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## **Paolo Garimberti, Chairman of the Supervisory Board: “Unlike many other news channels, Euronews presents an incomparable diversity of perspectives”**

Euronews' Supervisory Board convened with its newly-elected Chairman and Executive Board for the first time on Friday 2 March. The new Chairman, Paolo Garimberti, took this opportunity to share his vision and his commitment to Euronews in a speech addressed to the board members\*.

### **Verbatim report of Paolo Garimberti, Chairman of the Euronews Supervisory Board.**

In his inaugural speech, Paolo Garimberti referred to his affinity with Euronews, underlining that, above all, he is “a journalist who has devoted a great deal of his career to reporting international politics.”

As such, he wished to reiterate that a “European and multilingual channel such as Euronews represents an important stage in [his] professional career. It is a great challenge and a pertinent one [to which he intends] to devote himself wholeheartedly and to apply the experience he has gained over many years spent working in the field.”

He added: “I hope, and I am convinced, that Euronews will continue to develop its multilingual approach, enabling it to better capture and decipher the major economic, political, cultural, social, intellectual and technological shifts in Europe proper, but equally in its broader and geopolitical sense; a Europe that spans from the Mediterranean to East Asia. During the sixties, we spoke of ‘Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals.’ Today, strategically speaking, Europe spans from the Atlantic to Afghanistan.”

Paolo Garimberti then underlined the channel's unique position: “Fortunately, we have moved away from the notion of a “clash of civilizations” that some predicted. Euronews, on the contrary, sees itself as the mouthpiece of mutual understanding between civilizations. The objective to encourage dialogue can only succeed if the information provided is correct, transparent and objective; expressing the views of all parties, nations and groups of nations.”

Then, spotlighting Euronews' specificity in a highly competitive climate: “I am deeply convinced that [Euronews] can exploit its experience in the field of international collaboration to boost its ‘Public Service mission’, in particular by opening up and communicating more with the stakeholders who show a growing interest in European issues, today more than ever.”

Whatever their language, our audiences know that Euronews is a channel that, unlike many others, expresses an incomparable diversity of perspectives within the same programme schedule. As a channel, we are well-placed to express what one might refer to as “a European approach and view of the world.” European in the wider sense, a Europe that finds strength in its history and geography, but is confronted with transnational issues such as economic, energy, geopolitical and environmental problems.”

Mr. Garimberti ended by noting the channel’s fundamental commitment to human rights and freedom of expression, which are both deeply-rooted in Euronews’ ethos and have been since its creation in 1993, “What counts is the manner, the style, the principles; in fact the spirit of freedom with which Euronews journalists can design their programmes and present their reports. We must never oppress voices, we must enhance them; we should enrich and not impoverish news.

Finally, Paolo Garimberti reminded the board of the challenges raised by an ever-changing media ‘ecosystem’ and he invited the members to become actively involved with Euronews’ development projects “to ensure we rise to meet the problems and challenges of our time” he concluded.

#### **About Paolo Garimberti, Chairman of the Euronews Supervisory Board**



A native Italian and educated in Law, Paolo Garimberti has spent his entire career in journalism.

He began as a correspondent in Moscow for the daily newspaper La Stampa, then as Office Manager in Rome. In 1986, he moved to La Repubblica as an editorialist, specialising in foreign politics. He also appeared as an expert commentator on RAI’s TG3 (television news programme).

He was then appointed Manager of RAI’s TG2, before going back to La Repubblica as Vice Managing Director, until 2004. During that time, he founded and managed the rolling news website, CNN Italia.

He then went on to Espresso Group where he held the positions of Director of International Relations and Development, as well as editorialist. In 2009, Paolo Garimberti went back to RAI as its Chairman, a position which he still holds today.