

GIGAEurope Announces Incoming Chairman of the Board

Brussels, 23 January – GIGAEurope and its members start the new year by formally welcoming **Mr Reinald Krüger as the incoming Chairman of the GIGAEurope Board of Directors**. He will deliver the keynote address, during the [CTAM Europe Symposium](#) on **26 January in London**.

The outgoing chair, **Mr Manuel Kohnstamm**, commented “Our industry is at a critical juncture as we accelerate investments in Gigabit connections. We are the frontrunners in achieving ‘Gigabit for all’ throughout Europe. We are fully committed to realising Europe’s digital ambitions and work tirelessly with public authorities to clear any remaining challenges to the cause.”

Managing Director, Irina Varlan, remarked “We are excited to enter 2023, the fourth year of the Association, with Reinald Krüger as our incoming chair. GIGAEurope’s members represent the enablers of the future of connectivity. With Reinald Krüger’s wealth of experience and expertise in the digital sector as well as his inclusive leadership approach, I am confident that the Association will continue to bring stakeholders together and actively support the EU 2030 Digital Decade Agenda.”

Reinald Krüger, Chairman of the GIGAEurope Board and Vodafone Group Director of Policy & Public Affairs, said: “I am delighted to have been entrusted with the role of Chairman for GIGAEurope. Connectivity is the foundation of Europe’s digital transformation and competitiveness. As GIGAEurope, we will continue to help inform and support long-term, future-proofed policy for our sector, to ensure that all Europeans benefit from a truly digital society.”

GIGAEurope members provide reliable and secure gigabit-speed connections to over 340 million mobile customers and 40 million fixed broadband customers in 19 European countries (including 16 EU Member States). As leaders in the Internet of Things (IoT), our members connect more than 142 types of devices and platforms.

Since the Association’s inception, Reinald Krüger has served as a member of the Board while in his capacity as the Vodafone Group Policy and Public Affairs Director, based in London. Prior to joining Vodafone Group in 2018, he held several management positions with the European Commission, in the Directorate-Generals for Industry, for Competition, and for Communications Networks, Content and Technology respectively. Until 1995, Reinald Krüger was Head of the Research Group “Industrial Economics and Competition Policy” at the HWWA-Institute in Hamburg. He was also a Consultant with the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in Washington, D.C. (1989) and a Competition Expert to the World Bank (1990).

Reinald Krüger is an economist by training and author of more than 30 publications in the areas of industrial economics, competition policy and transition economics.

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