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João Negrão has been unanimously appointed as President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal by the Council of the European Union. The notification of his appointment has been published in the [Official Journal of the EU](#).

Mr. Negrão, a Portuguese national, is currently Director of the International Cooperation and Legal Affairs Department at the EUIPO, a post he has held since 2011.

Under his direction, the EUIPO expanded its European cooperation with the national and regional intellectual property offices of the EU, creating the European Union Intellectual Property Network, and investing in advanced IT systems and tools to modernise the IP landscape in the EU. He led the creation of the Convergence Programme, which harmonises practices at EU level, and oversaw the expansion of the EUIPO's international cooperation activities.

From 2010 to 2011, he held the post of Head of the President's Cabinet at the EUIPO.

Prior to joining the EUIPO, Mr. Negrão served as Director of International Relations, Legal Affairs and Promotion of Innovation at the [Portuguese Office of Intellectual Property](#) (INPI).

Mr. Negrão succeeds Théophile Margellos, the current President of the Boards of Appeal, and will take up his post on **1 April 2021**

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# [Media advisory – Video conference of internal market and industry ministers, 19 November 2020](#)



## **Indicative programme**

Chair: Peter Altmaier, German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy

9.00 – Video conference of internal market and industry ministers

Making the most of recovery: A more dynamic, resilient and competitive European industry through investments in the green transformation  
#cleanindustry

Any other business

- a) 2020 annual report of the SME Envoy Network
- b) New Consumer Agenda
- c) Work programme of the incoming presidency

At the end of the meeting (+/- 13.30) – press conference in [live streaming](#)

## **Arrangements for the press conference**

Please note that there will be no physical press conference. EU accredited journalists will be able to ask questions remotely provided they have registered in advance.

**You can register and have the possibility to ask questions remotely through [this link](#).**

**Deadline for registration : Thursday 19 November 2020, 12:30.**

Further instructions will be sent to all registered participants approximately half an hour after the deadline.

[Visit the meeting page](#)

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