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Dutch NCD joins ecoDa:

"We want to have a say in the European decision making process"

The Dutch institute of professional directors, Nederlandse vereniging van Commissarissen en Directeuren (NCD) has joined the 'European Confederation of Directors' Associations – ecoDa' as a full member.

"Sharing experiences, presenting our dilemmas together, relying on each other's expertise and supporting each other is part of our daily duties. Joining ecoDa with the same approach is a natural step for us. We are eager to have a say on the European decision process" stated Ron Steenkuijl, the newly-elected Chair of NCD.

By offering its expertise and the independent voices of directors from every part of Europe, ecoDa wants to support the development of Good Corporate Governance in Europe. Its members contribute with insights from their reality in Boards of Directors of both one-tier and two-tier systems, of both listed and unlisted companies and of social profit as well as public organizations.

"ecoDa is delighted to welcome NCD and to embrace more largely the great variety of Corporate Governance models in Europe" says Patrick Zurstrassen, the chairman of ecoDa.

Created in April 1953, the Dutch Association of Board Members and Supervisory Board Members (the NCD) benefit from 60 years of experience and will constitute one of the eldest institute of directors within ecoDa. With a total of around 2000 members and a countrywide network of 40 regional clubs, the NCD offers regular meetings, special events and permanent education programs in addition to a virtual platform, where professionals can share their knowledge and experience. It is open to executive directors, entrepreneurs and non-executive directors.

The NCD affiliation follows the recent affiliations of the German Directors' association (VARD) and the Danish Board Network.

"At a time when the European Commission is engaged in its Action Plan on Company Law and Corporate Governance, we feel even more legitimate to help the European policy makers finding the appropriate level-playing field in terms of Corporate Governance", added Patrick Zurstrassen.

NOTE TO EDITORS

Founded in 2005, ecoDa, the European Confederation of Directors Associations is a non-profit organization headquartered in Brussels. With today 15 national professional directors associations from different European countries, ecoDa indirectly represents more than 55.000 non-executive directors from large as well as small companies, public as well as private. By reacting to pending issues in the European pipeline or by pro-actively taking own initiatives to generate the European debate and reflection, ecoDa influences the European decision-making process on Corporate Governance. The Confederation's mission is to develop European Governance standards by acting as a standing body where national experiences are shared and discussed in details.

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