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Title: EMSP announces Elisabeth Kasilingam
as new Managing Director

Press Release

Brussels, 13 September 2016: The European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP) is delighted to announce the appointment of Elisabeth Kasilingam as its Managing Director, effective 15 September 2016.

Elisabeth has been a member of the EMSP Secretariat since 2008. She will take over from Bettina Hausmann, who has led EMSP as interim Chief Executive from April to mid-September 2016, ensuring a smooth transition from former CEO Maggie Alexander.

Announcing Elisabeth's appointment, EMSP President Anne Winslow said: *"Elisabeth was chosen in a competitive selection process amongst strong candidates. She convinced the selection panel by her strategic mindset, her understanding of the needs of people with MS in Europe and her management track record."*

Outgoing interim CEO Bettina Hausmann stated: *"Elisabeth knows how to deliver on strategy. I am delighted to be handing over the direction of the organisation to such an outstanding professional."*

Reflecting on her new role, Elisabeth said: *"We have a clear mandate and a great team. Building on our success is a challenge I accept with gratitude and confidence. I fully share the commitment of our member societies to helping people with MS in Europe improve access to care, employment and quality of life."*

"I would like to thank the Executive Committee, our former CEOs, our External Relations director Christoph Thalheim and my colleagues. It is through their professionalism and support that I could grow into this new role. I will do my best to reward their trust."

Elisabeth will be supported in her leadership by Christoph Thalheim, who prolonged his contract to oversee the organisation's external relations for three more years.

EMSP is glad to mention that outgoing CEO Bettina Hausmann will continue to serve the organisation as external strategy advisor.

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