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The European Federation of Employee Share Ownership launches its 2014 Manifesto

The European Federation of Employee Share Ownership (EFES), the voice of employee share ownership in Europe, launches its 2014 Manifesto outlining that "Fiscal incentives are indispensable prerequisites for the development of employee share ownership".

Marc Mathieu, Secretary General of the EFES said:

"The EU seems presently to be the missing link.

All over the world, from the United States to China and Africa, employee ownership is highlighted and promoted as a factor for boosting activity, greater productivity and better results and social balance for all.

In Europe, this is also true in the UK, where fiscal incentives in this direction have been strongly improved recently.

The development of employee share ownership can be a major factor of investment and recovery, also for the European Union. For the EU, this is the right political choice to do."

The new EFES Manifesto can be found on page:

<http://www.efesonline.org/INDISPENSABLE/Manifesto.htm>

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The European Federation of Employee Share Ownership (EFES) is an international not for profit organisation.

EFES is the voice of employee share ownership in Europe. It was established in 1998 as the umbrella organisation of employee owners, companies and all persons, trade unions, experts, researchers, institutions looking to promote the development of employee share ownership and participation in Europe.