

Chairperson Candidate Profile



Philippe van Hoof (Belgium)
Country Manager
ING Korea

Philippe van Hoof is the Country Manager of ING Bank N.V. in Seoul since August 2021. Prior to that, he served as ING's Head of Financial Institutions APAC, based in Singapore, and has been a member of the Asia Pacific Senior Management Team since 2017. Philippe has more than 30 years of banking experience, including over 15 years in Singapore, Korea, and Japan. In addition to managing strategic relationships with banks, Philippe has extensive experience in working with insurers, asset managers, securities companies, and sovereign wealth funds at the executive/board level on a wide range of strategic topics. A Belgian citizen, Philippe joined the ECCK as a member in 2021 and was elected as Chairperson of the ECCK's Sustainability Committee in June 2022. He was then appointed Chairperson of the ECCK in June 2023. While based in Singapore, Philippe served as Chairman of EuroCham Singapore's Financial Services Committee until 2018 and later as Vice President from April 2019 until July 2021.

Vice Chairperson Candidate Profiles



Mathias Vaitl (Germany)
President and CEO
Mercedes-Benz Korea

Mr. Vaitl graduated with Diploma (FH) in Business Administration from Nuertingen-Geislingen University (HfWU) specializing in Automotive Industry and International Business Management in 2005, and in the same year, he joined Mercedes-Benz as a Business Manager for Dealer Network at its subsidiary in Prague, Czech Republic. Mathias Vaitl has extensive automotive experience in Digital Services, Sales, Training & Qualification, as well as Customer Services and Network Development in German, Chinese and Czech Republic markets.



Per Stenius (Finland)
Chairman and CEO
Reddal

Per Stenius, a Finnish citizen, has served as the Director of Reddal Korea and the Chairman and CEO of Reddal Inc. since 2010. He has over 25 years of experience in strategy and operational process development across multiple industries. Throughout his career, he has worked as a top management consultant and executive, holding positions at McKinsey & Company, Accenture, Stratos Ventures, and several technology companies. Per holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a Master's in Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an M.Sc. in Engineering from Helsinki University of Technology. He has published over 30 articles in leading business and scientific journals and serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Seoul School of Integrated Sciences & Technologies. Per, along with Reddal Korea, joined the ECCK as a member in October 2020.



Go Young Moon (Canada)
Country Chair
RWE Renewables

Go Young Moon has been the Co-CEO and Country Chair of RWE Renewables Korea, a German offshore wind power developer, since November 2020. He has over 28 years of industrial experience in various energy sectors, including technology and business development in offshore wind, solar power, battery energy storage systems, hydrogen fuel cells, waste-to-energy, and water treatment membrane industries. Throughout his career, he has served as a technology development leader, professor, and business development leader at leading Korean entities such as LG, LS, POSCO, Kongju National University, and Hanyang University. Go Young holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He has published 23 papers in SCI journals and has actively participated as a speaker and board member at various conferences, forums, and institutions, delivering over 60 invited lectures on energy technology topics. Go Young, along with RWE Renewables Korea, joined the ECCK as a member in 2021 and has served as Chairperson of the ECCK Energy & Environment Committee since 2022.

Director Candidate Profiles



Gayoung Lee (Korea)
Managing Director
knoell Korea

Gayoung Lee, a Korean citizen, has served as the Managing Director of knoell Korea since the company's establishment in January 2016. Prior to joining knoell, she worked primarily as a consultant in the fields of sustainability and climate change. Since joining knoell, she has been actively working in the area of chemical regulatory affairs.



Ana-Maria Boie (Romania)
General Manager
Boehringer Ingelheim Korea

Dr. Ana-Maria Boie, a Romanian national, serves as the General Manager and Head of Human Pharma at Boehringer Ingelheim Korea. With over 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, she has held leadership roles across general management, marketing, sales, and ESG at local, regional, and global levels. She earned her medical degree from the Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy and later completed an Executive MBA at Tiffin University, enhancing her expertise in both medical and business domains. Since joining Boehringer Ingelheim in 2009, she has worked in Romania, Austria, Russia, and Germany, leading key business strategies and contributing to the company's global sustainability initiatives. In 2024, she was elected as Chairperson of the ECCK Healthcare Committee, where she advocates for industry collaboration and healthcare advancements in Korea.



Jonathan Spink (Australia)
CEO
Copenhagen Offshore Partners (COP) Korea

Jonathan Spink is the CEO of Copenhagen Offshore Partners (COP) Korea and the CEO of Haewoori Wind and Taean Wind Power businesses. COP is one of the most advanced offshore wind developers in Korea, with projects in construction and late-stage development. Jonathan has over 20 years of experience in energy infrastructure, spanning renewables, transmission, and gas. Throughout his career, he has held executive positions at leading Australian companies such as APA, Jemena, and Pacific Hydro before relocating to Seoul two years ago to lead COP. Previously, Jonathan served on the Financial Committee for the Australian electricity transmission system operator and on the Board of the Australian Pipeline and Gas Association. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Melbourne and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Jonathan, along with COP Korea, joined the ECCK as a member in October 2020.



Arman Hassanpoor (Sweden)
Representative Director
Hitachi Energy Grid - HVDC

Arman Hassanpoor, a Swedish citizen based in Seoul, South Korea, has served as the Representative Director and COO for Hitachi Energy Grid Integration - HVDC since 2022. He is responsible for developing the transmission grid and offshore wind business in the Northeast Asia region. From 2017 to 2022, he led the research and development unit in China. Prior to that, he served as a project manager and technical lead in Sweden. Arman received his PhD from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, in 2016, and his MSc from Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, in 2011.



Bjørn Inge Braathen (Norway)
Country Managing Director
Equinor Korea

Bjørn Inge Braathen has served as the Country Managing Director of Equinor Korea since May 2023. He has lived and worked in Norway, Canada, and the USA. After completing a Cand. Scient. degree in Applied Geophysics at the University of Oslo in Norway, he began his career at Norsk Hydro, working in the North Sea exploration department. An accomplished senior executive with more than 28 years of experience in the energy sector, Mr. Braathen has significant international experience across Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. He has led multi-functional, culturally diverse organizations and has extensive experience in board positions and capital market communications. Mr. Braathen has held various leadership roles, including Vice President of Exploration Strategy and Portfolio, Senior Vice President of Exploration North America, Senior Vice President of International Exploration Onshore, and Vice President of Renewable Portfolio Commercial and Valuation, before assuming responsibility for Equinor's activities in Korea.



Holger R. Doerre (Germany)
CEO
UJCO Consulting

Holger R. Doerre is an entrepreneur with a deep technical background and over 25 years of experience in South Korea. Since 2007, he has been actively involved in the ECCK and was awarded honorary Korean citizenship in 2011 for his outstanding contributions to fostering bilateral economic relations. Throughout his career, he has successfully supported companies in entering and expanding within the Korean market. He has extensive experience in building and optimizing operational processes and has held leading management positions in international technology and industrial companies, including Harting Korea Ltd., Bosch Rexroth AG Korea, SEMIKRON Korea, and Leoni AG. His focus has always been on developing sustainable, practical strategies that address the unique challenges of the Korean market, particularly its numerous SMEs. Holger R. Doerre firmly believes that Korea's economic potential should not be concentrated solely in Seoul. He advocates for greater attention to regions such as Busan and Gyeongsangnam-do to further strengthen the exchange between European and Korean businesses. He actively supports the adoption of new technologies and values the enthusiasm and determination with which Korea drives innovation. His goal is to foster closer collaboration between European and Korean companies and enhance their competitiveness through modern technologies.

Treasurer Candidate Profile



Robert Browell (UK)
Partner
Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers

Robert Browell, a British citizen, is a partner at Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Korean member firm of PwC and the largest professional services organization in Korea. He has over 20 years of experience providing services to multinational clients, including numerous European groups operating across a wide range of industries. Robert spent the first 10 years of his career with PwC in the UK before joining PwC Korea in 2012. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Taxation Committee at the European Chamber of Commerce in Korea and as a Special Advisor to the British Chamber of Commerce in Korea.

Trustee Candidate Profile



Johan Vandromme (Belgium)
Senior Advisor
Kim & Chang

Johan Vandromme, a Belgian citizen, has been a senior advisor with Kim & Chang since October 2020, having previously served in the same role from 2007 to 2009. He began his career in Brussels in 2001 as a case handler at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition, before moving to Korea in 2007. He left private practice in 2009 to rejoin the European Commission at the Delegation in Beijing, where he covered trade and competition matters, before returning to Korea in 2013 to serve at the Seoul Delegation. Prior to returning to Kim & Chang in 2020, he served at the Beijing Delegation from 2018, focusing on competition and justice policies for the Commission.