

Press release

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LERU Secretary-General reappointed for second term

The League of European Research Universities (LERU) is pleased to announce the reappointment of Professor Kurt Deketelaere to a second term at the League's helm. His new term as Secretary-General LERU will commence in July 2014 and will run for five years.

"With Professor Deketelaere as Secretary-General, LERU has made significant progress", says Professor Bernd Huber, LERU's chair and President of LMU Munich. "Our current broad spectrum of activities and our contributions to the research policy debate have established LERU's reputation as a major stakeholder in the EU. LERU now has an important and well-respected voice in the discussions about the future of Europe's research policy."

"I am honoured to be reappointed to this position and I look forward to a continued excellent collaboration with our member universities and external stakeholders", says Professor Deketelaere. "In the years to come, LERU will continue to influence policy on a broad set of issues, and intensify cooperation among like minded organisations worldwide to stress the importance of universities for research and innovation."

Professor Deketelaere expresses his gratitude to his Leuven based LERU team and to his Alma Mater, KU Leuven, for continued academic and managerial support.

Background

Kurt Deketelaere has been the Secretary-General of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) since July 2009.



Before joining LERU, he was the chief legal advisor (2004-2007) and the chief of staff (2007-2009) of the Flemish Minister for Public Works, Energy, Environment and Nature.

He is also a professor of law (however on parttime leave since 2007) at KU Leuven, the university where he studied law (1984-1989), obtained his PhD in Law (1989-1995) and spent (until now) his whole academic career.

Furthermore, he is an honorary professor of law at the University of Malta and the University of Dundee, was awarded the Hou-De Honorary Chair at the National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan, and has been a visiting professor of law at the Universities of London, Sydney and Singapore.

Kurt published extensively in the field of EU Environmental, Energy and Climate Change Law, and is the editor of several leading book series and journals in that field.

Finally, he chairs the Board of Directors of the Flemish Energy Regulator (VREG), is chair of the Flemish Environmental Damages Commission, co-chair of the Malta Legal Forum on Adaptation to Climate Change, and is on the board of a number of profit (MRBB, AIF) and non-profit (I-Cleantech) organisations in Belgium.

About LERU

The League of European Research Universities (LERU) is an association of twenty-one leading research-intensive universities that share the values of high-quality teaching within an environment of internationally competitive research.

Founded in 2002, LERU advocates education through an awareness of the frontiers of human understanding; the creation of new knowledge through basic research, which is the ultimate source of innovation in society; and the promotion of research across a broad front in partnership with industry and society at large.

The purpose of the League is to advocate these values, to influence policy in Europe and to develop best practice through mutual exchange of experience. LERU regularly publishes a variety of papers and reports which make high-level policy statements, provide in-depth analyses and make concrete recommendations for policymakers, universities, researchers and other stakeholders.

More information

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