

Euronext strengthens its commitment to European strategic autonomy as Ambassador of the Belgian Reserve

Brussels – 23 April 2026 – Yesterday, Euronext Brussels was one of the first ten companies to receive the recognition of “Ambassador of the Reserve” from the Belgian Defence. To formalise this partnership, Euronext received an honorary diploma at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels from the hands of Mr Theo Francken, Minister of Defence in charge of Foreign Trade, and in the presence of Mr David Clarinval, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Employment, Economy and Agriculture, and Mrs Eléonore Simonet, Minister of Small Businesses, the Self-Employed and SMEs, Frederik Vansina, Chief of Defence and Thierry Esser, Director General Human Resources of the Belgian Defence.

This recognition forms part of Euronext’s broader European initiative to support national military reserve forces and strengthen cooperation between the private sector and public institutions at a time when resilience and strategic autonomy are critical for Europe. As part of this commitment, Euronext has established dedicated support frameworks for employees engaged in reservist services across Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom, and now Belgium. Under this agreement, Euronext guarantees the continuation of salary and social benefits for employees aged between 18 and 55 who undertake or are already engaged in a reservist commitment, with no impact on their employment. The duration of the training period is up to 15 days for new reservists, and up to 10 days per year of military commitment.

Benoît van den Hove, CEO of Euronext Brussels said: *“On behalf of Euronext, I am very thankful to the Belgium Defence for this recognition, which reflects our commitment to strengthening European resilience in a context of heightened geopolitical tensions. This recognition also highlights a form of civic engagement which I am particularly proud of, as it allows colleagues who wish to do so to put their skills and expertise at the service of their country.”*

On 6 May 2025, Euronext announced a series of initiatives related to [Energy, Security & Geostrategy, the “New ESG”](#). This set of initiatives enhances the visibility of European companies operating in these three strategic sectors and provides them with tools to gain better access to financing needs. They also address the growing demand from asset managers, institutional and retail investors to get exposure to high-growth segments through thematic indices. Since September 2025, Euronext has signed partnerships with local military reserves in six European countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom.

In London, Euronext signed a partnership with the UK military reserve, the UK Reserve Forces, in the form of the Armed Forces Covenant, on 2 December 2025. The Covenant was cosigned by Brigadier Sam Cates, Deputy Commander HQ London District, in a ceremony that took place in the historic Wellington Room, Horse Guards.

In Amsterdam, Euronext signed a partnership with the Dutch military reserve, the Korps Nationale Reserve, on 12 November 2025. To mark this occasion, Gijs Tuinman, Dutch State Secretary for Defence, sounded the gong at the stock exchange in the presence of Colonel Ruben Koopman, Head of the Department of Reservists and Society, and Lieutenant Colonel dr. Roland Slegers-Leijsten, Commander of the Korps National Reserve.

In Oslo, Euronext signed a partnership with the Norwegian military reserve, the Norwegian Home Guard, on 3 November 2025. The partnership was signed during the annual keynote addresses from the Norwegian Army and the Norwegian Home Guard, in the presence of his Majesty Harald V, King of Norway, Major General Lars Lervik, Chief of the Norwegian Army and Major General Frode Ommundsen, Chief of the Norwegian Home Guard.

In Paris, Euronext signed a partnership with the French military reserve, the Garde nationale, on 1 October 2025. General François-Xavier Poisbeau, General Secretary of the French National Guard, presented the main aspects of the partnership, while Baptiste Mercier, Head of Operational Performance at Allianz France, and Coralie Lecouffe, Senior Consultant at Capgemini Invent, shared personal experiences from their engagement as reservists.

In Copenhagen, Euronext signed a partnership with the Danish military reserve, InterForce Denmark, on 19 September 2025. Local employees had the opportunity to meet with members of the reservist forces, who shared insights about their experience and highlighted how military reservists support Denmark’s resilience.



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Caption: Yesterday, Euronext Brussels received an honorary diploma at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels. The diploma was presented by Mr Theo Francken, Minister of Defence and Foreign Trade, in the presence of Chief of Defence, Frederik Vansina, Benoît van den Hove, CEO Euronext Brussels, Damien Roegiers, Director Administration of CEO in Belgium, Mr David Clarinval, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Employment, Economy and Agriculture, Mrs Eléonore Simonet, Minister for Small Businesses, the Self-Employed and SMEs and Thierry Esser, Director General Human Resources of the Belgian Defence.

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