Statement from the EIGCA on the Women in Golf Charter

The European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA) fully supports the Women in Golf Charter.

Encouraging more women and girls to become involved in golf is vital to increase participation levels and to help secure the future of the sport. As golf course architects our members are uniquely positioned to ensure that courses are designed to fit the women's game.

The EIGCA has had a woman as its Executive Officer since its establishment in 2000 and all EIGCA staff have been women.

While women comprise only 4.3% of the EIGCA membership categories at present, EIGCA is committed to recruiting and retaining female architects.

As part of its commitment to the Women in Golf Charter the EIGCA will:

- Devise strategies to encourage more women to join and remain within the golf course architecture profession
- Promote the importance of designing and upgrading golf courses to suit women golfers
- Improve inclusivity, diversity and equality within the EIGCA and appoint an Equality Advisor
- Encourage female members to join the EIGCA Committees and Council

The golf industry must adapt to meet issues of gender and the EIGCA is keen to support the Women in Golf Charter as part of this process.