

PRESS RELEASE

**Environment, Unirima joins the ERPA board**

**For the first time, Italy has a representative on the board of the European Confederation of paper recycling**

Rome, 9 march 2022 - For the first time an Italian joins the board of ERPA, the paper branch of EuRIC AISBL, the European Confederation of the recycling industries which brings together 50 European associations active in 23 European countries. Thomas Nicolis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lamacart Spa, a historic Italian paper recycling company, will sit on the board, elected in Brussels by the General Assembly of ERPA, representing UNIRIMA - National Union of Companies and Recovery Paper (UNIRIMA).

"The virtuous example of Italy has been recognized at European level, the first country to have obtained and implemented the EoW (End of Waste) paper. The End of Waste decree represents a strategic element for the development of the recovery and recycling sector and a crucial junction for the economic and technological growth of companies operating in the sector, to be extended to all Member States of the European Union. I am honored to have been chosen today by ERPA (The European Recovered Paper Branch) to represent UNIRIMA in the Executive Board and satisfied because the important team work of our Association has been rewarded by European colleagues ", comments Thomas Nicolis.

"This strengthens Italy's role in a strategic #sector, the heart of the circular economy. Our country is increasingly consolidated as an excellence in paper recycling, a sector in which we have reached and exceeded the standards set by the European Union ten years in advance. It is also a further step in Unirima's growth process, which consolidates its position at an international level where it already has a representative in the European Paper Recycling Council ", underlines the general manager of Unirima Francesco Sicilia.