

Denmark's national defence cluster to have a new CEO

Klaus Bolving, who has headed the defence cluster CenSec for 10 years, is replacing his role as CEO with a new position as Business Development Director. CenSec is now undertaking a search for a new leader in their top management.

Denmark's national business cluster for the defence, space, and security industry, CenSec, is set to appoint a new CEO. Klaus Bolving, the CEO who has led CenSec for many years, has decided to transition into a new role as Business Development Director within the organization. As a result, CenSec is seeking a new CEO to take over his responsibilities.

With this model, the Board of Directors and Klaus Bolving wish to ensure that the managerial continuity is preserved, and that the change has minimal impact on CenSec's members, partners, and secretariat.

– I have made a peaceful decision that reflects my desire to slow down and spend more time with my family, after more than a decade of intense efforts dedicated to developing CenSec's operations. I would like to hand over some of the administrative tasks that have become a big part of the CEO position and instead be able to spend as much time as possible cultivating our members and their interests. With the current model I have the opportunity to achieve this goal, allowing the continuation of CenSec's robust relationships and competencies, Klaus Bolving explains, who will remain the CEO until the right candidate is found.

The creator of growth and cluster status

Chairman of CenSec's Board of Directors, Henrik A. Iversen, talks about Klaus Bolving's decision:

– On the Board of Directors, we have great respect for the fact that Klaus, for personal reasons, would like to hand over his CEO duties. Klaus has been a huge part of CenSec's success during the past many years, and we are very pleased that we can keep him in a managerial role while bringing in a new profile as CEO, he explains.

According to Henrik A. Iversen, Klaus Bolving has a huge stake in the growth that CenSec has seen since he took office in 2013.

– With Klaus Bolving's skilled leadership, CenSec transformed from a small industry network into one of Denmark's 13 national innovation clusters in 2021. In addition to a significant development in the number of members, CenSec has established close contact with public and private partners both in and outside Denmark, says Henrik A. Iversen. He goes on to add:

– With the current focus on security in Europe, there is a great need for Denmark to have a clear position in the matter and to cooperate closely with both the EU, NATO and the international clusters. Of this reason, we are working to ensure that CenSec becomes a permanent part of the Danish clusters from 2024 – and moreover continues the important work of bringing together the Danish players in the defence, space and security industry.

Looking for a new CEO

The process of finding Klaus Bolving's successor has begun with the help of the recruitment company Keyselector. The hope is to find a new CEO by the summer of 2023.

The Chairman of the Board deems it important that the future CEO is able to take part in the process of cluster development as well as, in the long term, taking over some of the relations that Klaus Bolving has built both nationally and internationally. For now, Bolving retains a number of positions in both government committees and international collaborations as part of his role as Business Development Director.

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