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Created in early 2014, the Ecofin Club focuses on **business and financial issues**.

The club was founded by Didier Roelands, the manager of Flexi-Time, in cooperation with Marc Lambrechts, a financial and business journalist with *L'Echo* and the discussion leader.

For September's meeting, we have expanded our circle with the creation of Ecofin Immo Club, focusing on real estate, and Ecofin Women Club, a section focusing on women's issues but which is also open to men.

Objectives

Unlike other clubs, the Ecofin Club is not reserved solely to CEOs and executives but rather is open to all those interested in business and financial issues.

The goal is to create a **real community** in order to stimulate discussion of **the most important topical questions**. Each month, we feature well-known speakers, all specialists in their fields who are capable of significantly contributing to the debate. In 2014, we hosted **Roland Gillet, Etienne de Callataÿ and Vincent Van Dessel**, amongst others.

The club is sponsored by **Bruno Colmant**, a partner with Roland Berger, and **Sylviane Delcuve**, senior economist at BNP Paribas Fortis.

At the Ecofin Club, we stress the notion of community. We wish to create **a true sense of belonging to the Club**, in order to allow continuous exchanges between members (via our website, newsletter, social networks, etc.)



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The purpose of the Ecofin Women Club is to **put women in the spotlight in order to emphasise their achievements** (business woman, writer, CEO, etc.), focusing on the economic and/or financial aspects associated with these achievements and which go to the heart of the Club's objectives.

Another objective of the Ecofin Women Club is to **discuss issues related to gender diversity and diversity in general**. Women are better represented than in the past in business and financial circles, but they are still underrepresented on corporate governance organs. Should we rely on quotas? What are the specific features of female leadership? What are the socio-economic implications of the feminisation of certain professions? As a woman, how can you boost your career? These are only some of the questions which will be discussed at our seminars and meetings.

Last but not least, the Ecofin Women Club hopes to be a **meeting place** for both men and women active in business and financial circles who wish to connect with others who share their interest in these issues. One noteworthy feature of the Ecofin Women Club is that our events and discussions are not open only to women. We believe that diversity and the exchange of ideas enrich the discussion. By meeting regularly, we can establish a real network which can, amongst other things, be leveraged to create career opportunities.

The Ecofin Women Club is **headed by Anne Tilleux**, an associate partner with the law firm of NautaDutilh. Anne specialises in a wide range of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, as well as corporate governance issues. She regularly assists clients with issues relating to securities, financial law and real estate law. Anne obtained her law degree *magna cum laude* from the University of Louvain (UCL) in 1995.



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In 1996, she earned a post-graduate degree in business law *magna cum laude* from that same university. In 1997, she received an LL.M from Louisiana State University, in which year she was also called to the Brussels Bar. Prior to joining NautaDutilh in 2003, Anne worked for five years with a US law firm in Brussels and Minneapolis. She publishes frequently and speaks on selected topics of corporate law and corporate governance. Anne is also a member of various national and international organisations, such as FCE (Femmes Chefs d'Entreprises), ECGI (European Corporate Governance Institute) and Guberna (the Directors' Institute).

The Ecofin Women Club will hold **six discussion meetings per year**. The discussions will be led by Martine Maelschalck, the editor-in-chief of *L'Echo*. The first meeting of the Ecofin Women Club is scheduled for 8:30 on Tuesday, 14 October at the Brussels Stock Exchange for a special "Ring the Bell" Breakfast. **Dominique Leroy**, managing director of Belgacom, will ring the opening bell to signal the start of trading and will be our guest of honour on this occasion.



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Ecofin Immo Club

The goal of the Ecofin Immo Club is to bring together everyone interested in the real estate market: the residential market of course but also the markets for office, commercial, industrial and logistics space. We pay particular attention to decision-makers and investors in the sector, notably REITs (*sicafis*).

The focus is on exchange and conviviality. Everyone is welcome and will be given an opportunity to express his or her opinion and to participate in the discussion following each presentation by a speaker selected on the basis of reputation, skills, impact on the market. or all three!

Like the Ecofin Club, of which the Ecofin Immo Club is a section, the idea is to gather together men and women active in business and financial circles who wish to make contacts with others who share the same interest in the themes which will be addressed at our meetings.

Six discussions are scheduled per year. The discussions will be led by Jean Blavier, a journalist specialising in real estate. The first real estate discussion meeting will be held on 7 October with **Stéphan Sonnevile, who will speak on the subject of "What does it mean to live in a tower?"**. Stéphan Sonnevile is CEO of the Atenor Group, the developer of Up-Site, the tallest residential tower in Belgium, built on the banks of the Brussels canal, in front of Tour & Taxis.