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EFB welcomes Ms Von Der Leyen as new European Commission President

EFB offers the warmest congratulation to Ms Ursula von der Leyen for the confirmation of the new European Commission and wishes her and her team the best of luck.

We have followed her inaugural speech, in which she sets the right course for the future of Europe promoting the Family business model in Europe for competitiveness and sustainability.

We are happy to share the words of our new elected President, Mr Udo J. Vetter, who said: Ursula von der Leyen's convincing speech in the European Parliament shows that she acknowledges and wishes to tackle the right challenges for Europe: climate change, digitalization and competitiveness.

Ms von der Leyen wants to set lay in a new course and rightly pointed out that family businesses are a role model for European competitiveness and sustainability. Family businesses are drivers of ecological and economic sustainability in Europe.

President Von der Leyen pointed out that Europe has the potential and the obligation, not only as a trade power, to be in in the driver seat when it comes to innovation.

It is crucial for the future of Europe that issues like this are now tackled with the right future concepts."