

# Press Release

## A new Executive Director for ECSEL Joint Undertaking

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As of January 1st 2016, Mr. Bert De Colvenaer takes up the baton as Executive Director of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, as successor to Dr. Andreas Wild who entered retirement at the end of 2015.

With a strong industrial background, particularly in the automotive sector, as well as previous experience as Executive Director of another Joint Undertaking (Fuel Cells and Hydrogen), Mr. De Colvenaer brings to ECSEL the necessary experience to assure continuity of its operations while adding new perspectives and a fresh view towards its future evolution.

For Mr. De Colvenaer, the diversity of the participants in ECSEL and its extensive range of applications across many supply chains are both a challenge and a great opportunity. “In the widest sense”, he states, “I want to create ‘More Europe for a smarter Europe’ and I believe that the ECSEL JU is - and will be even more in the future - both instrumental and catalytic to achieving this. In this respect, the most important word in the name of ECSEL JU is **Joint**.”

### About ECSEL JU

The “Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership” (ECSEL) is a Joint Undertaking established by the Council Regulation (EU) No 561/2014 that entered into power on 27 June 2014. The ECSEL JU receives funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. It is a public-private partnership engaging, in the period 2014-2020, up to 1.17 billion euro European Union funding, combining it with a commensurate amount of national/regional funding to leverage about 5 billion euro Research and Innovation investments in nanoelectronics, embedded and cyber-physical systems, and system integration technologies. The R&D actors are represented by the associations AENEAS, ARTEMISIA and EPoSS.

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