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## **Toni Melfi is moving to Brussels as a political representative**

**Brussels/Ingolstadt, May 6, 2019** - Toni Melfi (53) is taking over the position of Head of a new Audi EU Representation in Brussels with immediate effect. In this position, he will strengthen the team of Christof-Sebastian Klitz, who, as Head of the Volkswagen Group Representative Office, has been responsible for representing the Volkswagen Group's political interests vis-à-vis the European institutions in Brussels for many years.

"We are very pleased that Toni Melfi, an experienced communicator and networker for the Audi brand, will be working at the EU headquarters and intensifying our close contacts with politicians and associations. At a time of far-reaching transformation of the European automotive industry with electrification, automation and digitalization, as well as major challenges for a united Europe, the Volkswagen Group and its brands want to be a competent partner at the European level for the Parliament, Commission and Council through local representation," says Dr. Thomas Steg, Chief Officer for External and Government Relations at Volkswagen AG.

Melfi has been working for AUDI AG since August 2007. Previously a journalist, his last position at the premium car brand in Ingolstadt was Head of Communications.

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The **Audi Group**, with its brands Audi, Ducati and Lamborghini, is one of the most successful manufacturers of automobiles and motorcycles in the premium segment. It is present in more than 100 markets worldwide and produces at 18 locations in 13 countries. 100 percent subsidiaries of AUDI AG include Audi Sport GmbH (Neckarsulm), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy) and Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna, Italy).

In 2018, the Audi Group delivered to customers about 1.812 million automobiles of the Audi brand, 5,750 sports cars of the Lamborghini brand and 53,004 motorcycles of the Ducati brand. In the 2018 fiscal year, AUDI AG achieved total revenue of €59.2 billion and an operating profit of €4.7 billion. At present, approximately 90,000 people work for the company all over the world, more than 60,000 of them in Germany. Audi focuses on sustainable products and technologies for the future of mobility.

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