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The EFCI participates in a statement of the business community ahead of the 2019 European Parliament elections

Brussels, 02 May 2019 – The EFCI, together with the most relevant European business associations, supports a declaration to invite fellow citizens to vote in the European Parliament elections.

The next European elections will take place on 23-26 May 2019, giving citizens across the EU the opportunity to elect their representatives for the next 5 years.

The business community has united to support a strong participation in the election. The EFCI strongly supports the reflections and objectives of the statement and invites its members and stakeholders to disseminate it widely:

“The European Union is one of, if not the greatest, achievements of our shared history. It has provided for long-lasting peace across our continent and has brought European people together around the fundamental values of democracy, human rights, freedom and equality.

The European business community remains committed to defending these common values and strongly believes in the benefits of the European Union, particularly its Single Market and our common currency, the Euro. Despite various challenges, the EU project has remained resilient and strong and even though not yet perfect in many regards, the positive impacts of EU integration by far outweigh the negative. The EU has been instrumental in making the European way of life that we cherish today a reality, and European business has played a key role in enabling this. We have a responsibility to defend what we have achieved and to make sure that Europe is the best place in the world to live, work and do business.

Democracy needs to be lived in order to remain alive. We therefore urge citizens, and specifically our colleagues from business across the continent, to help shape our common future by voting in the European Parliament elections on 23-26 May 2019.

As European business representatives, we will continue to contribute to a successful European project and a united Europe that delivers for its workers and enterprises.”

The following organisations are co-signing the statement:

- *BusinessEurope*, the confederation of national employers’ organisations;
- *EUROCHAMBRES*, the voice of the business community at EU level;
- *Airports Council International (ACI Europe)*, the professional association of airport operators;



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- *European Tech & Industry Employers (ceemet)*, the voice of the metal, engineering and technology-based industries;
- *Geopa-Copa*, the voice of the Professional Agricultural Organisations;
- *European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG)*, the voice of the represents the chemicals, pharmaceuticals, rubber and plastics industries in Europe;
- *European Family Businesses (EFB)*, the EU federation of national associations representing long-term family owned enterprises;
- *EuroCommerce*, the voice of retail, wholesale, and other trading companies;
- *European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC)*, the voice of the construction industry;
- *FoodDrink Europe*, representing the European food and drink industry;
- *SMEUnited*, the association of Crafts & SMEs in Europe;
- *World Employment Confederation Europe (WEC-Europe)*, the voice of the employment industry.

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