

Joana Arreguy elected Chairwoman of Glass for Europe

Brussels, 30 March 2022: On March 24, during Glass for Europe's General Assembly, **Joana Arreguy, Glass Industrial Director at Saint-Gobain, was elected Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Glass for Europe.**

Joana Arreguy began her career in Saint-Gobain in 2011 and has since then held different managerial positions in supply chain management, technical and industrial affairs. J. Arreguy is now responsible for the industrial direction of upstream and downstream transformation and the supply of flat glass and glazing products throughout all regions.

Saint-Gobain, the world leader in the habitat and construction markets, designs, manufactures, and distributes building materials, providing innovative solutions to meet growing demand for energy-efficiency and for environmental protection. Through its glass division, Saint-Gobain proposes high-performance glass solutions providing energy efficiency, security and safety, design and comfort, and tailor-made services, to its customers in the habitat and construction as well as in the automotive and transportation markets.



"I am honoured to join Glass for Europe as Chairwoman" declared J. Arreguy, who also highlighted her Chairmanship priorities.

"I am particularly thrilled to continue the work already engaged in Glass for Europe to ensure the future position of the flat glass industry in a climate neutral Europe. Our sector shall continue to provide solutions to cut CO₂ emissions in buildings and in the mobility sector. I know the responsibilities which are ours: to look for all opportunities to decarbonize our industrial processes while staying competitive. Europe's flat glass manufacturing sector shall continue leading the way."

Bertrand Cazes, *Secretary General of Glass for Europe*, welcomed the new Chairwoman whose mandate starts while Europe is confronted with an unprecedented energy crisis endangering the industry. The uninterrupted supply of energy and mitigation of soaring energy costs are indispensable for the flat glass industry to maintain its operations and to be able to pursue its long-term vision.

During the General Assembly, **Jean Ries, Director Government and Public Affairs with Guardian Europe** 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, 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 and transport 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 and works in association with national partners gathering thousands of building glass processors and transformers all over Europe.