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FEE calls on accountants in organisations of all kinds and sizes to acknowledge their role in embedding sustainability as a core part of strategy and decision-making

Brussels, 19 January 2009 – FEE (Fédération des Experts comptables Européens – Federation of European Accountants) issued today a series of policy statements on core issues in relation to sustainability and the accountancy profession.

FEE acknowledges that the urgent nature of the challenge of sustainability is becoming widely recognised. Accountants within and outside organisations should help translating and operationalising the general concept of sustainability at the level of strategy formulation, process improvement and performance measurement.

FEE wishes to share its strategy on sustainability in the form of a series of policy statements. The first four policy statements in this series cover the following topical issues:

- The Contribution of the Accountancy Profession;
- Cost Internationalisation;
- Non-Financial Information;
- Multiple-Stakeholders: The Essence of Multidisciplinary Teams.

FEE will publish in the near future further policy statements on the contribution to sustainability of the accountancy profession.

FEE President, Hans van Damme, underlined that: “The accountancy function has a lead role to play in ensuring the quality and credibility of all management information, financial, non-financial, internal and external, thus contributing to ensure that this information is useful to business decision-making and to stakeholders in line with strategic objectives and good governance based on a sustainability framework”.

Paul Druckman, Chairman of FEE Sustainability Policy Group, emphasised: “At the level of the organisation, accountants, whether in business, the public sector or within the world of professional practice, must rise to the challenge of sustainability. FEE encourages the accountancy profession to engage in multidisciplinary projects and teams, where the nature of the work demands a specific expertise”.

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FEE (Fédération des Experts comptables Européens – Federation of European Accountants) represents 43 professional institutes of accountants and auditors from 32 European countries, including all of the 27 EU Member States.

In representing the European accountancy profession, FEE recognises the public interest. It has a combined membership of more than 500.000 professional accountants, working in different capacities in public practice, business, government and education, who all contribute to a more efficient, transparent, and sustainable European economy.

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