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## **EuropeanIssuers released its Annual Report 2020**

EuropeanIssuers, representing the interests of publicly quoted companies, released its Annual Report 2020 on 15 April 2021.

2020 was a year of disruption for many companies due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In such context, issuers have faced unpresented times having to adapt their working methods, their production and moreover keep afloat the financing of their operations.

Luc Vansteenkiste, Chairman of EuropeanIssuers welcomed the achievements of the association during the challenging year of 2020 and commented: "Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, EuropeanIssuers mobilised immediately and continues to give support to its members, based on the increasing visibility of EuropeanIssuers vis-à-vis the European Institutions and other major industry stakeholders."

The European Commission has positioned the Green Deal as the priority and, apart from sustainable finance being at the top of everyone's agenda, EuropeanIssuers addressed its positions on the Sustainable Corporate Governance and Due Diligence in the Supply Chain, the Non-Financial Reporting Directive and MiFID II and the regulatory environment for small & mid-caps. EuropeanIssuers also actively joined the discussions on the Capital Market Union and proposed recommendations to ensure that businesses can access capital markets across the EU on equal terms and irrespective of their geographical location.

Ms Florence Bindelle, Secretary General of EuropeanIssuers, added: "We have overcome many challenges and can show achievements in various European regulatory files, working even more closely with our members to discuss how to improve new proposed rules. Amongst other, the postponement of the implementation of ESEF, the Capital Markets Recovery Package proposing targeted relief measures to capital market rules, and the various initiatives on Sustainable Finance and Due Diligence through the Supply Chain."

With new priorities established for 2021, EuropeanIssuers will pursue its work in building a better regulatory environment that helps companies flourish, innovate and create jobs across the EU and beyond.

For the Annual Report 2020, please click here.



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## **About EuropeanIssuers**

EuropeanIssuers is a pan-European organisation representing the interests of publicly quoted companies across Europe to the EU Institutions. Our members include both national associations and companies from all sectors in 15 European countries, covering markets worth € 7.6 trillion market capitalisation with approximately 8000 companies. We aim to ensure that EU policy creates an environment in which companies can raise capital through the public markets and can deliver growth over the longer-term. We seek capital markets that serve the interests of their end users, including issuers. EuropeanIssuers Vision 2019-2024 contains key priorities and policy recommendations in a number of areas to support the policymakers.

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