

PRESS RELEASE

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Euro Banking Association appoints Wolfgang Ehrmann of Helaba as new Chairman

The Euro Banking Association (EBA) announced today the appointment of Wolfgang Ehrmann, Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen (Helaba), as Chairman of the Board of the EBA. Wolfgang Ehrmann took over the position on Friday, 31st October 2014, following his election by the EBA membership. He has already been a member of the EBA Board since 2010.

Wolfgang Ehrmann has been engaged in transaction banking, with a strong focus on payments, IT and cash management, for close to 30 years, both at national and international level. He currently serves as Head of Sales Saving Banks and Banks Germany, Cash Management at Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen (Helaba). Over the past 10 years, Wolfgang has also helped to shape the evolution of the STEP2 system developed by the EBA through his participation in different STEP2 user say bodies of EBA CLEARING.

In his new position, Wolfgang Ehrmann succeeds Hansjörg Nymphius, who had been leading the EBA since 2003 and has recently stepped down from the Chairmanship when he retired from his position at Deutsche Bank.

“I look forward to pursuing the pan-European mission of the EBA in this new role together with my colleagues in the Board and with the EBA management, based on the support of our membership,” said Wolfgang Ehrmann. “I would like to thank Hansjörg Nymphius for having successfully steered the EBA over the past 11 years, strengthening its positioning and voice as the practitioners’ body in European payments. I wish Hansjörg all the best in his future endeavours.”

The Euro Banking Association plays a major role in the financial industry as a network of payment practitioners with a pan-European mindset and vision; it provides a country-neutral forum for discussing and driving pan-European payment initiatives in the co-operative space.

Under the leadership of Hansjörg Nymphius, the EBA substantially evolved its activities in the areas of thought leadership, knowledge & research and education, underpinning its position as a key authority on European payments and related business practices. The annual conference and exhibition EBAday was launched in 2006 and has developed into the prime industry event on pan-European payments and transaction banking both for the European banking sector and the wider stakeholder community.

EBA was founded in 1985 and today includes close to 200 members from the European Union and across the world.

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