



## **BIBM appoints new President, Vice-President and Board members at General Assembly in Rome**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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On 20 May 2026, ahead of the official opening of the BIBM Congress 2026 in Rome, BIBM held its General Assembly. During the meeting, **Mr Friedrich Gebhart of BDB, Germany**, was appointed President of BIBM for the **2026–2029** mandate. He succeeds **Mr Stefan van Buggenhout** from Belgium, who has led the Federation through an important period of policy, sustainability and industry developments for the European precast concrete sector.

An industrial engineer by background, Mr Gebhart has been active for many years in the family company Baustoffwerke Gebhart & Söhne GmbH & Co. KG. He is President of the Baden-Württemberg concrete and precast association (FBF) and now represents BDB, Germany, within BIBM.

The General Assembly also appointed **Mr Alberto Truzzi**, CEO of Truzzi S.p.A. and former President of ASSOBETON, Italy, as BIBM **Vice-President**.

In addition, the following representatives were elected as **BIBM Board Members**: **Mr Vincent Kerkstoel**, FEBE, Belgium, **Mr Dennis Mathiasen**, Danish Concrete, and **Mr Michael Wardian**, VÖB, Austria.

The General Assembly also confirmed the appointment of **Mr Anton Glasmaier** of VÖB, Austria, as **Chairman of the BIBM Fire Safety Commission**.

The appointments took place as the European precast concrete industry gathered in Rome for the **BIBM Congress 2026**, held under the theme “Think Concrete, Go Precast! Innovative Pathways to Sustainable Construction”.

On announcing his Presidency, **Mr Friedrich Gebhart** underlined the need to strengthen BIBM’s role as the European voice of the precast concrete industry. He highlighted life-cycle performance, longevity, reuse and adaptability as key priorities, alongside continued efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and engage more proactively with policymakers.

BIBM warmly thanks Mr Stefan van Buggenhout for his commitment and leadership as President and congratulates Mr Friedrich Gebhart, Mr Alberto Truzzi, the newly elected Board Members and Mr Anton Glassmeier on their appointments.

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### **About BIBM:**

BIBM – the Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry – represents the interests of the precast concrete sector in Europe, promoting industrialised, sustainable and high-quality construction solutions.

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