



*"The voice of crafts and SMEs in Europe"*

## **UEAPME elects Peter Faross as new Secretary General**

**Brussels, 29 November 2013** – During its General Assembly today, UEAPME – the European Craft and SME employers' organisation – elected Peter Faross, German retired European Commission top civil servant, as Secretary General. Formerly Acting Deputy Director-General of DG Energy, Mr Faross as UEAPME Secretary General will to represent over 12 million SME with 55 million employees all over Europe. In her congratulatory speech, President Gunilla Almgren thanked the members for their efforts in bringing a new face to UEAPME representation.

*"Taking on the task of representing SMEs all over Europe on a daily basis will by no means be an easy task", commented President Gunilla Almgren, "but it is a challenge I am looking forward to putting in the hands of Peter Faross. UEAPME is the voice of Crafts and SMEs in Brussels and I am glad to be able to share the representative role this entails with the new Secretary General. Ensuring SME are taken into consideration and defended in cases unfair to them is our main goal in UEAPME".*

\*\*\*\* END \*\*\*\*

**EDITORS' NOTES:** UEAPME is the employers' organisation representing exclusively crafts, trades and SMEs from the EU and accession countries at European level. UEAPME has 80 member organisations covering over 12 million enterprises with 55 million employees. UEAPME is a European Social Partner. For further information please visit <http://www.ueapme.com/> or follow [@UEAPME](https://twitter.com/UEAPME) on Twitter. Peter Faros studied law and political science. In March 1991, he was promoted Head of Sector (Energy and Environment) before becoming Head of Unit in December 1993 responsible for the "Functioning of the Internal Market". Subsequent posts until June 2008 as Head of Unit included the areas on "General Policy", "General policy and inter-institutional relations", "Economic regulation in air transport", "Services of general economic interest, users' rights and infringements". Since 2008, Mr Peter Faross heads the Directorate "Nuclear Safety and Fuel Cycle" in Luxemburg as Director. Since December 2010, Mr Peter Faross is acting Deputy Director General for "Nuclear Energy". A biographical note on Mr Farros, including his CV and picture, will soon be available on the UEAPME website.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

Jenny Manin, Press and Communications Officer, Tel. +32 (0)496 520 329, Email: [pressoffice@ueapme.com](mailto:pressoffice@ueapme.com)