

## **Deadline extended for completion of EU Board Support survey**

2 September 2009: The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) and the European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDA), have extended the deadline for completion of their EU board support survey to 18 September. The survey is designed to find out more about the role of corporate governance practitioners in supporting boards and their levels of influence within the EU.

Responses so far have proved interesting. Some respondents have maintained that the board is often not given 'the primacy that is needed' and that it is 'too often seen as a 'rubber stamping' exercise rather than actually driving forward the strategic direction.' Others have commented that the role of the board needs to be more clearly understood by directors themselves and others.

Julia Casson, ICSA's EU Policy Adviser comments: 'We'd like to gain a clearer insight into how well boards are being supported and how corporate governance is being addressed in the EU so that we can work together to promote and reinforce standards and to demonstrate their value, particularly in the current economic climate'

To complete the survey please click [here](#)

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### **Editors Notes**

The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) is the qualifying body for company secretaries and a leading authority on corporate governance. It publishes guidance notes and best practice guides and through its subsidiaries provides events, information and training, boardroom performance evaluation and dedicated software. The ICSA has 36,000 members worldwide and is represented in over 70 countries. For further details see [www.icsa.org.uk](http://www.icsa.org.uk)

The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa) is a not-for-profit association founded in December 2004 under the laws of Belgium. Its objective is to represent the views of company directors from EU member states to corporate governance policy-makers at EU level. For further details see [www.ecoda.org](http://www.ecoda.org)