

Proposal for Co-Presidency

British Chamber of Commerce EU & Belgium

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Elizabeth has a wealth of experience in public policy and government affairs, having lived and worked in Brussels for over 25 years. She has been a member of the British Chamber of Commerce EU/Belgium throughout that time, bringing each company she joins, into its membership.

Working at RELX puts her at the centre of innovation and technology; In her current role, she works for an IP intensive, technology focused organisation where she helps bring internal teams to consensus on many of the key issues of the day including AI, data, IP and health. Elizabeth is an accomplished speaker and facilitator, having chaired many high-level events and debates. She regularly draws on her experience in coalition building, working with membership associations and trade organisations on the key issues of concern to the company.

Elizabeth believes it is important to dedicate time to organisations to expand the voice of UK and European companies in the EU. She was elected to the Policy Group of Amcham, is part of the leadership of Amcham, on the Board of the European Internet Forum and Advisory council of PAC.

What would I bring as Co-President of the British Chamber of Commerce EU/Belgium?

I would build on the strong vision for the future of the Chamber which the Board has adopted. My focus would be on the EU side of the Chamber, where the changing relationship between the EU and the UK makes the Chamber’s voice even more important. We must continue to amplify our message, that a closely aligned EU and UK is to the benefit of all citizens and businesses and that our members



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David is a Senior Partner in a global business consultancy – KREAB – with responsibility for the European Financing, Innovation and Transition Practice in Brussels, supporting clients from the financial, fintech, cleantech and digital sectors in particular.

KREAB are a Patron member of the British Chamber and active across a range of committees. While KREAB is headquartered in Sweden, and founded in 1970, it opened its UK office in London in 1976, and Brussels in 1992.

In the 2010s David served as Vice Chair of the Chamber’s EU Committee, and Chair of the Financial Services Committee. David’s role at the Chamber in recent years has been as a member of Board, and as Chairman of the Bilateral Committee.

The UK’s departure from the EU forced businesses to radically adjust to new barriers to trade, but David remains energised to make a positive contribution to the future trade relationship, and to help companies and organisations on both sides of the channel to trade and invest as frictionlessly as possible. UK and Belgian ports and infrastructure links are critical routes for European and UK supply chains and the close geographic proximity means the flow of goods, people and energy will continue to be enormously important to both jurisdictions.

David previously worked at the European Commission in DG FISMA and the Financial Services Authority in the Chairman’s office working on international affairs. He started his career in London, working as a research analyst with McKinsey & Company and at placement agent and corporate finance advisory firm Campbell Lutyens.

What would I bring as Co-President of the British Chamber of Commerce EU/Belgium?

I think there is something very special about this Chamber, and I say this as someone who works with other chambers, associations and business coalitions. It is not a nationally focused trade association nor a

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play a vital role in promoting trade, investment, and cooperation between the UK and the EU. I would like to enhance the Chamber's visibility, credibility, and impact in the European policy arena and the wider business community. I am also keen to improve the diversity of the Chamber and intend to work on initiatives to encourage mentorship and sponsorship of women in particular.

I am excited to be working with David Reed, who will concentrate more on the Belgium side of the Chamber. We think that we can offer the Chamber a creative way of leadership that enables us to balance both parts of the Chamber more equally. I am fortunate that I have a great team of people on the Chamber Board and secretariat who cooperate well and are supportive of each other. The Chamber is also lucky to have a wealth of experience and expertise within its membership and I look forward to drawing upon that, to help move the Chamber forward in its work.

I am enthusiastic and committed and enjoy working collaboratively and inclusively and look forward to bringing these skills to this role should you support me.

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mouthpiece for government. It is a voice of business that has an interest in the UK/EU and UK/Belgium relationship. This makes the Chamber a unique actor in Belgium.

I would bring an energetic and creative business perspective on the importance of facilitating trade between the UK, Belgium and the EU. The core of my day job is to make the case for investment and trade. This couples with my dual-national status, meaning both my professional and my private life is centred around Europe and Belgium's relationship with the UK.

My primary focus as Co-President would be on the Bilateral side of the Chamber, but I would be able to support Elizabeth as co-President for EU-facing work. I would encourage others within the Chamber membership to volunteer to support the work of the Bilateral chamber. I have been lucky to work with Hugues Thibaut from SD Worx for 3 years as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. But a mission for us in the coming years is to broaden our networks and impact in the Belgian and British communities, and to connect with and leverage fully the public sector channels such as the Belgo-British Conference and future trade missions.

I also share colleagues' commitment to improve the diversity of the Chamber and intend to work on initiatives linked to women in particular. Working with Elizabeth, who will concentrate more on the EU side of the Chamber, means that we can drive forward clear pathways for both sides of the Chamber in parallel.

I see this proposed way of working as Co-Presidents as an evolution of the way we are already working now, rather than as an entirely new proposal. The degree of integration of daily work flow set by the Board and implemented via the Committees is already generating the crossovers we need throughout the Chamber work programme. But there is much more that we can do.

I therefore submit my candidacy to help lead the organisation on its next phase of development, integration and impact across both pillars of the Chamber. I hope I have the opportunity to speak to you all in due course to learn from your experience, to understand better your objectives in Belgium, in Europe, and in the UK, and to reflect this in the work of the Chamber.