

Press Release

Gabriel Byrne, Lighting Association Ireland, elected to the LightingEurope Executive Board

Brussels, 23 June 2022 – The General Assembly has elected Gabriel Byrne, representing the Lighting Association of Ireland, to the Lighting Europe Executive Board.

“Gabriel’s long experience in lighting, both as a company owner and as a leader of industry associations, will be of great value to the LightingEurope Executive Board,” states Ourania Georgoutsakou, LightingEurope Secretary General. Gabriel is a long-standing member of the lighting business community in Ireland and was a founding member and the first Chairman of the Lighting Association Ireland (LAI). He is currently Chairman of Fantasy Lights Group, the company he founded more than 30 years ago, he remains a guiding member of the LAI, and is also President of the Electrical Industries Federation of Ireland (EIFI).

“I’m delighted to be appointed to the LightingEurope Executive Board and look forward to making a meaningful contribution to the work of the organisation,” says Gabriel Byrne. “The Lighting Association of Ireland benefits greatly from the activities and expertise of LightingEurope and I am excited to join the body that guides the association,” he adds.

“The work in LightingEurope today will shape the future of Europe’s lighting industry for the next 5-10 years. Our members are collaborating to define sustainability for lighting across all applications and products and our team is working with regulators to draft rules that are easily understood and enforced and that accelerate the uptake of quality lighting. The LightingEurope Executive Board is regularly called upon to provide strategic direction to the association, and we very much welcome Gabriel’s hands-on experience of the lighting industry and of consensus-building,” Ourania adds.

For further information, please contact Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary General, ourania.georgoutsakou@lightingeurope.org.

About LightingEurope

LightingEurope is the voice of the lighting industry, based in Brussels and representing 30 companies and national associations. Together these members account for over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are small or medium-sized. They represent a total European workforce of over 100,000 people and an annual turnover exceeding 20 billion euro. LightingEurope is committed to promoting efficient lighting that benefits human comfort, safety and wellbeing, and the environment. LightingEurope advocates a positive business and regulatory environment to foster fair competition and growth for the European lighting industry. More information is available at www.lightingeurope.org.

About Lighting Association Ireland

Lighting Association Ireland (LAI) was established to represent the collective views, and commercial interests, of all member companies involved in lighting in Ireland. It promotes best practice across all lighting applications, from the smallest domestic installation right up to multi-million-euro projects. Correctly-designed and installed lighting contributes to

the energy efficiency targets set by the Irish Government and LAI acts as an “enabler” for these targets. Membership is open to all bona fide lighting-related trading entities, provided they are fully tax-compliant and hold an in-date Tax Clearance Certificate.