

Gecina CEO Brunel named first female Chair of EPRA

- **Vonovia CEO Rolf Buch will officially hand over the Chair at EPRA's Annual Conference on Wednesday 9th September**
- **Méka Brunel to make Sustainability and Diversity & Inclusion an industry priority during two-year term**

BRUSSELS, WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020 – The European Public Real Estate Association (EPRA) will today announce that Méka Brunel, CEO of Gecina, is taking over the Chair of the listed real estate industry trade body at the organisation's Annual Conference later this afternoon.

Méka Brunel, who takes over from Vonovia's Rolf Buch with immediate effect, has been a member of the EPRA Board for the past three years. She will use her role to bring an increased focus on Sustainability and Diversity & Inclusion initiatives to the European property industry.

She said: "It is an honour and a privilege to succeed Rolf as Chair, and I thank him for his years of dedication to EPRA. There is no denying that EPRA, listed real estate and the wider global economy face great uncertainty in the coming months and years. But with this uncertainty comes a tremendous opportunity to create lasting change that pivots us towards a more inclusive, diverse and sustainable future."

During Buch's two-year tenure as Chair of EPRA, the Association successfully oversaw the reappraisal of EPRA BPRs, the implementation of the Net Replacement Value, Net Tangible Asset and Net Disposal Value, and gained forty-five new members under his leadership.

Buch said: "It feels good to leave the position of Chair knowing how much we have accomplished in the past two years. I cannot think of a better candidate than Méka for the role and I have complete confidence that she can achieve a tremendous amount for the industry during her term."

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