positive momentum for energy storage, but many challenges remain. **Our top priority is to establish a forward-looking EU market design and policies that allow energy storage to compete on a level playing field.**”

About EASE:

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the voice of the energy storage community, actively promoting the use of energy storage in Europe and worldwide. It actively supports the deployment of energy storage as an indispensable instrument within the framework of the European energy and climate policy to deliver services to, and improve the flexibility of, the European energy system. EASE seeks to build a European platform for sharing and disseminating energy storage-related information and supports the transition towards a sustainable, flexible and stable energy system in Europe.

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