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EIB renews its support to Sciences Po's European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition

The EIB, the EU's climate bank, through the EIB Institute is renewing its support to the Sciences Po European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition helping develop EIB Group's thought-leadership in sustainable finance and promote academic dialogue with key stakeholders.

The EIB, one of the world's main financiers of climate action and environmental sustainability, will contribute its expertise and experience to strengthen Sciences Po's academic programmes on climate adaptation, sustainable development, energy and the energy transition.

The renewal agreement was signed on Wednesday in Luxembourg during the EIB Forum by Ambroise Fayolle, EIB Vice-President in charge of Climate and Arancha González Laya, Dean of Sciences Po's Paris School of International Affairs.

Co-hosted by Sciences Po's School of Public Affairs and Paris School of International Affairs, the European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition seeks to develop integrative thinking to help resolve complex challenges of sustainable development and climate transition together with its three co-sponsors, the EIB, Hermès and HSBC.

The Chair is directed by Professor Doctor Marc Ringel. It builds upon the academic excellence of Sciences Po with its global network of partner universities to promote academic dialogue and make recommendations to current and future policy makers all over the world.

The Chairholder is supported by a Scientific Committee which sets the strategic orientation of research, training, education, and outreach activities annually. The current external members of the Scientific Committee include Prof. Jeffrey Sachs (USA), Prof. Laurence Tubiana (France), Julia Marton-Lefèvre (France), Mechthild Woersdoerfer (European Commission) and Tim Gould (International Energy Agency).

The Institute has been a partner of Sciences Po, one of Europe's leading universities, since 2015 through its capstones and Summer School programmes.

Ambroise Fayolle, EIB Vice-President, said: *"Sustainable development and the climate transition are at the heart of the EU's climate bank mission. Through our support and our expertise, we look forward to contributing to enrich knowledge building and knowledge dissemination on these critical issues with one of Europe's leading universities."*

Shiva Dustdar, Director and Dean of the EIB Institute, said: *"Developing thought-leadership and foresight with our academic partners are key elements of the EIB's new"*

strategy. The renewal of our support to Sciences Po's European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition will pave the way for the exchange of new ideas and new initiatives to identify and develop solutions tackling today's greatest challenges: climate change and biodiversity."

Arancha González Laya, Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po, comments: *"This Chair is yet another expression of Sciences Po's long-standing commitment to sustainable development and climate change. Having the European Investment Bank - the world's leading climate bank - as a key partner, alongside HSBC and Hermès, illustrates the strategic dimension of the work carried out under the Chair. This partnership also reflects the wealth-generating link between education and research, which is meaningful for policy-makers as well as for students, especially those of our Paris School of International Affairs and our School of Public Affairs."*

Background information

About the EIB

The European Investment Bank is the long-term lending institution of the European Union owned by its 27 Member States. Created by the Treaty of Rome and founded in 1958, its mission is to contribute to the integration, balanced development and economic and social cohesion of the EU Member States. It borrows large volumes of funds on the capital markets and lends them on very favourable terms to support projects that further EU policy objectives. Investment in education and innovation is one of the EIB's priorities.

About the Institute

The EIB Institute was set up within the EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) to promote and support academic, cultural and social initiatives with European stakeholders and the public at large. It is a key pillar of the EIB Group's community and citizenship engagement.

About Sciences Po

Since 1872, Sciences Po's mission has been to shape free minds capable of understanding the world, in order to transform it. It places academic excellence and social inclusion at the heart of its values. Its unique academic objectives are defined by a multidisciplinary approach rooted in the humanities and social sciences, a strong international perspective, and the ability to combine fundamental knowledge with professional expertise thanks to its 290 research professors and 4,600 part-time lecturers.

A world-class research university with 11 research centers, Sciences Po takes social responsibility seriously, proposing solutions to major contemporary issues including environmental and digital transformations, changes in public policy, and the fight against inequality and discrimination. The defence of academic freedom – an essential condition for democracy and social progress – is also at the heart of our academic project.

Each year, Sciences Po trains 15,000 students, 50% of whom are international, on seven campuses (Dijon, Le Havre, Menton, Nancy, Paris, Poitiers, Reims) within the Undergraduate College, and in seven schools at Master's level (international affairs, public affairs, law, journalism, management, research, urban planning). 3,500 professionals also receive continued professional training.

About the European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition

Its mission is to advance education, innovation and public dialogue for the design and practice of sustainable development and climate transition policies, inside and outside Europe. The challenges of adapting to climate change, decarbonisation, safeguarding planetary boundaries, green finance, biodiversity loss and geopolitical environmental risks must be understood and overcome in order to advance the ambitions of the European Green Deal.

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