EEMA Presents BOSA’s Manager International Relations
Frank Leyman with Lifetime Achievement Award

BRUSSELS, 14TH NOVEMBER 2019 - EEMA the leading independent European Think Tank focused on identity, privacy and trust, has presented Frank Leyman with its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. The Manager International Relations at BOSA was presented with the award by EEMA’s Director of Special Projects, Roger Dean, at its 21st ISSE conference at IBM in Brussels on 6th November.

Frank Leyman’s career began at IBM Belgium, before moving to Belgacom. Since 2005 he has been based in Brussels, working at the Digital Transformation Office within the Federal Public Service Policy & Support – BOSA-Digital Transformation(formerly known as FEDICT). He manages international relations as well as the relations with the European Commission, OECD and the World Bank. He is also the past Chairman of the International Council for IT in Government Administration and is a member of the Technical Expert Group of the World Bank and OECD e-leaders, as well as the Belgian representative in the eGovernment High Level Group of the European Commission.

The EEMA Lifetime Achievement Award is given in recognition of a career and contribution to advancing technology in Europe for the benefit of government, enterprise and citizens. Previous winners of EEMA’s highest honour include Dries Van Bilzen of the European Commission; John Erik Setsaas of Signicat; Honorary President of EEMA, Kim Cameron; EEMA Treasurer, Rick Chandler and lawyer, Prof. Dr. Jos Dumortier.

Upon receiving the award Frank Leyman stated: “This award is typically given to world renowned experts and I really do not consider myself in this way. However, I am very honoured and proud that my contribution to helping shape the European digital single market, particularly my work at FEDICT and now BOSA has been recognised by EEMA.”

Roger Dean adds: “I have had the pleasure of knowing Frank Leyman for more than 15years, during which time he has been a strong supporter of EEMA and our work as a EU project partner on initiatives such as STORK, STORK 2.0, SSEDIC and more recently LOCARD and DE4A. Frank’s dedication and success in driving change across Europe through embracing technology mirrors our own activities and ambitions. As such, he is a deserving recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award.”
Caption: Frank Leyman (left) receiving the EEMA Lifetime Achievement Award from Roger Dean

About BOSA – Digital Transformation
The Directorate-General Digital Transformation, part of the Federal Public Service Policy & Support, supports the government and federal organisations in their digitisation drive. It is the driving force behind the evolution and the digital reforms of the federal government. This DG provides advice and develops projects in connection with the new technologies, with particular attention for citizens and businesses in Belgium.

About EEMA
Brussels-based, EEMA is the leading independent European think tank focussing on identification, authentication, privacy, risk management, cyber security, the Internet of Things and mobile
applications. EEMA’s world class conferences provide the forum to network with digital enterprise experts, high level EC and other government experts. Meanwhile, its series of high-level fireside briefings in Brussels and London provide the ideal forum for industry leaders to tackle controversial hot topics in an intimate, invitation only setting.

Through collaboration with EU & Global Partners (including the creation and coordination of the European Trust Foundation), EEMA has established a growing network throughout Europe. This community provides the ideal platform to disseminate information and share expertise regarding the high-profile and significant EU projects EEMA is involved in. Visit eema.org for more information, or email: info@eema.org

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