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Chair of Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe announced

Gert Jan Goede, President of the Dutch Register of Osteopaths, has been elected as the first Chair of the [Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe](#) (FORE). FORE brings together European osteopathic organisations, including the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC), to promote the recognition and regulation of osteopathy as an autonomous profession across Europe and high standards of patient care.

The position of Chair is a new one, following the implementation of a more formal governance structure for FORE since its establishment in 2005. The Chair of FORE is elected from among its members to serve a term of two years to preside over FORE meetings and to work with the Secretariat to ensure the smooth running of FORE.

Richard Weynen, Vice-President of the German Osteopathic Association, was elected as Vice-Chair. The Secretariat of FORE is funded by FORE members and is currently provided by the GOsC.

FORE is currently working with the [European Federation of Osteopaths](#) to develop a European Standard on services of osteopaths with the European Committee for Standardisation.

For further information about FORE visit: www.forewards.eu or contact the Secretariat at: foresecretariat@osteopathy.org.uk.