

Directors' Institutes in Ireland and Cyprus join ecoDa

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The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa) is pleased to welcome the Irish Institute of Directors (IoD Ireland) as a full member and the Cyprus Institute of Directors & Corporate Governance (CyloDCG) as a candidate member for a two-year period.

The fact that two institutes at different stages of development are joining ecoDa reflects the diversity and dynamism of the European governance landscape and highlights the growing importance of connecting directors across borders.

"European directors may operate in different governance environments, but many of the challenges they face are shared. Welcoming both an established institute from Ireland and a newly created institute from Cyprus demonstrates the value of bringing different national perspectives together in a European community", stated Maria Pierdicchi, Chair of ecoDa.

The Irish Institute of Directors has supported directors, board members and business leaders for more than 30 years through education, research, advocacy and professional development.

"Ireland's EU Presidency makes this a particularly timely moment to strengthen the links between Irish and European director communities. Through ecoDa, we can share Ireland's experience, learn from our European peers and contribute to the debate on the future of board leadership and corporate governance" highlighted Caroline Spillane, Director General of the Irish Institute of Directors.

Established in March of 2026, the Cyprus Institute of Directors & Corporate Governance represents directors across Cyprus, from listed and regulated companies to SMEs, family businesses and state-owned enterprises. It aims to promote the development of the profession of directorship and good governance in Cyprus.

"Joining ecoDa at this early stage gives us the opportunity to connect Cypriot directors with the European governance community, bringing our perspective to the European debate and learning from the experience of our peers", expressed Kyriakos Kokkinos, Chairman of the Board, Cyprus Institute of Directors & Corporate Governance.

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About

The European Confederation of Directors Associations (ecoDa)

ecoDa is a not-for-profit association founded in December 2004 under the laws of Belgium. Through its 24 national institutes of directors (the main national institutes existing in Europe), ecoDa represents approximately 55,000 board directors from across the EU. ecoDa's member organizations represent board directors from the largest public companies to the smallest private firms, both listed and unlisted.

The Institute of Directors Ireland (IoD I)

The IoD Ireland has 30 years of supporting, informing and connecting directors, leaders, entrepreneurs and chairpersons in Ireland.

[Institute of Directors Ireland](#)

The Cyprus Institute of Directors & Corporate Governance (CyIoDCG)

CyIoDCG serves as the authoritative voice for fit-for-purpose directorship in Cyprus. It is dedicated to ensuring boards lead organizations with integrity, trust, and foresight to foster sustainable success.

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