

PRESS RELEASE

Will Oulton to step down as Chair of Eurosif



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After more than 8 years leading Eurosif's Board of Directors, Will Oulton will step down as the organisation's Chair.

Will first joined Eurosif 12 years ago as an Independent Director before being appointed Chair in December 2015. Will has used his extensive experience and knowledge of the ESG and sustainable investment industry to successfully guide Eurosif through a period of unprecedented industry and political change including undertaking a major strategic organisational review which resulted in a significant strengthening of Eurosif's governance.

During his tenure, Eurosif has become a leading voice for sustainable finance, representing the interests of sustainable investment fora across Europe, advocating for effective policies and well-designed regulations to further develop the sustainable finance industry. Will's time as Chair has also seen Eurosif refocus its efforts to develop policy analysis, insight and recommendations that now reach a growing global audience. Eurosif's membership has also expanded from its Western and Southern European origins as interest in sustainable finance and investment has spread. Today, Eurosif's membership also incorporates parts of Scandinavia and the CEE region and Eurosif itself plays an active role in the Global Sustainable Investment Alliance (GSIA).

Commenting on his decision to step down as Eurosif Chair, Will Oulton said:

"It's been my pleasure and honour to lead Eurosif for the past 8 years and I can only thank all of Eurosif's members, fellow Directors and the Executive Directors I have worked with over this time for their contribution and support.

Leading Eurosif through a period of unprecedented regulatory change in Europe has not been without its challenges, however I am proud that Eurosif has developed into a highly credible and influential organisation, respected by policy makers and other industry stakeholders, not only across Europe but also globally.

I look forward to continuing to follow the progress and success of Eurosif from afar."

Eurosif would like to take this opportunity to thank Will for his years of dedicated leadership, during which Eurosif has undergone numerous organisational and structural changes and improvements, increased its membership and solidified its position as the leading pan-European association promoting sustainable finance at the European level.

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Notes for Editors

Mr. Oulton's decision to step down coincides with regular Board elections that are being held in the context of the Eurosif's Annual General Meeting on 11 April. The conclusion of several mandates has meant that a number of seats, as well as the position of Chair, will be filled with candidates seeking to be newly appointed or re-appointed. Eurosif members are entitled to put forward candidates for Board positions and to vote in Board elections. Board members and Chairs serve for terms of three years.

The results of these elections will be communicated in the coming days.

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). Many of the SIFs have 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 European and global 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.

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