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Renaud Dehousse has been appointed President of the European University Institute

Renaud Dehousse has been appointed President of the European University Institute (EUI) by the members of the High Council, the governing body of the international organization. The appointment of Renaud Dehousse is the result of a thorough examination of numerous high-level candidates.

Renaud Dehousse is Director of the Centre for European Studies, Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of EU Law and Public Policy at Sciences Po, Paris, where he was also formerly the President of the Governing Board.

Dehousse obtained his Ph.D. at the EUI in 1988 where, in the late 90's, he was also Professor and Head of the Department of Law.

Of Belgian nationality, Professor Dehousse has been a consultant and an expert for numerous international institutions and has a first-rate academic background with a long list of high-level publications. He is also an experienced manager.

Professor Dehousse succeeds Professor Joseph H.H. Weiler, who has been EUI President since September 1st, 2013. Professor Weiler has provided a significant and irreplaceable contribution to achieving the goals of the Institute. Dehousse and Weiler have in common not only their superb professional backgrounds, but they also share the EUI as their *Alma Mater*, a further guarantee of continued progress in following our contracting states' strategic indications and leading the Institute in the service of European ideals.

"The sadness of having to leave the management of the Institute for health reasons is relieved by the knowledge that the EUI will be led by an esteemed colleague such as Dehousse", comments Joseph H.H. Weiler, outgoing President of the EUI.

In turn, Dehousse comments *"I am happy and honoured for the appointment. I feel a great responsibility towards the position of President, but I am also enthusiastic for the important challenge that I will face with the help of the entire academic community, the researchers, the Secretary-General and the staff. Starting my mandate on the impetus given by Joseph Weiler gives me great strength"*, Renaud Dehousse, incoming President of the EUI.

"The High Council has great appreciation for the choice made by the Selection Committee, which was a complex choice, given the extremely high level of the candidates. As President of the High Council, I both thank Prof. Weiler for his extraordinary work,

and wish a fruitful mission for Prof. Dehousse, in the interests and values of Europe”,
Jean Émile Gombert, President of the High Council of the EUI.

Renaud Dehousse will start his mandate at the historic headquarters of the European University Institute, the Badia Fiesolana, in September 2016.

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