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PRESS RELEASE: GD4S Elects New Leadership to Steer Gas Networks as Crucial Enablers in Europe's Decarbonisation Journey

Laurence Poirier-Dietz, CEO of GRDF, elected President of GD4S, and Jeroen Sanders, CTO of Enexis Groep, elected Vice-President

Brussels, 9th October 2024 - GD4S (Gas Distributors for Sustainability), the association representing Europe's leading gas distribution network operators, proudly announces the election of **Laurence Poirier-Dietz**, CEO of GRDF, as its new President, and **Jeroen Sanders**, Chief Transition Officer at Enexis Groep, as Vice-President.

Laurence Poirier-Dietz, who has been CEO of GRDF since June 2021, brings her extensive experience and GRDF's strong commitment to the energy transition. Under her leadership, GRDF has become a key player in the development of biomethane in France, with more than 700 production sites already injecting this renewable gas into the national gas grid. This significant infrastructure positions GRDF at the forefront of decarbonising the energy system by integrating renewable energies while ensuring supply security and efficiency.

"I am honoured to take on the presidency of GD4S at such a crucial time for our sector. We have a unique opportunity to lead Europe's decarbonisation efforts and demonstrate that our networks are essential to achieving the EU's climate goals," said Laurence Poirier-Dietz.

Jeroen Sanders, Chief Transition Officer at Enexis Groep, joins GD4S with extensive experience in energy infrastructure and the energy transition. Since 2020, he has been a member of the Enexis Groep Executive Board. In this role, he focuses on shaping and building the futureproof energy system together with stakeholders and is responsible for innovation strategy, digitalization, and market facilitation. He has played a pivotal role in modernising infrastructure, integrating renewable energy, and facilitating market growth. As Vice-President of GD4S, his aim is to promote renewable molecules, strengthen synergies between energy vectors, and ensure a resilient and affordable energy transition.

"I firmly believe that the combination of renewable molecules and electricity systems is key to achieving a balanced and sustainable energy transition. Together with Laurence Poirier-Dietz and the GD4S members, we will continue advancing the agenda for sustainable energy across Europe," stated Jeroen Sanders.

Both leaders expressed their confidence in **Frédéric Dykmans**, who has been serving as Secretary General of GD4S since April 2024. They emphasised the critical role he plays in guiding the organisation's strategy and engaging with European institutions to further the association's goals.

About GD4S

GD4S (Gas Distributors for Sustainability) brings together 10 of the leading gas distribution system operators in 8 European countries, representing 35% of the EU gas market and serving more than 35.5 million customers. The association is dedicated to promoting a sustainable energy transition by integrating renewable gases, such as biomethane and hydrogen, into existing gas infrastructure.