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ETTSA Secretary General to step down in third quarter of 2018

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Christoph Klenner, ETTSA's Secretary General, will be leaving the organization in the third quarter of 2018, after more than nine years. He will continue to helm ETTSA through the coming months while the Board finds his successor.

Speaking in Brussels, Klenner said: "It has been a true privilege to help establish ETTSA and build it into a strong organization for the travel technology sector in Europe."

ETTSA, founded in 2009, has become a thought leader on regulatory issues facing the travel industry, and a trusted partner for public policy stakeholders in the EU and in Member States.

Klenner added: "I thank the ETTSA Board of Directors for their confidence in me, and for creating the inspirational and professional environment in which I have had the opportunity to work. But after more than 9 years, the time has come for me to explore new professional endeavours."

"I look forward to continuing to work closely with the Board in the coming months, and giving my successor all the tools he or she needs to excel in this exciting role."

Simon Gros, chairman of ETTSA, said: "The Board regrets to see Christoph go. He has been a staunch defender of the independent travel distribution industry in Brussels and he leaves ETTSA in great shape. We will begin the search for Christoph's replacement immediately and look forward to continuing the momentum he has built up."

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About ETTSA

The European Technology & Travel Services Association (ETTSA) was launched in 2009 to represent and promote the interests of travel technology companies towards the policy-makers, other industry stakeholders, opinion formers, consumer groups and the media. The association, based in Brussels, encourages and supports full transparency, fair competition and consumer choice in the travel distribution chain. ETTSA's members include Amadeus, Booking.com, ebookers, Expedia, Odigeo (and its brands eDreams, GoVoyages, Opodo and Travelink), lastminute.com Group, Sabre and Travelpport. Associate members include American Express Global Business Travel, Skyscanner and Tripadvisor. Strategic Partners of ETTSA include Hitrail, OAG, e-Travel, etraveli, Travelgenio, Travix and Tripsta.