



**EURONEXT  
FOUNDATION**



## **Euronext Foundation Annual Report**

The Euronext Foundation was created to support the implementation of the Euronext purpose: "Shaping Capital Markets for Future Generations". Euronext's purpose reflects a strong commitment to deepening its dedication to community activities.

The Euronext Foundation harnesses and concentrates the existing efforts already devoted to this cause, across the various geographies of the Group. It acts as the umbrella that covers all Euronext's philanthropic and educational support in these areas via funding, mentorship and dedicated initiatives.

This report outlines the Euronext Foundation's activities in 2024, highlighting the initiatives, partnerships, and impact-driven programs undertaken throughout the year.

The Foundation focuses on the three key areas that are already part of Euronext's sustainability strategy, strengthening its commitment to and impact on each:

- Financial literacy;
- Diversity and inclusion in finance;
- Marine resources.

Euronext supports community activities that have a direct, positive and measurable impact and that are aligned with its corporate values.

Through training, volunteering, charitable activities, and thought leadership, Euronext employees contribute in three main areas that are relevant to the Euronext business:

- Financial literacy: Euronext seeks to improve the financial knowledge, skills, and attitudes of young Europeans while providing its own employees with unique mentoring opportunities.
- Blue Economy: Euronext's goal is to be a leader in advancing the Blue Economy in order to address the threats to the oceans, and contribute to enhanced ocean and coastal resilience.
- Climate change: Euronext is conscious of the challenges linked to climate change, the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the necessity of managing natural resources.

In 2023, Euronext introduced a new policy that allows employees to benefit from two paid volunteering days per year to engage in charity and community work through the organisations supported by the Euronext Foundation.

In 2024, across the group, employees logged over 650 volunteering hours.



## The Blue Challenge & Coastal Clean-up



Euronext has a partnership with Junior Achievement Europe (JA Europe) to deploy the Blue Challenge. The challenge aims to inspire students aged 16 to 18 about sustainable finance whilst helping them develop core professional skills such as teamwork, problem solving, presentation, and entrepreneurial skills. Through its partnership, Euronext intends to boost financial literacy and encourage innovation to limit climate change and to foster the Blue Economy amongst young entrepreneurs in nine countries. Taking the form of a competition that involves a series of local activities and two webinars, on financial literacy and on Blue Economy, the challenge culminates in a European final held on the United Nations World Oceans Day.

In 2024, over 80 Euronext employees across nine countries volunteered to become mentors for the third edition, with over 600 students benefiting from their mentoring. Since the launch of the Blue Challenge in 2020, 1,692 students have participated, supported by 264 Euronext volunteers.

The Norwegian team Pungdom UB, took home the prize after a fierce competition with eight other teams selected for the European final.

The team came up with a visionary project of building habitats in Europe's coastal waters for sea squirts, which are important for filtering the sea, absorbing nitrogen and exhaling oxygen, and other sea restoration habitats. Pungdom UB's initiative stood out among an impressive pool of entries from across Europe. Their dedication and innovative spirit exemplify the essence of the Blue Challenge, inspiring us all to strive for a more sustainable and prosperous future.



As the first exchange signatory of the UNGC Sustainable Ocean Principles, Euronext embraces the sustainable goal of conservation of the oceans, seas and marine resources.

Each year, Euronext volunteers engage in a week of the waterfront clean-up initiatives, in celebration of International Coastal Clean-Up Day and European Sustainable Development Week.

In 2024, over 200 Euronext employees from across 14 different locations in Europe walked miles alongside the water's edge, filling dozens of bags with trash, preventing it from ending up in the ocean.

Euronext also sponsored events and initiatives related to ocean protection such as Operation

Water in London, Spazzapnea in Milan, and Keep Norway Clean and Baltic Sea Day in the Nordics.

## Euronext Trading Game



In 2024, Euronext announced the launch of the Euronext Trading Game, an initiative under the Euronext Foundation aimed at enhancing financial literacy across Europe. Designed to empower higher education students, the game will enable participants to explore and navigate the complexities of capital markets by trading on Euronext's seven marketplaces using technology from NextWise. The pilot phase is inviting support and participation is set to begin in March 2025, while the official launch will take place in October 2025, targeting universities in Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, and Portugal.

Open to higher education students from all disciplines, the programme will provide inclusive learning materials to ensure accessibility for everyone. The Euronext Trading Game aims to build a generation of European market participants who value collaboration, integration, and competition. This initiative will support Euronext's commitment to financial education, uncover fresh perspectives from tomorrow's market participants, and cultivate a pipeline of informed, skilled, and engaged talent for the future of capital markets.

## Other Financial Literacy Initiatives

In 2024, Euronext's commitment to financial literacy also resulted in multiple educational and mentorship sessions across its geographies as illustrated by the examples below:

### Brussels

- Employees contributed to several financial education events and webinars, including courses at the University and for secondary school students

### London

- Euronext London launched a Financial Literacy Series in conjunction with an all-girls school, where employees provided an initial overview of the financial sector and then discussed specific topics related to the school's curriculum. This initiative attracted over 20 students and involved four Euronext mentors. Euronext London also organised Global Money Week to provide an overview of financial literacy and introduce the financial markets. This event attracted over 25 students and involved four Euronext mentors

### Milan

- To bring students closer to the financial world and further increase understanding of about the stock exchange, Euronext partnered with several universities across Italy. More than 30 Euronext volunteers met with 200 students.

### Paris

- Euronext worked in partnership with L'Ecole de la Bourse, France, a long-standing partner of

Euronext, based in the Euronext premises in Paris. L'Ecole de la Bourse specialises in financial education and aims to train retail investors in stock market activities

### Portugal

- Euronext worked in partnership with JA Europe to promote financial literacy for all school age students

### Euronext Employee Photo Contest



On World Environmental Day, the Euronext Foundation launched the Euronext Photo Contest, inviting colleagues from around the world to capture the beauty of our planet and reflect on the importance of environmental preservation. The contest received over 200 submissions, from more than 100 colleagues across 14 countries, demonstrating both creativity and a commitment to preserving our planet. More than 550 colleagues cast their votes to determine the top 20 finalists.

First prize was won by the photography shown above: "The Autumn of Glaciers: Silent Witness to a Disappearing World".

### Diversity & Inclusion Activities

In addition to educational and societal initiatives, several Euronext locations provided support to local charities active in the fields supported by the Euronext Foundation, including:

#### Amsterdam

- Emma at Work: A mentoring programme to help young people with physical limitations develop, with the goal of finding a job

#### Brussels

- A Seat at the Table: Euronext Brussels took part in a mentoring and leadership programme helping youths, students and young professionals progress in society with mentoring from top businesses, including Euronext
- Woman in Finance: Euronext Brussels became a member of Woman In Finance, which aims to advocate for equal opportunities for women and men in the financial sector

#### Dublin

- An Cosan: A programme to support women from marginalised communities, providing services, including early years education and care, counselling and family support, and community education, including financial literacy

#### London

- The Youth Group: A mentoring programme for young people from poor socio-economic backgrounds, seeking employment within the financial sector

## Oslo

- Styrelisten: An initiative working to increase board room diversity by recommending and matching talented female board candidates with board nomination committees

## Paris

- Nos Quartiers ont du talent: A programme to help young graduates find work and apprenticeships through professional mentoring.

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