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Eurosif joins with Sustainable and Responsible Finance bodies across the world to demand green action from world leaders attending the G20 summit

Paris, 1 April 2009 — Eurosif, the European Sustainable Investment Forum, has joined with its sister organisations across the globe to send a message to world leaders meeting in London tomorrow to address the global financial and economic crisis.

In their statement “Transforming global capital markets”, the six-strong networks of global sustainable and responsible finance organisations (ASrIA, Eurosif, RIAA, Social Investment Forum, SIO and UKSIF) say:

“The current economic crisis affords a unique opportunity and imperative to transition to a low-carbon, resource efficient and socially sustainable economy.

As the umbrella organizations for the sustainable and responsible finance industry worldwide, we call on world leaders to respond to this challenge by **incorporating sustainability and social responsibility measures into both the economic stimulus packages for short-term recovery and the longer-term reform of the credit and investment markets.**”

The statement outlines the measures proposed. These include:

- Financial instruments and incentives to building the green economy using private investment alongside direct government support; and
- Financial reform measures to require greater transparency and facilitate responsible ownership.

Matt Christensen, Executive Director of Eurosif says:

“The difficult, present situation offers an historic opportunity for world leaders to adopt transformational policies that address longer-term systemic issues in the world capital markets. As the financial crisis requires a global response, it is particularly important that the networks of sustainable and responsible finance organisations speak in a unique voice. This global statement fits particularly well with Eurosif’s current discussions with the European institutions to demand greater transparency and accountability in the European capital markets.”

To view the statement, please go to www.eurosif.org/press_events/eurosif_press_releases

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EUROSIF, the European Sustainable Investment Forum, is the pan-European network whose mission is to **address sustainability through the financial markets**. Eurosif works as a partnership of the national Sustainable Investment Forums (SIFs) within the EU and with the support and involvement of Member Affiliates. Recognised as the premier European forum for sustainable investment, Eurosif’s Member Affiliates are drawn from leading pension funds, asset managers, NGO’s, trade unions, academic institutes and research providers, together representing assets totalling over €1 trillion. The key benefits that Eurosif affiliate members receive include ground-breaking research, EU interfacing, and European-wide initiatives that integrate ESG issues into the financial services sector. For more information, visit www.eurosif.org

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