



## **ManpowerGroup Celebrates 100 Years of Junior Achievement and Presents its Third Ready for Work Award at Company of the Year Event in Lille, France**

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**-- As Gold Partner of JA Europe ManpowerGroup reinforces its commitment to helping young people learn new skills and develop their employability**

**-- Jonas Prising, ManpowerGroup Chairman & CEO and JA Board Vice-Chair joins leaders from Visa, FedEx and the European Parliament to discuss the future of education and skills at the European Entrepreneurship Education Summit**

LILLE, France, July 3, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- ManpowerGroup (NYSE: MAN) celebrates 100 years of Junior Achievement (JA) at its centennial event and Company of the Year Competition (CoYC) in Lille this week. A jury of ManpowerGroup leaders from across Europe will coach more than 39 finalist teams selected from hundreds of thousands of entries from across the region. Alain Roumilhac, President of ManpowerGroup France will award one winning team the third ManpowerGroup *Ready for Work Award* for demonstrating human skills like collaboration, leadership and learnability – the desire and ability to continually learn and develop new skills.

With more than 3 million young people in Europe unemployed, the JA Europe competition is offering 340,000 students aged 15-18 the opportunity to develop their employability and build valuable technical and soft skills by forming their own real enterprise and discovering first-hand how a company functions. The ManpowerGroup *Ready for Work Award* is one of eight signature awards offered to the CoYC finalists from companies including AT&T, BNP Paribas, Delta and FedEx. The ManpowerGroup jury assessing the award includes Michel Bouffard, Learning & Development Director of ManpowerGroup France, Laura D'Amico, Head of Learning & Development for ManpowerGroup Europe, and Michel Debruyne, Managing Consultant for Right Management Belgium.

"We're delighted to be here in Lille to celebrate 100 years of JA and confirm our commitment to supporting young people as they prepare for exciting and rewarding future careers," said Jonas Prising, ManpowerGroup Chairman & CEO. "As digitization and automation continues at pace, uniquely human strengths like leadership, creativity and relationship building are more important than ever. These are exactly the skills JA develops through its entrepreneurial education programs and Company of the Year competition. Our employees across Europe dedicate hundreds of hours to coaching and supporting thousands of young people through the competition and we're very pleased to recognize the teams that best demonstrate the valuable soft skills we know companies need at this centennial event."

Prising will provide practical solutions to help young people get ready for work during a panel discussion on the future of work at the European Entrepreneurship Summit taking place during the CoYC. Panelists include Dana Haidan, Europe Regional Lead for Social Impact, Visa, Helena Jansson, Senior Vice President, Finance – International, FedEx Express and Martina Dlabajová, Member of the European Parliament.

For more information on the Ready for Work Award, visit <http://coyc.jaeurope.org/manpowergroup-ready-for-work-award.html>.

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### **Junior Achievement Europe**

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