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Appointment of CEO

The European Association for Biometrics (EAB) today announced the appointment of Michiel van der Veen as Chief Executive Officer.

EAB's Chairman Alexander Nouak said, "The appointment of Michiel as CEO signals a new chapter in the EAB movement and our drive to be the leading association for biometrics and identity in Europe."

Michiel van der Veen said, "I'm honoured to be appointed CEO of the EAB. The association is fast becoming a leading forum for industry, governments and academia to network and share trends about biometrics and digital identity." Michiel adds, "Our focus will be to continue to raise the profile and reputation of the EAB as we expand further across Europe and to deliver even better value to our members, leveraging the strength of our network."

The appointment comes at a time when biometrics and digital identity are increasingly a part of everyday life for Europe's 750 million citizens. According to Michiel van der Veen, "In recent years, the EAB membership has grown to include almost every sector, from border protection, eHealth to financial services. Our job is to offer them impartial advice as they navigate a wide range of issues, from regulatory frameworks to new technologies."

About EAB

EAB is a non-profit organisation that supports the responsible use of biometrics and digital identity for the citizens of Europe. The EAB's membership, which includes business leaders, governments, investors and academia, receive impartial advice on identity strategies and the latest market trends. Members meet regularly at EAB hosted events and networking opportunities, across Europe. In addition, the EAB supports academic research and the digital identity start-up ecosystem, across Europe.



About Michiel van der Veen (PhD)

Michiel van der Veen is an experienced executive and well known expert in the field of biometrics and digital identity.

After a career at Philips Electronics, Michiel founded priv-ID, an early innovator in biometric and digital identity. It later merged with GenKey in 2011, with Michiel appointed CEO. Michiel led GenKey through multiple stages of growth to become one of the most trusted brands in the market, providing Identity for Development.

Michiel is also a regular industry contributor on digital identity and biometrics, along with future thinking about innovation and market trends.

Michiel has a Ph.D from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) and further business education from Stanford.

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