

ACC Europe Appoints New President of the Board of Directors

Paris, France – 1 October 2024 – ACC Europe is pleased to announce the appointment of Maria Rocha Barros as the Chapter's new President, effective today, 1 October 2024. Maria succeeds Eva Argilés, who has served with distinction as ACC Europe President for the past two years.

Upon her appointment, Maria commented, "I'm honoured to be elected President of this organisation I have long admired and respected. Over the past six years, I've seen the incredible growth of ACC Europe, from the initial steps of building our community on LinkedIn, to navigating the challenges of the pandemic and developing a new organisational strategy. I am very excited to guide and partner with the outstanding leadership team as our Chapter moves into 2025. My focus will be to mobilise ACC Europe for our next phase of growth and development while staying true to our core purpose—to be the foremost, relevant peer-to-peer forum for in-house counsel across Europe."

Maria Rocha Barros serves as the Chief Legal & Public Affairs Officer at [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), leading the company's legal, government affairs and regulatory compliance teams, and serving as a member of the Management Board of Booking.com. With a robust background in corporate law and a passion for technology, she plays a crucial role in shaping Booking.com's strategy in the rapidly evolving travel and tech sector. Maria's leadership roles on the ACC Europe Board and with various initiatives showcase her commitment to the Chapter, making her ideally suited to lead the organisation forward.

ACC Europe would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Eva Argilés for her exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication during her tenure as President. Under Eva's guidance, the Chapter has achieved significant milestones, including legacy projects such as the Chapter's current strategic plan, leading the Board on key programmes and advocacy efforts, and overseeing impactful annual conferences that provided both valuable content and networking opportunities for members. Her passion and commitment have left an indelible mark, and we look forward to her continued involvement as a valued member of our community.

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