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## **Konrad Zöschg to become CIO of Swissgrid as of 1 August 2021**

**The Board of Directors has appointed Konrad Zöschg (44) as CIO and member of the Executive Board of Swissgrid. Konrad Zöschg has been Head of ICT and CIO of Flughafen Zürich AG since 2014. On 1 August 2021, he will succeed Rainer Mühlberger, who, as Senior Strategic Advisor at Swissgrid, will in future focus on strategic issues, in particular the development of the 2027 strategy.**

For critical infrastructure such as Swissgrid, the secure and efficient operation of information and communication technologies (ICT) is of great importance. In his new role, Konrad Zöschg will head the Technology Business Unit and be responsible for developing and maintaining Swissgrid's ICT strategy and ICT architecture. His responsibilities as CIO will also include cyber security and the company's transformation projects.

Konrad Zöschg has held various management positions in IT at Flughafen Zürich AG since 2005 and has been CIO there since 2014. He thus brings valuable experience in a demanding environment and in the operation of critical infrastructure. In September 2020, he received the "Swiss CIO of the Year" award for successfully transforming a large and complex company operating in a multi-faceted ecosystem. Before joining Flughafen Zürich AG, he worked for Nexus Telecom.

Yves Zumwald, CEO of Swissgrid, is looking forward to working with him: "With Konrad Zöschg, Swissgrid is gaining a high-profile CIO with strong leadership and implementation skills who will further develop the area of ICT – which is central to critical infrastructure – for the future."

Konrad Zöschg is a qualified telecom engineer (HTL) with a postgraduate degree in industrial engineering (FH). He lives in Zurich, is married and has two children.

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Swissgrid is the national grid company. As the owner of Switzerland's extra-high-voltage grid, it is responsible for operating the grid safely and without discrimination and for maintaining, modernising and expanding the grid efficiently and with respect for the environment. Swissgrid has about 600 highly qualified people from 22 countries at its sites in Aarau, Prilly, Castione, Landquart, Laufenburg, Ostermundigen and Uznach. As a member of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), it is also responsible for grid planning, system management and market design in the European exchange of electricity. The majority of Swissgrid's share capital is jointly held by various Swiss electricity companies.