

## **Green Rating Alliance partners up with Deutsches Privates Institut für Nachhaltige Immobilienwirtschaft**

*Creating added value through cooperation and transparency – Joint sustainability projects planned for the coming years*

**December 2015** – The Green Rating Alliance (GRA) and the Deutsche Private Institut für Nachhaltige Immobilienwirtschaft (DIFNI) sign partnership agreement to commonly lead the discussion about Environmental, Sustainability and Governance (ESG) issues within the Real Estate industry over the coming years.

Paul Lensing, CBRE Global Investors and CEO der Green Rating Alliance, mentioned: „We are delighted to have found a like-minded partner in DIFNI committed to ESG Managements just as much as GRA, to be able to find innovative and future-oriented solutions for the real estate industry. Above all, DIFNI's achievements in the area of 'Green Leases' as well as optimisation in the certification process, create areas of common ground with GRA that we can develop and expand”.

Simone Lakenbrink, CEO of DIFNI declared, "By signing the memorandum of understanding on 23rd of October 2015, DIFNI is looking forward to the partnership and future collaboration with Green Rating Alliance, the international non-profit organisation for the use and optimisation of sustainability auditing tools and their Europe-wide benchmarking platform.

The cooperation will allow a more efficient exchange of information to further develop various aspects of sustainability and will create sustainability indicators that are more transparent and comparable. Furthermore both organisations will mutually benefit from each other's system development expertise, with the objective of enlarging the scope of activity and pool of knowledge for both."

## **About Green Rating Alliance**

The Green Rating Alliance, a not-for-profit association, is a leading Real Estate industry peer group representing over €350 bn of Assets Under Management globally and over €100 bn in Europe. The Alliance develops solutions to address its members' common ESG challenges. The Alliance aims to bridge the gap between Investment & Asset Management and ESG Reporting through solutions such as actual performance measurement and third party review.

Over the last years, the Green Rating Alliance has developed a cross-border measurement and decision making methodology on sustainability performance of existing buildings. Green Rating certified auditors have assessed more than 10 million square meters of office, logistics and retail assets in more than 14 countries.

Launched in March 2011, the association counts among its members: AEW Europe, Allianz Real Estate, AXA Real Estate, CBRE Global Investors, CeGeReal, Gecina, Invesco, KanAm Grund, LaSalle Investment Management and Valad. Certified auditing companies are: Arcadis, Bureau Veritas, Drees & Sommer, Elan and Valteq.

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