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## The European Association of Sustainability Rating Agencies (EASRA) elects a new Board and answers the EC Call for Feedback on the ESG Ratings Regulatory Proposal

EASRA, the European Association of Sustainability Rating Agencies, announces the election of its Board of Directors further to its recent AGM.

The new Board consists of 5 individuals, as follows: Mrs. Julia Haake, Chairwoman, Mr. Emmanuel de La Ville, Treasury, Mr. Philippe Tastevin, Secretary, Mr. Gordon Tveito-Duncan, Member and Mr. Antoine Mach, Member.

At present, 6 ESG rating providers form the membership of the association created in early 2023 and the Board is reviewing several other requests to join.

EASRA's members welcome the objectives of the EU and the UK to develop regulatory tools to enhance the functioning of ESG rating provision and its contribution to a more sustainable European economy. In its answer to the European Commission's call for feedback that closed on September 1st, available [here](#), EASRA calls for the preservation of innovation and competition in the European market, inter alia through (i) strong regulatory proportionality, (ii) improved transparency in the ESG raw data provision business and (iii) regulatory convergence between European jurisdictions.

Julia Haake, the new Chairwoman of EASRA, said: "I am very glad to chair EASRA and thank its members for their trust. At a time when ESG ratings are under regulatory scrutiny, rightly echoing its growing importance in the financial world, it is good that many European-based ESG ratings providers join our initiative, share views and provide aligned messages to all relevant stakeholders. The EASRA Board displays the geographical diversity of its membership base, thus reinforcing its representativity. We are looking forward to welcoming additional ESG rating services providers among our members and are going to intensify our engagement with all interested stakeholders."



About Julia Haake: A trained economist with a PhD from Versailles University in France, Julia is an independent strategy consultant, advising institutions in the areas of ESG rating, Sustainable Finance and Corporate Sustainability. She founded her company Bhumi Consulting in June 2023. Before starting her business, Julia held senior client facing, market strategy and product development related roles within ESG rating and research institutions for over a decade – at Moody’s ESG Solutions, ISS ESG and oekom research. Beforehand, Julia had been working in Sustainability, CSR and ESG since 1993. Julia is also an appointed member of the German government's Sustainable Finance Commission since June 2022. Julia is also co-author of the book "L'Entreprise Légère", written with Basile Gueorguievsky and published by Delachaux & Niestlé in 2010.

About EASRA: EASRA stands for transparency, rigor, independence and the promotion of double materiality. EASRA’s founders believe that their collective mission is critical to help channel private investment into the transition to a climate-resilient, sustainable and fair European economy, as a complement to public money. As of today, EASRA members are Covalence (CH), EthiFinance (DE, ES, FR), Gaia-Lens (UK), Impak Analytics (CAN, FR), Inrate (CH), Integrum ESG (UK).

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