



From June 15th to 17th in Peralada, Spain, we held a very special edition of the Eurocord Annual Meeting, celebrating 50 years of collaboration that binds us together, ropes, twines, nets... and people.

It was a moment to reflect on the journey we've built together and to look ahead to what's next.

The programme covered strategic and technical topics in our industry, including geo-economics, artificial intelligence, sustainability, and standardization. Thank you to our keynote speakers: Víctor Burguete Vidal, Karen Pesse, and Joan Mas Albaigès, and to the presenters of the technical reports: Rui Marques, Marc Eijssen, Roman Smid, Loet Hoppe, and Koen Van Goethem. As highlighted in our welcome letter: *"It's the weaving of different strands that gives us strength and resilience."* This is what Eurocord stands for.

We also take the opportunity to congratulate our new board members composition: Luis Teixeira (COTESI), Veronika Aspelund (WILHELMSSEN SHIPS SERVICE), Christof Dewijngaert (BEKAERT), Florian Teufelberger (TEUFELBERGER), Barbara Danak (NEXIS FIBERS), Daan Meewis (AVIENT), and Francisco Soares (EXPORPLAS). A special thanks to those completing their mandates: Caroline van Beelen (VAN BEELEN) for her remarkable leadership as President, and Rudi Labeau (BEKAERT) for his commitment as Treasurer. And we would like to acknowledge Jaibora Gusatto Carvalho, whose position as Managing Director was officially approved by the General Assembly.

The Gala Dinner Celebration included a moment of silence to honor our dear Philippe Verschuere, whose legacy remains deeply felt. A summary of Eurocord's founding and history, a recognition of the former Presidents present: Florian Teufelberger, Rui Faria, and Caroline van Beelen, who stepped down from the presidency, as we welcomed our new President, Luís Teixeira.

We were also honored to welcome Elizabeth Huntley, President of the Cordage Institute, and Inès Van Lierde, representing AEGIS Europe, as our special guests. A sincere thank you to our Spanish member companies—BRILEN TECH, BARCELONA PERFORMANCE YARNS, and GALAN TEXTILE MACHINERY—for generously sponsoring the welcome drinks as the hosting country.

To all who joined us: thank you for making your way to attend the meetings and celebration.
To those who couldn't attend: know that you are part of us, and we look forward to seeing you soon.
50 years behind us. The future ahead. Let's keep threading it forward!