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TPAC welcomes new Chair

The Dutch TPAC Committee, responsible for the assessment of timber certification systems, welcomes a new chair. Gustaaf Borchardt is former Director Water, Chemicals and Marine at DG Environment of the European Commission. "I am very proud to welcome Gustaaf in our organisation", says Regien van der Sijp, Director of SMK. "Gustaaf has wide understanding of legal and environmental issues in complex multi-national settings through previous positions, amongst others with the European Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the EC Court of Justice. I am also glad that we have found a worthy successor of Prof. Helias Udo de Haes, who has chaired TPAC in an exceptional manner since its foundation in 2007."



Gustaaf Borchardt (67) holds a law degree. Following work with the private sector, he became legal advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 1981 Gustaaf has been in European Affairs, first at the European Court in Luxembourg and later based in Brussels with the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands and the European Commission. In the last years, Gustaaf has been devoted to Environmental issues including REACH, biocides, the water blueprint, the water innovation partnership, marine litter and the nano definition and resource efficiency debate.

The Dutch Timber Procurement Assessment Committee (TPAC) is commissioned by the Ministry of Environment to assess timber certification systems on behalf of the Dutch Green Public Procurement Policy.

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