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Helen Maguire new head of dpa's English service



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Helen Maguire (45) will be the new managing editor of the English Service of the German Press Agency. The former Brussels correspondent succeeds Ivonne Marschall in April, who will take on new tasks in the dpa group.

"With Helen Maguire, an outstanding journalist and team player is taking over the management of our important English-language offer", says Sven Gösmann, dpa's editor-in-chief. "Helen can build on the very good reform work carried out by Ivonne Marschall in recent years, for which I would like to thank her." Helen Maguire will now engage in further reforming the English service with many ideas of her own, focusing it more strongly on reporting from Germany and Europe as well as economics coverage.

Helen Maguire adds: "I am very much looking forward to working with the team and to the new task of repositioning dpa's English service in the changing media landscape, cooperating even more closely with dpa's other services."

The new managing editor has dual British-German citizenship. She began her journalistic career at the BBC after graduating in politics from Oxford University, gaining a master's degree at Paris' Sorbonne Nouvelle and qualifying in broadcast journalism at the University of the Arts in London. She joined dpa as a Germany correspondent in 2009 and also worked on the news desk before moving to the Brussels bureau in 2012.

About dpa:

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