Private Equity International

Responsible Investment Forum: Europe London 2023

PEI Responsible Investment Forum: Europe Agenda

The leading global event for ESG in private markets 8 - 9 November 2023 | London

Day One: 8 Nov

7:30 Breakfast in a private room for GPs and LPs

Investing in a sustainable future: How private equity firms catalyse climate action for higher valuations

Private equity firms are emerging as pivotal agents of change in the global battle against climate change. Join this breakfast roundtable session to discuss the indispensable role that private equity plays in promoting climate action throughout their portfolio companies.

Facilitator: Aarthi Paul, TBD, Patch

8:30

Introduction from PEI & PRI



Chairpersons opening remarks

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

8:50

Fireside chat: the PRI in a changing world

James Holley, Partner, ESG Transaction Services & Private Equity, KPMG in the UK

In conversation with David Atkin, CEO, UNPRI

9:15

ESG Data Convergence Initiative update: creating value for GPs and LPs in private equity

- What has the EDCI learnt about ESG in Private Equity from the second year of the initiative?
- To what extent is the initiative helping LPs and GPs to solve the data challenge?
- How firms leverage the data to gain new insights and drive value creation
- How is technology helping the EDCI?
- What's next for the initiative in 2024?

Moderator: Ben Morley, Partner and Associate Director, BCG
Maaike van der Schoot, Head of Responsible Investment, AlpInvest Partners
Chloe Sanders, Head of ESG, CVC Capital Partners
Allegra Day, ESG Director, Cinven
Toby Robertson, Head of Europe, Green Project Technologies



GP/LP data dialogue: taking steps to resolve the ESG data challenge

- To what extent can data standardisation be a distraction from value creation?
- Where are GPs pushing back on data requests?
- Overcoming issues with sharing portfolio company data
- Strategies for reducing the workload for GPs

Moderator: Novata

Anna Foller, Head of Sustainability, AP6
Michael Marshall, Head of Sustainable Ownership, RPMI Railpen
Abrielle Rosenthal, Chief Sustainability Officer, Towerbrook
Tricia Winton, Partner and Global Head of ESG, Bain Capital

10:40 Coffee & networking

11:15

How should heads of sustainability work with the investment team?

- What does a good working relationship with the deal team look like?
- Getting a seat at the table at each stage of the investment process
- How to manage frictions with deal partners with other priorities
- Examples of sustainability heads influencing investment decisions

Moderator: Tomas Sys, Principal, UK M&A and ESG Advisory Lead, Ramboll
Adam Black, Partner, Head of ESG & Sustainability, Coller Capital
Aurelie Hariton-Fardad, Managing Director, Head of EMEA Client Portfolio Management, MetLife Investment Management
Paul Lamacraft, Head of ESG, Private Equity, Schroders Capital
Rhea Hamilton, Managing Director, General Atlantic



ICI: moving from talk to action on climate risk

- Creating a pathway for PE on climate risk
- Why are private markets different to public markets when it comes to approaching net-zero?
- Balancing a growing portfolio with making net-zero commitments
- Considering how companies contribute to decarbonisation

Moderator: Marc Lino, Senior Partner, Global ESG Leader for Private Equity, Bain & Company

12:35

Tech case study: how a private equity investor has used technology to deliver on ESG goals

- What ESG challenges technology can and cannot solve
- What it takes to implement technology
- How to use technology intelligently to achieve ESG goals
- Future trajectory of ESG technology

Joshua Brunert, Global Head of ESG Product Development, Apex Group in conversation with Yohan Hill, Director of ESG and Responsible Investing, Adams Street Partners

12:55

Climate portfolio case study: practical example of how a PE manager has addressed climate across a growing and diverse portfolio of investments

13:15 Lunch



Track A - Impact Investing

14:15

Impact investing in a time of uncertainty and urgency

- The role of private and institutional impact investors in driving positive change
- How will economic disruption impact appetite for impact investing?
- How are investors addressing other pressing challenges such as the cost-of-living crisis and global food security?

Moderator: **Liz Ming**, ESG Audit Partner. KPMG in the US Eleanor Blagbrough, Co-Founding Partner, Blume Equity Nicolas Muller, Managing Director (Head of Funds & Co-Investments), Blue Earth Capital Charlotte Ward, Head of Financing Solutions, Unilever **Climate and Nature Fund**

Track B - Data & Regulation

14:15

Using ESG data to maximise returns throughout the investment process

- Using ESG data during due diligence
- Integrating ESG data into value creation plans
- How ESG data can be used to highlight value to the next buyer

Moderator: Maria Liby-Troein, Associate Partner, Bain & Company and CEO. KEY ESG Helena Hausen, Head of ESG and Investment Manager, **Beyond Capital Partners** Elena Mariotti, Managing Director, Cerberus

Track C – ESG in other Asset Classes

14:15

Maintaining ESG as a priority in infrastructure investing

- How infrastructure can help contribute to goals of the Paris agreement
- Update on article 8 and article 9 funds across infrastructure
- To what extent is greenwashing a problem in infrastructure?

Gwen Colin, Head of ESG and Partner, Vauban Infrastructure Partners |

Heleen van Poecke, Co-founder Kashif Khan, Director, Infrastructure & Project Finance. MetLife **Investment Management** Mary Nicholson, Head of Responsible Investment, Macquarie Asset Management Lee Coker, ESG Advisor, Digital Bridge

Track D - B-Corps, Stewardship

14:15

B-Corps and Private Equity: The Benefits and Challenges of Adopting a Purpose-driven **Business Model**

- Why are Private Equity managers becoming certified B-Corps?
- Why are more portfolio companies adopting this business model, and what are the benefits for PE owners?
- What are the legal implications of becoming a B-Corp, and how does this affect PE firms and their private equity investments?

Jennifer Flood, Sustainability, Head of North America. Investindustrial Robert Sroka, Partner, Abris Capital Partners Ellinor Schrewelius, Director, IR & Business Development, Verdane

14:55

Impact allocators panel: overview of investment priorities and strategies

Is impact as an investment lens, or should it be an

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Data in, data out: why engagement is key to driving good data

Building the business case for portfolio companies

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How are private debt managers implementing ESG

How to add value to investments through a sustainability lens as a debt provider

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Defining what is meant by stewardship for private equity

How does stewardship apply to private equity investing?





- investment bucket in LP portfolios?
- How are allocators filtering their investing strategies?
- What issues are getting funding, and which aren't?

Anita Bhatia. Investment Director, Guy's and St Thomas' **Foundation** Rames Munschizada, Vice President, Alpha Associates **Sofia Bartholdy**, Net Zero Lead, Responsible Investment, Church **Commissioners for England**

- Having closed-loop feedback to demonstrate how you are using the data
- Highlighting the exit/IPO value of ESG

Alejandra Miranda, Head of Capital Markets & ESG Finance, Asset Management Europe. **EcoVadis** Ellen De Kreij, Lead Advisor, ESG Practice, Apax Partners

Jessica Peters, Head of ESG, **Argos Wityu**

- How can lenders ensure real impact rather than greenwashing?
- The rise of green and sustainability link loans

Niamh Whooley, MD, Head of Sustainable Investing, **Pemberton** Salma Moolji, Principal, European ESG Lead, Ares Asset Management Dr. Stephanie Mooij, ESG & Andrew Bellis. Head of Private Debt. Partners Group Maarten Biermans, ESG & Investor Relations, **Prow Capital**

- Fiduciary duty vs stewardship: is there tension between them?
- What are the responsibilities of PE managers in terms of stewardship?

Marie Ang, Investment Director, Sustainable and Impact Investing. Cambridge Associates Impact Manager, Gilde Healthcare Will Relle, Director, ESG, HarbourVest Partners

15:30 Coffee & networking

16:00

Impact's role in the energy transition

- Opportunities for impact funds in the energy transition space
- Are energy transition investments impact by default?
- How are ET funds demonstrating impact in terms of measurement and reporting?

Matthew Harwood. Chief Strategy Officer, Climate Investment Shami Nissan, Partner,

16:00

Practical tips for SFDR alignment

- Where to start on SFDR implementation
- Article 8 vs. 9: the benefits of opting for one vs. the other
- Utilising technology in SFDR compliance

Anne Kvam, Director Sustainable Finance, Position Green Patricia Volhard, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton **Marta Jankovic.** Head of

16:00

Built environment decarbonisation: TBC ESG implementation in real estate

- Can commitments to net-zero increase returns?
- How real are the risks to not acting on net zero?
- ESG considerations in different sub-sectors of real estate, e.g. offices vs resi vs logistics?

Claire McIntyre, Senior Vice President and Head of Corporate Affairs, Oxford Properties Group Cath Webster, CEO, PfP Capital

16:00

Workshop: Executing decarbonisation plans to drive value creation

- Decarbonisation Roadmap: building dynamic plans for PE
- Overcoming execution hurdles and pain points
- Sharing ideas between your portfolio









Sustainability, Actis Phil Davis, Director of ESG, Helios Investment Partners Aine Higgins, Head of ESG, NTR	Sustainability, Stafford Capital Partners Rebecca Svensoy, Head of ESG and General Counsel, FSN Capital	Laurent Lavergne , Global Head of Sustainability, AXA IM Alts	
 16:45 Impact value creation toolbox: how to generate value from an impact strategy How is value creation different for impact funds to other PE strategies? To what extent do value creation plans and impact creation plans need to be integrated? How do funds influence portfolio companies to deliver impact performance? Greg Fischer, Dr, BCG Keimpe Keuning, Principal, LGT Capital Partners Maria Smith, Head of Development Impact, British International Investment How do funds influence portfolio companies to deliver impact performance? Greg Fischer, Dr, BCG Keimpe Keuning, Principal, LGT Capital Partners Maria Smith, Head of Development Impact, British International Investment Philip Krinks, ESG Specialist, Agilitas	 To what extent will climate and net-zero considerations be integrated into mandates? Best practices for data compliance Overcoming data challenges to help pension funds meet mandatory requirements 	 The evolution of ESG in venture capital Making the business case for ESG in venture capital Do VCs have the necessary resources and time to do ESG effectively? Case studies of successful ESG implementation in venture capital Dr. Silva Deželan, Head of Impact & ESG, Forbion Baudouin Hue, Partner, Kartesia Misa Andriamihaja, Private Equity and Venture Capital Lead, Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) 	 16:45 Workshop: Practical guidance on how to start the CSRD journey What is the CSRD and how it will impact responsible investing? Key dates to look out for How the CSRD will impact non-EU entities How to consider double materiality Patrick Moloney, Director, Ramboll Dina Kusnezowa, Manager, Sustainable Finance, Ramboll

17:30
Close of day one of conference followed by cocktail reception



Day Two: 9 Nov 2023

8:00-8:50

GPs Breakfast Roundtable

Discuss key ESG challenges (e.g., in relation to ESG data collection and reporting) over breakfast with other GPs as part of an off-the-record, facilitated group conversation

Hosted by Invest Europe

Erika Blanckaert, Senior Public Affairs Manager - Head of Sustainability, Invest Europe

LP Breakfast Roundtable

Discuss key ESG challenges over breakfast with other LPs as part of an off-the-record, facilitated group conversation

Hosted by ILPA

Matt Schey, Senior Director, External Affairs and Sustainable Investing, ILPA

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Opening Remarks

9:00

Aligning Private Equity Toward Net Zero

- What Guidance is available? IIGCC, iCI and SBTi
- How the Guidance overlaps and complements each other
- What are the challenges and opportunities associated with setting net zero targets for PE?
- Best practices for setting and implementing net zero targets

Moderator: Katharina Neureiter, Head of ESG, EMEA & APAC, Carlyle Myles Tatlock, Principal Consultant, Anthesis Serge Younes, Head of Sustainability, Investindustrial Graeme Ardus, Head of ESG, Triton Adinah Shackelton, Head of ESG, Permira



Practical tips to avoid greenwashing in private equity investing

- Examples of greenwashing in PE investing and learnings from experiences
- How can investors spot greenwashing from managers?
- What specific and verifiable data points should LPs use to gauge veracity of ESG claims?
- Given the backlash on ESG in the US, to what extent is 'greenhushing' a growing phenomenon?

Moderator: Eric Bloom, Chief Operating Officer & Head of Client Solutions, Re:Co Yadaira Orsini, Associate Director: ESG, Control Risks
Sophie De Fontenay, General Counsel and Head of Sustainability, RAISE Iman Kara, Director, Infrastructure, Brookfield Asset Management

10:20

Climate liability: time to future proof your business

- Some international trends and developments climate change laws and litigation cases
- Ways in which strategic climate litigation is being used
- How these changing laws and cases impact directors and Private Equity Board members?
- With such a fast-changing legislative landscape, how can PE funds ensure best practice to measure and manage climate-related legal risk?

Angus Duncan, Executive Director – D&O Coverage Specialist and Product Development Specialist, WTW Hannah Tindal, Head of D&O, Regional Unit London & Nordics, Allianz Commercial Michelle Radcliffe, Managing Committee, Climatewise

11:00 Coffee & networking



Mitigating supply chain risk in private equity

- Which issues are funds focusing on when it comes to supply chain ESG risks at their portfolio companies?
- With emerging legislation in EU such as the CSDDD, how much are human rights risks a concern for PE funds?
- What tools, frameworks and tech can aid supply chain risk mapping?
- Working with portfolio companies to deliver more resilient supply chains

Moderator: Daniel D'Ambrosio, Partner – ESG & Impact, Kirkland & Ellis Dorte Hoppner, Chief Sustainability Officer, The Riverside Company Sabine Chalopin, Head of ESG, Denham Capital Cornelia Gomez, Global Head of ESG, General Atlantic Peter Dunbar, Principal – Responsible Investment, StepStone Group

12:05

Making biodiversity and natural capital relevant to PE investing

- TNFD V4.0: what does it mean for investors?
- Leveraging biodiversity data in investment decisions
- To what extent does work on biodiversity interlink with climate strategy?
- Outlining LP expectations on how GPs should address biodiversity

Susanne Røge, Senior Director ESG, ATP
Marie-Anne Vincent, VP Climate Finance, Sweep
Peter Bachmann, Managing Director, Gresham House
Eimear Palmer, Partner, Global Head of ESG, Pantheon Ventures

12:45

Leveraging Generative AI to detect ESG controversies in private companies

- Discussing the unprecedented evolution in Generative AI
- How is this causing disruption in the financial sector?
- Concrete use cases of Generative AI in Finance
- Outlining some of the benefits and predictions for future uses

Leo Shamash, Sales Engineer & Account Manager, SESAMm

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13:15 Lunch

14:00

Workshop: What data looks like for sustainability reporting in private equity

- Challenges with data pain points when reporting
- Tools, resources, best practice what does good look like? How can we improve the quality of data?
- Key takeaways, opportunities, best practice advice

Facilitator: David Wynn, Chief Product Officer, Greenstone (A Cority company)

15:00

Regulatory workshop: sustainability regulation for private markets

Led by Travers Smith, their ESG & Impact experts will lead small group roundtables to discuss the latest developments in regulation and practical approaches to them.

Facilitators:

Simon Witney, Senior Consultant, Travers Smith
Tim Lewis, Head of Financial Services & Markets, Travers Smith
Doug Bryden, Head of Risk & Operational Regulatory, Travers Smith

16:00

Close of conference

