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EUROSIF appoints new Executive Director

Ms Flavia Micilotta appointed as new Executive Director of EUROSIF, the leading pan-European sustainable and responsible investment membership organisation.

Brussels, 1 December 2015 – EUROSIF has today announced the appointment of Ms Flavia Micilotta as its new Executive Director. Ms Micilotta joins from the Brussels based Foreign Trade Association (FTA), the umbrella organisation that promotes social compliance (BSCI) and environmental performance management (BEPI), where she worked as Sustainability Consultant.

In her role at the FTA, Ms Micilotta developed a supply chain program by fostering partnerships across Europe and South East Asia for international retail companies and was responsible for co-ordinating stakeholder management and engaging with policy makers.

Over the years, Ms Micilotta has accumulated a wealth of experience on Corporate Social Responsibility and SRI, with a particular focus on valuing intangibles through ESG performance, across sectors. She worked on SRI for Vigeo group and KBC group and as sustainability consultant for Deloitte and EY. She is one of the founding members of the UN Global Compact in Belgium and a former board director of the Belgian Sustainable Investment Forum, BELSIF.

Ms Micilotta commented: *“I am very pleased to join EUROSIF and have the opportunity to lead such a well-respected and influential organisation. Europe leads the world in terms of sustainable and responsible investment and my aim will be to ensure that the voice of EUROSIF’s members continues to play a major part in that success.”*

Thierry Philipponnat, Président of the French sustainable investment forum FIR, commented, *“We are delighted that EUROSIF has appointed Flavia to this important role. Her experience and energy will ensure EUROSIF remains at the centre of the EU’s important policy deliberations in this area”*.

Volker Weber, President of the Austrian, Swiss and German sustainable investment forum, FNG added, *“We are delighted with this appointment. As the European sustainable and responsible investment market continues to evolve and grow, it has never been more important to have a strong voice in Brussels representing all the members of EUROSIF.”*



Jaime Silos, President of Spanish sustainable investment forum SpainSIF commented; *"SpainSIF welcome Flavia's appointment. It is important that Europe's major financial markets are effectively engaged in supporting the development of a sustainable European capital market system and we look forward to working closely with Flavia and her team."*

EUROSIF also announced that the board had agreed a number of governance changes to the organisation designed to strengthen the representation of its members and the support for the executive team. These changes are: Giuseppe van der Helm stepping down as President with immediate effect following his resignation from VBDO, the Dutch SIF and the appointment of Will Oulton from UKSIF as interim President.

The board of EUROSIF would like to express its gratitude to Mr van der Helm for his contribution to EUROSIF during his time as President of the association.

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Eurosif is the leading pan-European sustainable and responsible investment (SRI) membership organisation whose mission is to promote sustainability through European financial markets. Eurosif works as a partnership of Europe-based national Sustainable Investment Forums (SIFs) with the direct support of their network which spans across over 400 Europe-based organisations drawn from the sustainable investment industry value chain. These organisations include institutional investors, asset managers, financial services, index providers and ESG research and analysis firms totalling over €8 trillion in total assets. Eurosif is also a founding member of the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance, the alliance of the largest SIFs around the world. The main activities of Eurosif are public policy, research and creating platforms for nurturing sustainable investing best practices.