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European Venture Philanthropy Association appoints first Managing Director

The European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA) announced today the appointment of Beate Trück as its first Managing Director. The appointment is the culmination of the EVPA's transition from a virtual organisation to a fully-staffed and professional one.

'I am delighted to announce that Beate Trück will be joining EVPA as its new Managing Director,' said Serge Raicher, Chairman of EVPA, 'she has outstanding pan-European academic and professional achievements to her credit... she is also an enjoyable and fun person to work with.'

Beate, a German national who has lived in Brussels for the past 10 years, brings with her a strong track-record of working at a high level in European institutions and of managing and coordinating European networks (she also has wide experience as a volunteer in Nicaragua, Switzerland and France). Since December 2000, she has been director of the Brussels office of the German applied research organisation, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft and, previous to that, she was Network Coordinator for MENON (Multimedia Education Innovation Network), Brussels.

'EVPA is a very young organisation,' says Beate, 'with its processes and content still evolving. There is the possibility for me to be part of its shaping, especially in the current phase where it is evolving from a virtual to a physical association.'

She praised the dynamism and commitment of the EVPA trustees, and believes EVPA provides 'a unique platform for the encounter of different worlds which might not meet on a normal basis...from families, successful entrepreneurs, financiers, institutional foundations, and of course non-profit and social entrepreneurs...I believe that VP is a model with a very high potential for social impact. The combination of business practices, philanthropic commitment and capacity building is unique and certainly one of the tools that can contribute to some of the continent's social problems.'

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