

Brussels, 14th June 2023

2023 PROFEL General Assembly

At the General Assembly held on the 9th of June 2023 in Leuven, Belgium, PROFEL members elected **Mr Jan Ingelbeen** as new President for a mandate of two years. Mr. Ingelbeen is the General Manager for Greenyard Frozen, Flanders, and he is also President of the Vegebe, the Union of the Belgian vegetables processing sector and the trade in vegetables for processing. Mr. Ingelbeen takes over from **Mr Michael Mayntz** who served four terms as Board President from 2015 to 2023. Working from the solid platform prepared by his predecessor, Mr. Ingelbeen will be working with the PROFEL Board of Directors and Committee Chairs to maximize the potential of our industry and help prepare our sector for the transition to sustainable food systems.

The new President will be supported by two Vice-Presidents. Ms. Myriam Emerit, Director of External Relations and Governmental Affairs for Bonduelle, has been appointed as Vice-President for the Vegetable Section within PROFEL; and outgoing President, Mr Michael Mayntz has been nominated as Vice-President for the Fruit Section within PROFEL. Mr. Mayntz is the fourth-generation owner of the German fruit processing company Göbber GmbH and President of the BOGK, the German Association of the Fruit, Vegetable and Potato Processing Industry.



From left to right: Mr. Jan Ingelbeen (PROFEL President), Mr. Antoine Moreau (PROFEL Secretariat), Mrs. Aline Rutsaert (PROFEL Secretary-General), Mr. Michael Mayntz (PROFEL Vice President), Mrs. Susanne Meyer (PROFEL Director General).

Together with the Secretariat in Brussels, the Presidency team will ensure that – in line with PROFEL's Strategic Agenda – the sector's key concerns are addressed. To overcome the many challenges ahead, PROFEL presses the European institutions on the imperative for joined-up thinking and the creation of policy that supports the industry in a transition to sustainable and resilient food production systems and recognises the important role of food companies preserving healthy fruit and vegetables.

PROFEL(Europe) is the European Association of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries, representing over 500 companies in 12 European countries, producing canned vegetables, frozen vegetables, dehydrated vegetables, canned fruit, jams and fruit preserves and frozen fruit. The members of PROFEL employ more than 80.000 people.