

Press release

Jacques Platieau and Melchior Wathelet join the Executive Committee of The NRB Group

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As of the 1st of January 2021, Jacques Platieau, former VP & Country General Manager of IBM Belux, and Melchior Wathelet, Chief Executive Officer of ZORGI, the affiliate of the NRB Group dedicated to the health care sector, reinforce the Executive Committee of The NRB Group. Melchior Wathelet combines his current function at ZORGI with the role of representing the subsidiaries of the Group within its Executive Committee. Whereas Jacques Platieau's mission as NRB director is to define NRB's commercial strategy and organisation according to the company's next strategic five-year plan.

“Both Jacques Platieau and Melchior Wathelet bolster the NRB Executive Committee in view of the next strategic challenges we are facing”, declares Pascal Laffineur, Chief Executive Officer of the NRB Group. “NRB wants to help drive the digital transformation of private and public organisations, as a strong local partner offering solid and proven business and IT solutions recognized by the market. This is what inspired us to grow our market footprint and service portfolio, amongst others through a number of acquisitions. In 2020 NRB realised a program of strategic participations and a fusion: People & Technology, Computerland, Prodata Systems and Trigone, next to the merger of Xperthis and Infohos. In 2021 the NRB Group will realise a turnover of more than 500 million euro, and count over 3,200 collaborators. In order to cope with this accelerated growth, we need to strengthen the group synergies and commercial impact, a mission that requires dedicated focus within the Executive Committee”.

Jacques Platieau represents the sales function in the Executive Committee, replacing Marc De Groote. 61 years old, Jacques Platieau has acquired a profound experience within the IBM group, in the last 10 years as Country General Manager Belux. His in-depth knowledge of significant digitalisation projects for private and public companies is a considerable asset for contributing to NRB's future success. His arrival will give rise to a reflection on the sales strategy and the organisation, in collaboration with Marc De Groote, to help define and realise the business objectives of NRB's strategic plan 2021 – 2026.

Melchior Wathelet, 43 years old, represents the subsidiaries on the Executive Committee. He will investigate how to generate group synergies, support the subsidiaries in their development and collaboration, and help them capitalise on (new) business opportunities involving NRB and or multiple subsidiaries. He will define, in collaboration with the delivery teams, the product and service portfolio of each entity and, with the sales and marketing teams, the “go to market” strategy.

Melchior Wathelet will carry out this mission in addition to his prime function as Chief Executive Officer of ZORGI, the newly created company that originated from the fusion of Xperthis – where Melchior is CEO since 2015 – and Infohos. In this capacity, he will continue to play a leading role in the integration of both companies and in the further development of activities and solutions for the healthcare sector.

Note to the editor: photos of Melchior Wathelet, Pascal Laffineur and Jacques Platieu can be downloaded through [this link](#).

About the NRB Group:

With a consolidated turnover of 351 million euros in 2019 and currently counting more than 3,200 collaborators, the NRB Group is one of the leading Belgian players in the ICT sector.

NRB positions itself as a genuine ICT partner that supports its customers in their digital transformation: by capitalising on technological evolution and innovation, NRB offers them the best solutions available, adapted to their environment.

In this context, NRB proposes a wide range of IT services and solutions based on four pillars: consultancy, software, infrastructure & hybrid cloud services, and managed staffing.

NRB caters for a wide range of sectors: the public and social sector, the energy and utility sector, the financial sector and industry. A special team is dedicated to European and international institutions and companies.

All NRB Group subsidiaries offer sector-specific solutions while benefiting from the size, ICT infrastructure and expert support of the Group.

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