

Responsible Investment Forum: Europe 2021

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Next steps in moving private equity to net zero

9-10 November

Day one: 9 November

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Chair's introduction

Christopher Springham, Formerly VP - Communications and Sustainability, **LM Wind Power GE Renewable Energy Business**

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PRI update

Peter Dunbar, Private Equity Specialist, **UNPRI**

09:05

The ICI journey: interpreting and acting on the latest guidance

- Update on latest guidance from the ICI, what are the priorities?
- How collaboration can help PE lead the way
- Meeting net zero within the churn nature of a PE portfolio
- What are the main highlights from the latest guidance?

Moderator: **Nicolas Bourdier**, Partner, Sustainability, **PwC France**

Serge Younes, Head of Sustainability, **Investindustrial**

Cornelia Gomez, Head of ESG & Sustainability, **PAI Partners**

Adinah Shackleton, Head of ESG, **Permira**

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Net-zero asset owners: how investors are aligning themselves with the Paris agreement

- What is the net zero managers alliance?
- How are asset owners getting to net zero? Is capital allocation being impacted?
- How are LPs assessing managers on commitment to net zero?
- Priorities for the next five years asset owners

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Moderator: **Vikram Raju**, Head of Climate Investing, **Morgan Stanley AIP**
Martin Ewald, Managing Director, **Allianz Global Investors**
Aaron Pinnock, Impact Investment Analyst, **Church Commissioners for England**
Simon Hallett, Partner, **Cambridge Associates**

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Keynote interview: what moving to net zero practically means for private equity

Toby Mitchenall, Senior Editor, **New Private Markets**

In conversation with

Christian Sinding, CEO and Managing Partner, **EQT**

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An Introduction to the Science Based Targets Guidance for Private Equity

Tim Clare, Director, ESG Advisory, **Anthesis Group**

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Coffee and networking

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Sustainable value creation: How ESG has moved from a cost centre to a value driver

- Getting buy-in from the investment team, how are the heads of ESG working with the deal partners?
- To what extent is the ESG role now being included within the value creation team?
- Working with portfolio companies to create value through ESG
- Examples of work on ESG adding to multiple paid at exit

Moderator: **Tomas Sys**, Principal, UK M&A and ESG Advisory Lead, **Ramboll**

Anders Misund, Partner and Head of Nordics, **EQT Partners**

Adam Black, Head of ESG & Sustainability, **Collier Capital**

Joana Castro, Principal and Head of Primary Fund Investing, **Unigestion**

Elizabeth Lewis, Managing Director of ESG, **Blackstone**

Christian Gueckel, Chief Risk Officer, Head of Research, **SEDCO Capital**

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Case study: outlining how a leading GP has approached climate across its entire portfolio

- Simplifying the approach to climate across the business
- The challenge of measuring carbon footprint of all portfolio companies
- How data has been utilised to manage risks and opportunities associated with climate
- How transforming the approach to climate has had a positive impact on returns

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Facilitator: **Toby Robertson**, Head of ESG Investor Portal, **Greenstone**
Graeme Arduis, Head of ESG, **Triton Capital Partners**

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Making data useful: are we drowning in ESG data?

- How can service providers make their offerings more relevant to private markets?
- To what extent are the reams of data being made use of?
- How are LP requests changing?
- How best to engage with the portfolio on data requests

Moderator: **Maaïke van der Schoot**, Responsible Investment Officer, **AlpInvest Partners**
James Holley, Head of ESG, **Bridgepoint**

Elizabeth Seeger, Managing Director, Sustainable Investing, **KKR**

Wim Peeters, Vice President Business Development, **EcoVadis**

Alexandra Mihailescu Cichon, Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing, **RepRisk**

Melissa Ferraz, Managing Director, **EFront Insight**, **BlackRock**

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Lunch

14:30

Stream A Impact Investing	Stream B Other Asset classes
<p>14:30 The continued rise of impact investment in private markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outlining the considerations for a traditional GP launching an impact strategy- Dedicated funds vs integration with ESG: to what extent are the two worlds merging?- What can PE funds moving into impact learn from impact specialists? How do strategies differ? <p>Moderator: Emmanuel Parmentier, Managing Partner, Indefi</p>	<p>14:30 To what extent is ESG now fully incorporated within the private debt investment process?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on the latest initiatives around private debt and ESG- What are the remaining barriers to ESG implementation in private credit?- How are LP demands around ESG on credit investments changing? <p>Moderator: Sabrina Fox, Executive Director, ELFA Adam Heltzer, Managing Director, Head of ESG, Ares Management</p>

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Silva Deželan, ESG Director, **Stafford Capital Partners**

Andreas Nilsson, Managing Director and Head of Impact, **Golding Capital Partners**

Paula Langton, Partner, **Campbell Lutyens**

Rami Bibi, Director, Private Equity, **KKR**

Carina Spitzkopf, Director, **Hermes Investment Management**

Sonia Rocher, Senior Investment Professional and Portfolio Manager, European Private Debt Strategy Team, **BlackRock**

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Investor expectations on impact

- Can impact be on parity with returns in?
- Do investors need to adjust their mandates to account for impact performance?
- What data do investors want to see and which frameworks are they using?
- To what extent are investors concerned by greenwashing?

Moderator: **Blandine Machabert**, Senior Consultant, **INDEFI**

Ana Lei Ortiz, Managing Director, **Hamilton Lane**

Claire Elsdon, UK Director, Capital Markets, **CDP**

Manuela Fumarola, ESG Manager - Private Markets, **Aberdeen Standard Investments**

Sweta Chattopadhyay, Investment Director, **Moonfare**

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Why managing climate risk is crucial to driving returns in infrastructure investment

- Possible implications of COP 26 on infrastructure investors
- Assessing climate risk within a typical infrastructure portfolio
- Opportunities created by the move to net-zero

Mary Nicholson, Global Chief Risk and Sustainability Officer, **MIRA**

Simon Whistler, Senior Specialist, **UNPRI**

Fabian Gröne, Partner, **EQT Partners**

Abhishek Dhawan, Sustainable Finance and Partnerships Specialist, **United Nations Capital Development Fund**

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Is standardisation on reporting of impact any closer?

- Update on the impact management project and other methodologies
- What frameworks are funds using to demonstrate impact?
- How will things develop in the next decade as the space grows?

Moderator: **Snehal Shah**, Reporter, **New Private Markets**

Phil Davis, Director of ESG, **Helios Investment Partners**

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Why ESG is crucial to driving returns in real estate investments

- Proving the value of investing responsibly
- Risk/return profile of impact investing
- Engaging with landlords and tenants on ESG
- Opportunities of net-zero buildings and danger of value destruction for older buildings not meeting ESG credentials

Anna Olink, Business Development Director, EMEA, **GRESB**

Philippa Gill, Director, **EVORA Global**

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James Magor , Director, Sustainability, Actis Richard Burrett , Chief Sustainability Officer, Earth Capital	
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Short break

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Around the world of ESG

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Keynote discussion: Spotlight on Global Best Practices and Lessons from Japan

- Comparing implementation in Japan to elsewhere in the world
- What are Japanese LPs demanding on ESG? Are allocations being made based on ESG merit?
- How are Japanese GPs innovating when it comes to ESG?

Moderator: **Carmela Mendoza**, Senior Reporter, **Private Equity International**

Peter Dunbar, Private Equity Specialist, **UNPRI**

Jun Tsusaka, CEO, CIO and Chairman of ESG Committee, **NSSK**

Jonathan Bailey, Managing Director, Head of ESG Investing, **Neuberger Berman**

17:00

Keynote discussion: Spotlight on North America

- Will the new Biden administration will boost ESG in the States in all areas of investment?
- Is the US still lagging behind Europe or is this an outdated view?
- How is impact taking hold in US beyond the mega funds?

Moderator: **Alan Kao**, Principal, **Ramboll**

Megan Starr, Global Head of Impact, **Carlyle Group**

Jake Levine, Chief Climate Officer, **U.S. International Development Finance Corporation**

Vikram Raju, Managing Director, **Morgan Stanley AIP**

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Networking Roundtable Discussions: Emerging topics

Led by an expert moderator, the roundtables will create an informal environment to discuss and debate ESG opportunities across different private equity strategies. Delegates will be able to move around tables, maximising networking and learning opportunities

- ESG in venture: **Alison Hampton**, Founder, **Alma Verde Advisors**

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- Biodiversity
- ESG in secondaries
- Carbon Trading
- Data: **Emma Bickerstaffe (MJ Hudson)**
- B-corps
- Remuneration: **Corinne Carr (PeopleNet Ltd)**
- ESG Linked Credit Facilities: **Maarten Biermans (Rabobank Capital Markets)**
- Value creation

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Close of day one

Day two: 10 November

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Case study: Portfolio company net zero/decarbonisation

- Net Zero by 2050 - why is this a GP problem?
- Tailoring to your portfolio company needs
- Where to start? Practical tips for a decarbonisation roadmap and why interim targets matter and how to set them credibly

Matthew Cvijan, Associate Director, **Carbon Intelligence**

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Case study: highlighting why net-zero initiatives are a value creation necessity for PE

- Starting on the journey and integrating it within value creation plans
- Outlining opportunities of full value chain transformation
- How have the firm engaged senior management within portfolio companies?

Facilitator: **Victoria Kerrigan**, Leader of Private Equity, UK, **PWC**

Chloë Sanders, Head of ESG, **CVC**

Eimear Palmer, Managing Director, Responsible Investing Officer, **ICG**

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Climate change considerations in portfolio management

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- Why and how investing in climate can drive returns
- Finding investment opportunities in carbon reduction
- Assessing transition risks vs physical risks based on possible response scenarios
- Case studies of adding value to investments

Moderator: **Sebastiaan Greeven**, Manager of ESG & Sustainability, **MJ Hudson**

Kirk Hourdajian, VP, Head of ESG & Impact, **Vista Equity Partners**

TBC: Senior representative, **Ambienta**

Allegra Day, ESG Director, **Cinven**

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Defining what is meant by human rights for PE investors and how to address any issues

- What is the level of responsibility for managers?
- Valuing human rights due diligence
- How to react when there is an issue within your supply chain with practical examples
- New regulations on modern slavery and what it means for fund managers

Moderator: **Doug Bryden**, Partner, Head of Risk & Operational Regulatory, **Travers Smith**

Robert Sroka, ESG Director, **Abris Capital Partners**

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Practical ways to address diversity within a PE portfolio

- Are LPs demanding enough? To what extent are allocations being impacted?
- Working with portfolio companies when your own house may not be in order
- Examples of how targets and new initiatives have moved the needle
- Moving beyond just gender diversity

Moderator: **Erin Sarret**, Director, **StepStone Group**

Sophia Damianou, Managing Director, Business Development (EMEA), **Northleaf Capital Partners**

Vincent Lecat, Impact & ESG Specialist, **Development Partners International**

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Regulatory update: where are we now and preparing yourself for upcoming changes

- Snapshot of where the industry is with SFDR
- What are the implications of the new SFDR guidance?
- How is the EU taxonomy shaping strategy?

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- What's coming next in Europe and globally?

Simon Witney, Senior Consultant, **Travers Smith**

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A Deeper Dive and Q&A on the Science Based Targets Guidance for Private Equity

Myles Tatlock, Project Manager – SBTi Private Equity, **Anthesis Group**

14:00-15:30

Regulatory networking workshop taking place

Led by Travers Smith the room will be split up into small group discussions to discuss the latest developments in regulation and practical approaches to them.

Room breaks up into roundtable discussions

- EU taxonomy reporting for companies and asset managers
- Diversity and inclusion in the workplace: responding to #MeToo and other topical issues for portfolio companies
- Legal and regulatory acquisition due diligence and exit planning
- Incentivising management to achieve sustainability targets
- Portfolio company governance best practices
- Tax governance and ethics

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Another session of roundtables so delegates can cover two of the discussion topics

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Martin Bresson, Public Affairs Director, **Invest Europe**



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Close of conference