

European Business Schools/Women on Board initiative announces cooperation with the Italian Parliament, Bellisario Foundation and Bocconi in support of European Commission Vice President Viviane Reding's campaign to attain gender diversity in Europe's publicly quoted corporations Board

Rooms: *2000 Women to be added to the ever growing list of "Board-Ready" Women being compiled by the European Business Schools/Women on Board initiative.*

07 May 2012, Brussels: The European Business Schools/Women on Board initiative announced today that they are cooperating with the Italian Parliament, the Bellisario Foundation and Bocconi University support European Commission Vice President Reding's campaign to attain gender diversity in Europe's public quoted corporations board rooms.

On the occasion of the Italian Cultural Institute's "Women on Board" Seminar taking place in Brussels in support of Vice President Reding's "Public Consultation" on the matter and in the presence of the Godmothers of Italy's "Board Women Quota" regulation, Lella Golfo, Member of the Italian Parliament; Alessia Mosca, Member of the Italian Parliament, the European Business School/Women on Board initiative is delighted to welcome the cooperation with this prestigious group of women in the Italian Parliament, the Bellisario Foundation, and Bocconi University to bring forward the agenda of corporate governance in the 21st century.

More than 2000 women have been identified as "Board Ready" by the Italian group. These women will be added to the European Business School/Women on Board initiatives growing list of "Board Ready" Women and published on their web site (<http://www.edhec.com/html/Communication/womenonboard.html>) along with the group's "Call to Action" which was written together with McKinsey & Co. and Europe's leading business schools (http://www.gtwn.org/call_to_action/).

The European Business Schools/Women on Board initiative is also particularly pleased to welcome Bocconi University as a member of the European Business Schools initiative together with such renowned universities as Cambridge, Oxford, Edhec Insead, St.Gallen, Rotterdam School of Management, etc. , which not only support the Women on Board campaign but which makes a strong plea for developing the entire eco-system of women in corporations from entry to board level.

Finally, the European Business Schools/Women on Board initiative would like to pay specific homage to the Bellisario Foundation and Marisa Bellisario who pioneered the role of women in telecommunications and business in Italy and throughout the world. The Bellisario Foundation joins such prestigious groups as the Global Telecom Women's Network and Women in Telecoms and Technology, all of who would not have been possible without Marisa Bellisario, in this initiative.

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