Press release

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**Virtual general assembly with groundbreaking resolutions**

**European retread industry’s trade association BIPAVER to be established as a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)**

On September 22nd, 2020, the BIPAVER general assembly took place purely virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The BIPAVER members decided to establish BIPAVER as a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG). EEIG is designed to minimize the legal, fiscal and psychological difficulties that natural persons, companies, firms and other bodies face in cooperating across borders.  
The purpose of the grouping is to facilitate or develop the economic activities of its members by a pooling of resources, activities or skills. This is intended to produce better results than the members acting alone.

In the context of the new foundation of the EEIG, the new BIPAVER board was elected. It consists of the President Jukka Lankolainen (ARL, Finland) and the Vice-President Guido Gambassi of AIRP (Italy). It is planned that Guido Gambassi will replace Jukka Lankolainen as President in two years.

**about BIPAVER**

BIPAVER is widely regarded as the European retread industry's most active and influential trade association, representing national retreading associations and leading suppliers to the retreading industry from 11 member states. Membership is open to national associations representing the retreading industry and individual members from countries not already represented by an association. The administration and the technical representation of BIPAVER is carried out by BRV, the German association representing the interests of the German retread industry. For further information, please visit <https://bipaver.org/>.

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