

EUROSIF APPOINTS ALEKSANDRA PALINSKA AS ITS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Eurosif, the European Sustainable Investment Forum, has announced the appointment of Aleksandra Palinska as its new executive director. She will lead the implementation of Eurosif's long-term strategy to help shape and accelerate the development and implementation of the EU Sustainable Finance Agenda.

Eurosif aims to have a tangible impact on both advancing sustainable investment practices and encouraging the actions needed to address the climate crisis. Over the last three years, it has become a strong voice for the European sustainable investment community, representing its members across Europe and working closely with EU institutions in Brussels to advance EU public policy. Aleksandra will join the organisation on 19 September 2022.

Will Oulton, Chair of Eurosif, said: *"The Board is delighted to welcome Aleksandra to our organisation in this pivotal moment for sustainable finance in Europe. Her expertise and knowledge of the European regulatory and policy agenda will enable her to successfully lead Eurosif and deliver our long-term strategy, while acting as a bridge between EU policymakers, investors and Europe's Sustainable Investment Forums and Associations. The Eurosif board and I look forward to working with Aleksandra."*

Aleksandra has more than 10 years' experience in EU public policy and regulation. Her expertise covers sustainable finance, financial markets regulation, company law and corporate governance. She has previously held roles at Finance Watch, EFAMA, European Issuers and Better Finance. As a member of EFRAG's Sustainability Reporting Board, Aleksandra helped shape the draft European Sustainability Reporting Standards, and coordinated work on the European Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance, where she contributed to the development of the recommendations for a social taxonomy, minimum social and governance safeguards that the taxonomy-aligned investments must meet, and the taxonomy-related disclosures.

Aleksandra Palinska said: *"I am excited to be joining Eurosif at this critical time when the EU sustainable finance rules are being finalised. An appropriate calibration and efficient implementation of sustainable finance rules is essential in the transition to a sustainable economy. Constructive dialogue and close cooperation between the financial industry, EU and national regulators and supervisors are now of paramount importance. This is also the time to take stock of how different pieces of the sustainable finance puzzle fit together and consider*

whether adjustments are needed. Thanks to the trust the Eurosif Board bestowed on me, I will have the pleasure to actively participate in this process and steer the organisation into its next phase of growth. I look forward to working closely with the Board and members of Eurosif and leading a talented team supporting the efficient development and implementation of sustainable finance across the EU.”

Eurosif’s activities involve substantive contributions to EU public policy debates, through research that enables a better understanding of sustainable investments and by overcoming the obstacles encountered by sustainability-oriented investors. Eurosif and its members are committed to promoting and increasing the volume of meaningful sustainable investment flows and support the ambition of increasing transparency and enabling investors to compare sustainable investments through appropriate and well-designed regulation and industry practice.

About Eurosif

Eurosif is the leading pan-European association promoting Sustainable Finance at European level - encompassing the EU, the wider European Economic Area (EEA) and the United Kingdom (UK). Eurosif is a partnership comprised of Europe-based national Sustainable Investment Fora (SIFs). Each of the SIFs has a broad and diverse membership including asset managers, institutional investors, index providers and ESG research & analytics providers with aggregate assets under management (AuM) amounting to over EUR 20 trillion.

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