

Philippe Bastien is the new chairman of Glass for Europe

Brussels, 30 March 2020: On March 19th, during the last General Assembly of Glass for Europe, **Philippe Bastien, Regional President, Building & Industrial Division of AGC Glass Europe, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Glass for Europe.**

After joining AGC Glass Europe, formerly Glaverbel, in 1992, Philippe Bastien has covered several managerial positions from financial control to general management, through to marketing, business development and R&D. AGC Glass Europe produces, processes and distributes flat glass for the building, automotive and numerous other sectors such as transport, solar power and high-tech applications. It has over 100 sites throughout Europe, from Spain to Russia, and employs around 16,500 employees.

"I am honoured to take on this Chairmanship role and I realise responsibilities that now fall upon me in these difficult times. With the spread of COVID-19, the flat glass industry is reacting quickly to ensure the health of all its workers, while we must safeguard the integrity of our industrial operations." declared Ph. Bastien.



For the weeks and months to come, Glass for Europe will engage with European authorities on creating the conditions for a rebound in activity in the glass and glazing sector once the health crisis over. It will require a massive macro-economic stimulus, which should be in line with Europe's climate ambitions and the need to launch a 'building renovation wave'.

In January 2020, Glass for Europe released its 2050 vision on **Flat glass in Climate-Neutral Europe**. This comprehensive work, which offers a pathway for the sector to maximize contributions to climate neutrality, is more than ever topical. **"An efficient post-crisis stimulus package will be required to support the flat glass sector and it must be climate-compatible: a massive renovation of ageing buildings with high-efficiency glazing, support for clean mobility transition and increase in the share of solar energy"** said Ph. Bastien.

During the General Assembly, **Jérôme Lionet, General Manager of Saint-Gobain Glass Industry** was elected **Vice-Chairman of the Board**. The Board of Directors of Glass for Europe is composed of high-level representatives of the four leading EU-based float glass manufacturers, AGC Glass Europe, Guardian, NSG Group and Saint-Gobain Glass Industry, and of one representative from flat glass and glazing national associations.

Glass for Europe is the trade association for Europe's flat glass sector. Flat glass is the material that goes into a variety of end products, primarily in windows and facades for buildings, windscreens and windows for automotive as well as solar energy equipment, furniture and appliances. Glass for Europe is composed of flat glass manufacturers, AGC Glass Europe, Guardian, NSG-Group and Saint-Gobain Glass Industry, and works in association with national partners gathering thousands of building glass processors and transformers all over Europe.