



## 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA)

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#### 6G-IA Elects New Governing Board and Leadership

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At the General Assembly meeting held on 16 March 2026, the Full Members of the 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA) elected the new Governing Board of the association (<https://6g-ia.eu/about/>) for a three-year mandate.

#### **The newly elected 6G-IA Governing Board members are:**

Afif Osseiran (Ericsson)

Carles Antón-Haro (CTTC)

Colin Willcock (Nokia)

David Kennedy (Eurescom)

David Lund (PSCE Forum)

Dorin Panaitopol (THALES SIX GTS FRANCE)

Håkon Lønsethagen (Telenor ASA)

Javier Garcia Rodrigo (Telefónica Innovación Digital)

Jose Almodovar Chico (TNO)

Marie-Helene Hamon (ORANGE SA)

Michael Dieudonne (Keysight Technologies)

Milos Tesanovic (Samsung Electronics R&D Institute UK)

Nicola Ciulli (Nextworks)

Nikolaos Tsampieris (ERTICO - ITS Europe)

Petr Ledl (Deutsche Telekom AG)

Raffaele de Peppe (TIM)

During the subsequent meeting of the new Governing Board, **Colin Willcock (Nokia) was elected Chairperson of the 6G-IA, Raffaele de Peppe (TIM) was elected Vice-Chairperson, and Afif Osseiran (Ericsson) was elected Treasurer.**

In addition, the 6G-IA Governing Board appointed the following **6G-IA representatives to the Governing Board of the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking** (<https://smart-networks.europa.eu/composition-of-the-governing-board/>):

Colin Willcock (Nokia – Chairperson of the 6G-IA)

Afif Osseiran (Ericsson)

Javier Garcia Rodrigo (Telefónica Innovación Digital)

Carles Antón-Haro (CTTC)

David Kennedy (Eurescom)

**Dr. Colin Willcock also serves as Chairperson of the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking Governing Board.**

These appointments reflect the continued commitment of the 6G-IA and its members to driving Europe's leadership in next-generation communication technologies and fostering strong collaboration across the Smart Networks and Services ecosystem.

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**About 6G-IA:** The 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA) is the voice of European Industry and Research for next-generation networks and services. Its primary objective is to contribute to Europe's leadership on 5G, 5G evolution and SNS/6G research. The 6G-IA represents the private side in the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU) and the European Commission represents the public side. With 416 Members, the 6G-IA brings together a global industry community of telecoms and digital actors, such as operators, manufacturers, research institutes, universities, verticals, SMEs and ICT associations. The 6G-IA carries out a wide range of activities in strategic areas, including the positioning of EU digital technologies priorities, standardization, frequency spectrum, R&D projects, technology skills, collaboration with key vertical industry sectors, notably for the development of trials, and international cooperation.

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