

Hein Timmerman

CV



Hein A. Timmerman, MSc. is Global Sector Specialist Team Leader for Diversey, a Solenis company. He has 40 years of experience in food and beverage engineering, sales management, business development and technical management. He also has expertise in processed food technology, Open Plant Cleaning (OPC) and Clean-In-Place (CIP) technology. He is recognized as global CIP expert for the food & beverage market with a large view on installation, automation, programming and optimisation.

Before joining Diversey, Hein Timmerman worked for Alfa Laval in Food & Beverage. He is the President of the European Hygienic Engineering & Design Group (EHEDG), authorized hygienic design trainer, chairman of the Belgian regional section and holds the chair of the global working group on CIP.

He participates as expert on an International Dairy Federation (IDF)- SCRCC taskforce on chemical residues. Hein Timmerman holds a master's degree in food technology from the University of Ghent, Belgium, and a Master of Business Administration from EHSAL-European University College, Brussels, Belgium. He is lecturing in various organizations and contributing to several technical books.

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Motivation letter

Dear EHEDG Members and Colleagues,

Hygienic design has fascinated me since the very beginning of my professional career, when I started working at Alfa-Laval. That fascination has never faded. On the contrary, throughout my career I have become increasingly convinced that good hygienic design and engineering are fundamental to safe food production, operational excellence and, increasingly, sustainable manufacturing.

Early in my career, I became familiar with EHEDG. For me, as for many professionals across our industry, EHEDG represented a leading and trusted source of knowledge and expertise in hygienic design and engineering. It was a community that I wanted to become part of and, over the years, my commitment and passion to contribute to that community have only grown stronger.

My own EHEDG journey started 25 years ago with training at Campden by two excellent EHEDG trainers. From there, I became actively involved in several Working Groups and later had the privilege of chairing the Working Group Cleaning in Place (CIP). I have also served as Chair of the EHEDG Regional Section Belgium and have been actively involved in the Sub-Committee Regional Development, supporting and liaising with several countries.

Most importantly, during the past term I have had the great honour and responsibility of serving as President of EHEDG.

Looking back at this first term, I am particularly proud of what we have achieved together. EHEDG has experienced excellent membership growth, demonstrating the continued relevance and value of our organisation to equipment manufacturers, food producers, suppliers, academia, research institutes and individual experts.

At the same time, our international footprint has continued to expand. The development and strengthening of our Regional Sections across the world is transforming EHEDG from an organisation with European roots into a truly global community. These Regional Sections are essential to our future: they bring EHEDG knowledge closer to local industries, create strong professional communities, support education and training, and connect regional expertise with our international network. This growth is not simply about numbers. It demonstrates that our mission resonates globally.

The food industry is facing increasingly complex challenges: food safety, sustainability, resource efficiency, automation, new technologies and changing production processes must all be addressed simultaneously. I strongly believe that hygienic design and engineering can make an important contribution to each of these challenges. EHEDG therefore has an opportunity—and a responsibility—to further strengthen its position as the global authority on sustainable hygienic design and engineering.

My ambition for a second term is to build on the strong foundation we have created together. I want to continue growing and diversifying our membership, attracting a younger generation, further strengthen our Regional Sections, expand our global presence, and ensure that our Working Groups remain the technical heart of EHEDG. At the same time, we should continue developing our guidelines, certification, training and knowledge-sharing activities so that EHEDG remains relevant to both today's industry and the food factories of tomorrow.

But EHEDG's greatest strength is its people. Over the years, I have had the privilege of developing strong professional relationships—and many genuine friendships—with colleagues throughout the EHEDG community. These relationships have given me valuable insights into the different perspectives, expectations and needs within our organisation and across the food industry. They have also reinforced my belief that EHEDG succeeds because people are willing to contribute their knowledge, experience, energy and time towards a common purpose.

EHEDG is, above all, a network of experts united by a shared commitment to safer food through better hygienic design and engineering.

I am therefore highly motivated to serve a second term as EHEDG President and to continue the journey we have started together. I would like to provide continuity while maintaining the momentum of recent years—turning our membership growth, expanding regional network and technical expertise into an even stronger global organisation.

I am grateful that this commitment continues to receive the strong support of Diversey, a Solenis Company, as one of the global leaders in water treatment and hygiene solutions for the industry, enabling me to dedicate my experience and energy to EHEDG and its mission.

Serving as President has been both an honour and a responsibility that I do not take for granted. I hope that through my work during my first term, and through my contribution to EHEDG over many years, I have earned your confidence. I would therefore be honoured to receive your support and your vote for a second term as President.

Together, I believe we can take the next important step in EHEDG's development: from strong European roots to an even stronger global community and recognised global authority in hygienic design and engineering.

Yours sincerely and with warm regards,

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