



PRESS RELEASE

GEODE announces new Chairman

Hans Kreisel has been appointed as new chair of the European lobbying organisation GEODE. The organisation represents local gas and electricity network owners: 1,200 private and public companies from 15 countries in total.

In response to the global climate challenge, society is shifting over to renewable energy production, while at the same time we see clear trends of digitisation and changed customer behaviours. Local gas and electricity network owners play an important role as facilitators of this change, for example in the form of more decentralised and weather-dependent production, more flexible energy consumption and a functioning charging structure.

There are large changes underway in Sweden, which are governed by Europe. It is important for Sweden to be involved in the decision-making and to promote a direction that allows us to maintain a strong position in these developments. "GEODE gathers the perspectives of local network owners whose voices need to be heard when developing new legislation," says Hans Kreisel.



Hans Kreisel, President of Skellefteå Kraft

Hans Kreisel is the President of the municipally-owned Skellefteå Kraft, Sweden's fifth largest electricity producer and the owner of a 12,000-km electricity grid spanning across nine municipalities. Hans has long experience from leading positions within E.on in Sweden, the Baltics, Poland and Germany. He is a dedicated visionary, determined not only to change his own company but the entire energy industry.



“GEODE is a highly competent representative of Europe’s local network owners, and I look forward to helping strengthen its role going forward.”

Hans Kreisel takes up office as chairman on 29 May.

Furthermore, **Prof. Christian Held** was appointed Deputy Chairman in addition to the incumbent Deputy Chairman **David Smith**.

GEODE

GEODE is the voice of local energy distributors across Europe, representing the interests of 1200 private and public energy companies for both electricity and gas from 15 European countries, serving more than 100 million customers. These small and medium-sized companies are bringing intelligence to the grids and making thereby a major contribution to achieve Europe’s climate and energy policy goals. GEODE promotes fair and competitive conditions for network operators giving them a strong voice to secure core values - namely providing a customer-focused service, with a high quality of supply and energy efficiency to homes, businesses and local communities. With 25 years experience GEODE is recognised as a trusted partner by the European institutions.



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