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### EXPRA's President and Board re-elected

**Madrid, 28 April 2017.** The Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance (EXPRA), the umbrella organization for packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling systems which are owned by the obliged industry and work on a not-for-profit basis, at its General Assembly on 27 April, has re-elected its Board of Directors for the 2017-2019 mandate. EXPRA's President, William Vermeir, was also re-appointed.

EXPRA's Board members represent Packaging Recovery Organizations from the Czech Republic (EKO-KOM), Italy (CONAI), Malta (GreenPak), Netherlands (Nedvang), Romania (Eco-Rom Ambalaje), Norway (Green Dot Norway) and Spain (EcoEmbres). They unanimously re-elected Mr Vermeir, Managing Director of Fost Plus, Belgium, as President for the next 2 years.

After his re-election, Mr. William Vermeir thanked EXPRA members for their trust and support. *"During this mandate, new waste legislation, under the Circular Economy framework, will be adopted. The new provisions have the potential to boost industry-driven Extended Producer Responsibility, and create a level-playing field for our systems to proliferate and succeed. Policymakers should therefore endorse the EPR provisions within the new law, and Member States embrace and transpose them appropriately. This is very much needed for accountability, transparency and efficiency reasons"*, he said.

*"We have a strong and experienced Board that is fully committed to enhancing our obliged industry-driven EPR model"*, stated Joachim Quoden, EXPRA's Managing Director. *"I am confident that this leadership can take EXPRA to the next level, and help enhance our systems' collective performance and value"*, he concluded.

#### **About EXPRA**

EXPRA is the Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance – the organisation for packaging and packaging waste recovery and recycling systems which are owned by the obliged industry and work on a not-for-profit or profit not for distribution basis. EXPRA acts as the authoritative voice and common policy platform representing the interests of its members, which are all founded and run by or on behalf of the obliged industry. Over the past 20 years, our 25 members across 23 countries, including 17 EU Member States, have co-organised the collection, sorting and recycling of used packaging (with a focus on household packaging) on behalf of the obliged industry. In so doing, they fulfil their legal take-back and recycling obligations, serving over 200 million inhabitants and recycling over 18 million tons of packaging per year.

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