



New cooperative structure for EOSA

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The European Office Supplies Alliance (EOSA) has changed its legal structure to that of a cooperative.

The alliance's members signed the agreement for the change on 1 June, and have also established the co-operative's registered office in Amsterdam.

The move to Amsterdam coincides with the addition of a Dutch member, Sassenheim-based office supplier Hedera.

"Admittedly, we are a smaller member. Nevertheless, we see ourselves as a sort of 'door opener' which can operate from Holland for EOSA," said Hedera's owner and Director, Philip Becker.

EOSA says that having Amsterdam as its headquarters is optimal both for transport and technological trading, while Holland has a traditional business culture and an economically liberal legislation.

With its new legal structure, EOSA is now led like a corporation. This means that the general assembly will meet in place of the review boards and the executive committee is replaced by a board of directors.

Heinz Kneubühl, former Chairman of the Marketing Steering Committee is now COO, while the previous Chairman, Peter Basci, has been elected CEO of the cooperative and Chairman of the EOSA General Assembly.

"We have found an optimal legal structure which clearly simplifies commercial relations towards suppliers as well as with customers," said Basci.

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