

Responsible Investment Forum: Europe London 2023

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The leading global event for ESG in private markets

155 Bishopsgate, London

Day one: 8 November

7:45 Breakfast in a private room for 20-30 GPs

8:30

Introduction from PEI & PRI

8:45

Chairpersons opening remarks

8:50

Fireside chat: the PRI in a changing world

9:10

Data convergence project update

- 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
- What's next for the initiative in 2024?

9:50

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

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Anna Foller, Head of Sustainability, AP6

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Coffee & networking

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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

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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

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Utilising tech case study: how a PE manager has used technology to deliver on ESG goals

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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

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<u>Track A – Impact Investing</u>	<u>Track B – Data & Regulation</u>	<u>Track C – ESG in other Asset Classes</u>	<u>Track D – Measuring & Reporting</u>
<u>14:15</u> Impact investing in a time of uncertainty and urgency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of private and institutional impact investors in driving positive change - How will economic disruption impact appetite for impact investing? <p>How are investors addressing other pressing challenges such as the cost-of-living crisis and global food security?</p>	<u>14:15</u> Using ESG data to maximise returns throughout the investment process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using ESG data during due diligence - Integrating ESG data into value creation plans <p>How ESG data can be used to highlight value to the next buyer</p>	<u>14:15</u> Maintaining ESG as a priority in infrastructure investing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	<u>14:15</u> Workshop: Driving Decarbonisation in Portfolio Companies
<u>14:55</u> Impact allocators panel: overview of investment priorities and strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is impact as an investment lens, or should it be an investment bucket in LP portfolios? - How are allocators filtering their investing strategies? - What issues are getting funding, and which aren't? 	<u>14:55</u> Data in, data out: why engagement is key to driving good data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building the business case for portfolio companies - Having closed-loop feedback to demonstrate how you are using the data - Highlighting the exit/IPO value of ESG 	<u>14:55</u> How are private debt managers implementing ESG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to add value to investments through a sustainability lens as a debt provider - How can lenders ensure real impact rather than greenwashing? <p>The rise of green and sustainability link loans</p>	<u>14:55</u> Workshop: Impact Measurement
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<p>16:00 Impact's role in the energy transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities for impact funds in the energy transition space - Are energy transition investments impact by default? <p>How are ET funds demonstrating impact in terms of measurement and reporting?</p>	<p>16:00 Practical tips for SFDR alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where to start on SFDR implementation - Article 8 vs. 9: the benefits of opting for one vs. the other <p>Utilising technology in SFDR compliance</p>	<p>16:00 Built environment decarbonisation: ESG implementation in real estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	<p>16:00 Workshop: Carbon Tracking</p>
<p>16:45 Impact value creation toolbox: how to generate value from an impact strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	<p>16:45 Compliance: outlining what investors require on climate data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>16:45 The evolution of ESG in venture capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>16:45 Defining what is meant by stewardship for private equity</p>

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Close of day one of conference followed by cocktail reception

Visit the [agenda page](#) for the latest updates.

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Day two: 9 November

8:00-8:50

Invitation only **Breakfast Briefings** for LPs and GPs

Ideally this would be made available to all GPs at the event as it's a value add for them and we've done a breakfast the last few years. Obviously a bit more unwieldy than the day 1 option

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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

9:40

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

10:20

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?

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ESG practitioner's update: view from a sustainability recruiter

- How has the position within the firm changed in the last few years?
- Views on team structures/size/new positions etc
- Remuneration survey findings: how does pay compare to other sectors?
- Are sustainability heads getting carry?

12:00

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?
- Where and how can private equity fund managers incorporate natural capital solutions in their investment strategy?

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Investor fireside chat: why ESG is critical to our allocations across private markets

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Data workshop: building a plan for data across a portfolio of investments

15:00

Regulatory workshop: sustainability regulation for private markets

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.

16:00

Close of conference