

European board directors commit to climate change matters and join the new European Lab Project Task Force on Climate-related Reporting

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, February 15, 2019 – ecoDa will be represented at the European Lab Project Task Force on Climate-related Reporting (EFRAG) by Antonio Fuertes Zurita, a member of the Spanish Institute of Directors (IC-A) and a senior advisor to boards of directors on CSR matters.

The European Lab Project Task Force (PTF) on Climate-related Reporting will support the European Corporate Reporting Lab set up earlier by EFRAG in November.

As announced by EFRAG, the European Lab PTF on Climate-related Reporting will be asked to assess the current state of play of climate-related reporting by European companies. They will also assess the current and potential use of climate-related information by investors and other users.

"I'm proud to represent European Directors in the European Lab PTF on Climate-related Reporting. Climate change is significantly disrupting businesses. Enhancing dialogue among shareholders and board members around the risks and opportunities attached to climate change will serve as the bedrock for common actions in the interest of the entire society", says Antonio Fuertes Zurita.

In his new role at EFRAG, Mr. Fuertes Zurita will interact closely with ecoDa representative Ossian Ekdahl at the European Corporate Reporting Lab.

"With this new position at the European Lab PTF on Climate-related Reporting, ecoDa commits to being a leading voice when it comes to urgent topics like climate change. Board members are in the driver's seat and have to show the way", says Irena Prijovic, chair of ecoDa.

Mr Fuertes Zurita is the global head of reputation and sustainability of a European multinational company with international presence in more than 30 countries. He has more than 25 years in energy business with experience in managing, leading the company to world-class results in sustainability indexes and ratings, transforming CSR practice towards a more financial focused approach, supporting green bonds issuances and credits linked to sustainability scores. He benefits from a broad knowledge of institutional investors that takes into account ESG criteria and its impact on market value and sustainability strategy. With more than 15 years of experience in corporate reporting, Mr Fuertes Zurita knows its challenges and future developments. He has extensive experience in sustainability strategy and how it can be developed and measured through KPI's. Mr Fuertes Zurita is a member of the Board of Bettercoal, an initiative of the main European utilities. He is committed and has an active role at leading institutions (Institute of Directors in Spain –IC-A, a member institute of ecoDa), and communities (Sustainability50 in Atlanta).

Notes to editors

About ecoDa:

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