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### **ECTAA announces Frank Oostdam as new President**

**Frank Oostdam, President of the Dutch Association of Travel Agents and Tour Operators (ANVR), has been elected today as President of the travel agents and tour operators of Europe.**

**Nicosia, 10 June 2022.** During its semi-annual meeting held on 9 and 10 June in Nicosia, the representatives of the travel agents and tour operators of Europe elected Frank Oostdam, Netherlands, as President for a two-year term. Heli Mäki-Fränänti, Finland, was elected Vice-President and Marios Kammenos, Greece, was re-elected Treasurer. The delegates also thanked Pawel Niewiadomski, the outgoing president, for his commitment and achievements during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Frank Oostdam said: "I am very honoured to be elected as President of ECTAA. The travel and tourism industry in Europe faces multiple challenges. Covid-19 pandemic is not over and the war in Ukraine, the increasing energy prices and shortage of skilled labour force are putting additional pressure on travel companies. My first priority will be therefore to work with political leaders and industry partners on setting the right framework for our industry to recover from the past two years and be able to operate. At the same time, I am a firm believer that travel companies should give sustainability a prominent role in their renewed business strategy. This is why ECTAA will actively help its members to bring the right support to companies to act as quickly as possible."

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Note the editors:

ECTAA regroups the national associations of travel agents and tour operators of 30 European countries and represents some 70.000 enterprises.

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