

## Press Release

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## FEFCO takes on EPRC chairmanship

The European Paper Recycling Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Angelika Christ as the new chair for a two years period starting as of 4 April 2019, taking over from Lisa Kretschmann (FEPE). Angelika Christ has been the Secretary General of FEFCO since 2007 and the Secretary General of CITPA since 2014.

She has been involved in associations of corrugated board manufacturers for over 20 years, first in Germany and then at the European level. Prior to FEFCO, she was the Managing Director of the German Association of Corrugated Board Industries (VDW) from 1996 until 2007. Her first professional experience was with the German Chemical Industry Association (VCI), where she executed various positions from 1980-1996.

During her two years mandate as chair of the EPRC, Angelika Christ will pursue the following goal:



"The EPRC has been very successful in bringing all parties together, develop recyclability guidelines for printed graphic paper and boosting recycling of all papers.

We will continue this work and support the industry efforts to further improve the recyclability of paper packaging on the market. Paper packaging is a recycling champion.

We need to intensify our communication and increase the public awareness about the great recyclability of paper packaging".

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## Note to editor:

The European Paper Recycling Council (EPRC) was set up as an industry self-initiative in November 2000 to monitor progress towards meeting the paper recycling targets set out in the 2000 European Declaration on Paper Recycling. Since then the commitments in the Declaration are renewed every five years. In 2017 the EPRC committed to meeting and maintaining both a voluntary recycling rate target of 74% in the EU27 plus Switzerland and Norway by 2020 as well as qualitative targets in areas such as waste prevention, ecodesign and research and development. In 2018, Members of the EPRC are ACE, CEPI, CITPA, EMFA, ETS, FEPE, INGEDE and INTERGRAF. Supporters are Afera, EuPIA, FINAT, FEICA and RadTECH Europe. The 2018 recycling rate was 72,3%. The environment (DG Environment) and industry (DG Grow) departments of the European Commission are permanent observers to the EPRC.