

Joint Press Release

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### **EFPA Honorary Award 2018 for Markus Ferber, MEP**

Markus Ferber, MEP, was awarded the 2018 Honorary Award by the European Financial Planning Association EFPA at the Finanzplaner Forum conference in Düsseldorf, Germany. Delegates from EFPA and FPSB organisations from Austria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and UK attended the ceremony.

Josep Soler-Albertí, President of EFPA, lauded Markus Ferber. Mr. Ferber, in his capacity as MiFID Reporter to the European Parliament, helped to foster consumer protection and emphasizes the importance of qualified and independently certified financial advisors and planners. “Markus Ferber’s continuous effort helped shape MiFID II as a regulatory framework to ensure consumer protection. He combines a deep knowledge of the financial industry together with an open mind for all stakeholders in MiFID II.” Soler-Albertí stressed.

Guido Küsters, CEO of Finanzplaner Forum, added: “Our network was glad to partner with EFPA and bring together more than 200 financial professionals for this ceremony. Just as we seek to advance our profession, Markus Ferber has greatly contributed to make this vision a reality”.

#### About EFPA (European Financial Planning Association)

Created in 2000, EFPA is one of the largest and respected professional licensing, standard setting and certification body for financial planners and financial advisors in Europe and was the first European financial standards association created for the purpose of increasing professionalism in the European financial services sector. Already directly present in 12 European countries plus in 6 others through chapters, with more than 40,000 holders of EFPA certificates or based on EFPA standards. <http://www.efpa-eu.org>

#### About Finanzplaner Forum

Finanzplaner Forum ([www.finanzplaner-forum.eu](http://www.finanzplaner-forum.eu)) is the network for about 5.000 qualified and certified financial advisors and planners in Austria, Germany, Luxemburg and Switzerland.

Partnering with EFPA and FPSB organizations, the network offers a platform for professional discussion, continuing education and regulatory engagement.