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## **Jacques Magen elected as new Celtic-Plus chairman**

**New chairman succeeded José Jimenez on 1 December 2011**



**At its board meeting in Madrid on 30 November 2011, the EUREKA ICT Cluster Celtic-Plus elected Jacques Magen as its new chairman. He took over from the previous chairman, José Jimenez from Telefónica, on 1 December 2011. José Jimenez and Jukka Salo from Nokia Siemens Networks have been elected vice-chairmen.**

Mr Magen had been acting for two years as Celtic Liaison Officer. Eight years ago, when he was in Alcatel, Mr Magen was already one of the initiators of the Celtic EUREKA Cluster, the predecessor of Celtic-Plus, which was dedicated to end-to-end solutions in telecommunications.

Mr Magen is determined to help realise the Celtic-Plus vision of a Smart Connected World. He said: "As a chairman I will focus on contributing to make the Smart Connected World a reality. Current and future Celtic-Plus projects will play a pivotal role in achieving this."

Explaining the importance of Celtic-Plus for European competitiveness, Mr Magen said: "Celtic-Plus will have a significant impact on the emerging connected society as well as on European competitiveness and job creation in the years to come. Together with Public Authorities from all over Europe we will make an important contribution to overcoming the current economic difficulties in Europe through raising the European innovations of the future".

### **About Celtic-Plus**

Celtic-Plus is an industry-driven European research initiative to define, perform and finance through public and private funding common research projects in the area of telecommunications, new media, future Internet, and applications & services focusing on a new "Smart Connected World" paradigm. Celtic-Plus is a EUREKA ICT cluster and belongs to the inter-governmental EUREKA network.

Celtic-Plus is open to any type of company covering the Celtic-Plus research areas, large industry as well as small companies or universities and research organisations. Even companies outside the EUREKA countries may get some possibilities to join a Celtic-Plus project under certain conditions.

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