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## Changes to the Swissgrid Executive Board as of 2023

**Maurice Dierick (58), Head of the Business Unit Market and Deputy CEO, has decided to leave Swissgrid on 30 June 2023 in order to take on new responsibilities in the energy industry.**

Maurice Dierick joined Swissgrid in February 2015 as Head of Grid Infrastructure in the Business Unit Grid Operations. In July 2016, he took over as Head of the Business Unit Grid and became a member of the Executive Board. In this position, he was responsible for the planning and implementation of important grid construction projects such as the realisation of the Beznau transformer, which reinforces import capacities at Switzerland's northern borders and improves security of supply in the greater Zurich area. He also drove forward the development of the asset management business model.

Maurice Dierick became Head of the Business Unit Market on 1 January 2019, where he played a key role in shaping and developing the business unit. He successfully implemented a large number of important initiatives and products, including the preparation and deployment of new market products such as the MARI, TERRE and PICASSO control energy platforms. He also launched important initiatives in the areas of digitalisation and innovation, such as Swissgrid's participation in EQUIGY, with the aim of increasing the security and efficiency of grid operations. As a board member of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), he has managed to maintain Swissgrid's involvement in European bodies since June 2021, thus ensuring that Swissgrid can continue to contribute its expertise to significant projects despite the absence of an electricity agreement.

The Board of Directors and the CEO deeply regret Maurice Dierick's departure and wish him every success for the future. «I would like to sincerely thank Maurice Dierick for his commitment and excellent work over the past few years. He has provided significant impetus for cooperation with Europe and for the further development of Swissgrid. His early announcement of his resignation as Head of the Business Unit Market will allow Swissgrid to find the best solution to replace him without any time pressure», says Yves Zumwald, CEO of Swissgrid.

The search for a successor will begin in the next few weeks.

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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 more than 600 highly qualified people from 28 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.