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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## FRENCH PUBLISHER JEAN-PIERRE DE KERRAOUL ELECTED AS NEW ENPA PRESIDENT

ENPA, the European Newspaper Publishers' Association, has elected as new President Jean-Pierre de Kerraoul, President of Sogemedia Group, at its General Assembly which took place today.

The General Assembly also appointed as Vice-Presidents Francois Le Hodey, CEO of the IPM Group in Belgium, next to Valdo Lehari Jr., CEO and Publisher of Reutlinger General-Anzeiger Verlag in Germany.

**Jean Pierre de Kerraoul** said: "It is a great honour for me today to be elected as President of ENPA, which, since its creation in 1961, advocates strongly for editorial independence, media pluralism and a free and sustainable press. These values must remain at the heart of the European policy agenda, especially at a time where Europe is facing many challenges."

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