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Sustainable investment forums from Czechia and Poland join Eurosif as full and observer members respectively.

CzechSIF and **POLSIF** have joined Eurosif, the leading pan-European sustainable investment organisation, marking a significant milestone for the growth of the sustainable investment and finance industry in the Central and Eastern European (CEE) region.

Will Oulton, Chairman of Eurosif, commented: *"I am delighted to welcome CzechSIF as a full member of Eurosif and POLSIF as an observer. I very much look forward to working with Julian and his colleagues at CzechSIF and to engaging with and supporting Krzysztof and the POLSIF team. As the European regulatory financial landscape continues to evolve, bringing implementation challenges for the whole industry, the addition of new sustainable investment forums in Czechia and Poland further strengthens Eurosif's influence with policymakers and regulators and adds to the range and depth of expertise across Eurosif's growing membership base."*

Julian Toth, CEO of CzechSIF said: *"Eurosif plays a crucial role in connecting and supporting Sustainable Investment Forums (SIFs) across diverse European regions at varying stages of financial sustainability integration. Being part of Eurosif is immensely valuable, providing access to a wealth of resources and information, as well as practical insights and strategies from other like-minded organisations. This has been particularly advantageous for regions like ours, still in the early stages of embracing sustainable finance principles."*

Krzysztof Kaminski, Chairman of the POLSIF Board commented: *"We have discussed this project for a few months but finally made it a reality and I am very glad to be able to set up our association and join the Eurosif community so fast. In this way our financial industry will be able to have a clear voice on the agenda of EU regulatory consultations and receive the opportunity to learn from each other & exchange best practices with our European partners. The Polish financial sector is strongly engaged in sustainable transformation and the integration of ESG into investment processes."*

CzechSIF and POLSIF's members will now have the opportunity to work closely with the Eurosif team and other members of the association during this period of significant regulatory change. The expertise and perspectives of industry experts from Czechia and Poland will strengthen Eurosif and its influence with policymakers across Europe.

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Notes for Editors

CzechSIF, established in May 2022, currently boasts 14 members and aims to eventually expand into neighbouring Slovakia, forming a joint SIF. The historical ties between the two countries are strong and many financial institutions are present and connected in both nations as a result. CzechSIF is one of the first sustainable investment forums to be established in the CEE region and is attempting to improve the integration of sustainable practices in a way that appeals to local demands and approaches.

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POLSIF was established in September 2023 by a group of leading experts and financial institution representatives from the asset management and private equity industries as well as the Warsaw stock exchange, banks and other members of the financial community. The founding members are 30 influential experts from the market that will be focused on promoting sustainability values and practices in the biggest CEE capital market and on being the centre of sustainable finance competences in Poland.

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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.

SIFs applying for Eurosif membership are first invited to join as observers. After a period of maximum one year, observers are expected to apply for full membership of Eurosif.

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 and a list of current members can be found at www.eurosif.org.

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