

## PRESS RELEASE

### ECTAA announces Pawel Niewiadomski as President for a second term

### Pawel Niewiadomski, President of the Polish Chamber of Tourism, has been re-elected as President of the travel agents and tour operators of Europe

**Athens, 9 October 2020.** ECTAA, the European Travel Agents' and Tour Operators' Association, held its semi-annual meeting in Athens on 8-9 October. This event, the first meeting in person of the organisation since the outbreak of COVID-19, was made possible thanks to the commitment of the Greek authorities and professionals of the tourism industry to offer safe travel. The General Assembly re-elected Pawel Niewiadomski, Poland, for a second two year term. Eva Blasco Garcia, Spain, was re-elected Vice-President. Marios Kammenos from HATTA, Greece, was re-elected Treasurer.

Pawel Niewiadomski said: "I am very honoured to be re-elected as President of ECTAA. The travel and tourism industry in Europe faces many challenges in the current global health crisis. My priority will be to work with political leaders and industry partners on setting the right framework for our industry for a speedy recovery. A prerequisite for this is a coordinated approach on travel restrictions within Europe! And the second one is a quick fix to the package travel Directive, which is not adapted to the current endless extraordinary circumstances."

Said Vice-President Eva Blasco Garcia: "I am delighted to see so many of my colleagues here in Athens. This shows that traveling is necessary to continue our business. We thank the Greek Minister of Tourism, Harry Theoharis, for his strong support to this vibrant industry and his backing of the industry call to replace quarantines with test in order to promote safe travel."

- END -

Note the editors:

ECTAA regroups the national associations of travel agents and tour operators of 28 European countries and represents some 80.000 enterprises.

For more information, please contact:

Eric Drésin, Secretary General

ECTAA - Group of National Travel Agents' and Tour Operators' Associations within the EU

Rue Dautzenberg 36, B-1050 Brussels

Tel: +32 2 644 34 50

e-mail: [secretariat@ectaa.org](mailto:secretariat@ectaa.org), [www.ectaa.org](http://www.ectaa.org)

Integrated programme for promoting Athens as a destination through B2B and B2C activities