

# currENT elects Christian Kjaer and Carina Lehmal as new Chair and Vice-Chair

**23 November, Brussels – During its Annual General Meeting, currENT members have elected Christian Kjaer (SuperNode) as the new Board Chair to take over from Dr. Susanne Nies (Smart Wires) in January 2023. In the same meeting, Carina Lehmal (GreenwoodPower) was elected as a new Vice-Chair, and from January she will be joining the board management team, consisting of Vice-chair Anders Skanlund (Heimdall Power) and Treasurer Frederic Vassort (Ampacimon).**

*“In less than three decades, Europe’s economy will need to be electrified, powered predominantly by wind and solar. We will not get there without significantly accelerating the development, testing, demonstration and application of new, innovative transmission and distribution technology,”* says Christian Kjaer, incoming currENT board chair. *“Meanwhile, we must apply those innovative grid solutions that are already commercially available today in addressing the climate crisis, Europe’s high energy prices and Russian energy dependence.”*

Carina Lehmal, incoming currENT Vice-Chair, adds: *“I am looking forward to working on the decarbonization of Europe with all currENT members. Only with the use of innovative grid technologies can we succeed in establishing a sustainable energy supply that guarantees the appropriate quality of voltage and security of supply. It is particularly important to consider the role of coordination between TSO and DSO communication, while the implementation of the energy transition should focus on green tech products that are capable, cost-effective and highly compatible with existing systems.”*

currENT was founded in 2020 in order to raise awareness on the importance of innovative grid technologies in achieving Europe’s decarbonization goals, and has succeeding in putting this high on the EU policy agenda. *“currENT’s mission is paramount, in times where technologies can save millions to customers, and where Net Zero is more important than ever. It was a huge pleasure for me to serve as the first Board Chair of currENT,”* says outgoing Board Chair Susanne Nies, who served as board chair since its inception.

Christian Kjaer adds: *"I would further like to thank currENT's members for their support, and finally extend a big thank you to Susanne Nies. Without her vision, commitment and hard work, currENT would not exist. I look forward to working with Layla Sawyer, Secretary General of currENT, her team, the currENT Board and all members to continue the work of modernising Europe's power grids and making the power system fit for tomorrow's challenges."*