

PRESS RELEASE

Eurosif appoints two new independent directors



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Eurosif today announced the appointment of Rachel Owens and Nathalie Dogniez as Independent Directors

Independent Directors are appointed by the membership of Eurosif and serve on the Board for a term of three years. The appointments of Rachel Owens and Nathalie Dogniez brings the number of Independent Directors to three following the appointment of Matt Christensen in September 2023 and the Board composition to a total of eight members. The appointments further diversify the wealth of experience and geographical viewpoints present on Eurosif's governing body.

In this period of significant regulatory and political change, the addition of two additional Independent Directors to the Board strengthens the organisation and its ability to continue to influence policy and policymakers across Europe.

Eurosif Chair, Will Oulton commenting on the appointments of Rachel Owens and Nathalie Dogniez said:

"I am delighted to welcome Rachel and Nathalie to the Board of Eurosif, joining Matt Christensen as Independent Directors. Their skills and experience will be very valuable to the organisation as we enter a period of significant activity which includes the review of SFDR and the upcoming EU elections. These additions complete the restructure of the Eurosif Board which was a strategic objective for the organisation. I am looking forward to working with Rachel and Nathalie on meeting the many exciting industry challenges that lie ahead."

Rachel Owens commenting on her appointment, said:

"I'm delighted to have been elected to the Eurosif board at this critical time for sustainable investment and the organisation. Now more than ever we need a strong sustainable investor voice across Europe. The political, economic and regulatory environment for investors is increasingly complex and challenging. Sustainable investment will be one of the key catalysts to delivering a just transition in Europe and beyond. I look forward to bringing my experience working for the EU institutions, philanthropy and civil society to support Eurosif and its members to deliver increased impact over the coming years."

Nathalie Dogniez commenting on her appointment, said:

"I am really honoured to join the Board of Eurosif. Over the last two decades, Eurosif has been an inspirational organisation for my sustainability journey. It is a real pleasure for me to be able to devote my time, experience, and enthusiasm to Eurosif's mission."

Eurosif looks forward to working closely with Rachel and Nathalie and to leveraging on their extensive industry experience to advocate for a robust sustainable finance framework in Europe.

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Notes for Editors

[Rachel Owens](#) is currently the Director of Climate Finance at the European Climate Foundation, a philanthropic organisation working to tackle the climate crisis. Based in Brussels, Rachel has over 15 years experience working at the national, EU and international levels on sustainable finance, corporate accountability, human rights, labour rights and corruption. In 2017, she set up the first EU office for Global Witness, a climate and human rights organisation, growing its influence across the EU. She's led high impact campaigns on investor disclosure and due diligence, corporate accountability, transparency in the fossil fuel sector and anti-money laundering.

Before joining Global Witness, Rachel was Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the European Parliament's Economic and Financial services committee, leading on all financial services and economic legislation.

[Nathalie Dogniez](#) is an Independent Director, sitting on the boards of funds, fund managers, AIFM and non-profit organisations. Based in Luxembourg, Nathalie more than 30 years of experience within the financial sector, auditing and advising funds and asset managers, with more than 20 years focusing on ESG and sustainable finance. From 2014 to 2023, Nathalie worked for PwC Luxembourg where led the AWM ESG EMEA practice, as well as a very significant global ESG data technology project and the AWM EMEA regulatory practice.

Prior to this, Nathalie was a partner within KPMG Luxembourg, where she held various management positions, including Head of Asset Management practice, Member of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Supervisory Board.

The full composition of Eurosif's Board can be found [here](#).

About Eurosif

Eurosif is the leading pan-European association promoting sustainable finance at the European level - encompassing the European Union (EU), the wider European Economic Area (EEA) and the United Kingdom (UK). Eurosif is a membership organisation of European based national Sustainable Investment Fora (SIFs). Most of the SIFs has a broad and diverse membership including asset managers, institutional investors, index providers and ESG research & analytics providers. Eurosif and its members are committed to the growth and development of sustainable finance and support the ambition of global and European policymakers in enabling a fully transparent and high-quality sustainable investment market through appropriate and well-designed regulation and industry best practice.

Eurosif's activities involve contributing substantively to public policy development and conducting research that enables a better understanding of ESG implementation, the sustainable finance market, and the obstacles encountered by sustainability-oriented investors.

Further information can be found at www.eurosif.org.

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