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Sustainable Investment Forum Europe



12 March 2019 | Paris, France

Delegate Brochure

300+
attendees

35+
influential
speakers

30+
countries

About the Forum



Financing the Shift to a Sustainable Economy

Europe is continuing to cement itself as a leading sustainable finance market. Progress to adopt the key proposals of the EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan is rapidly underway and investors are increasingly working to incorporate sustainability into their strategies and portfolios. The Taskforce on Financial Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) is also pushing climate higher up the finance community agenda. But enormous efforts are still needed in the near-term future to reach the \$100 billion/year global climate finance goal and to catalyse the \$5-7 trillion required annually to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

It is within this context, that we are delighted to announce that the Sustainable Investment Forum Europe will be returning to Paris on 12 March 2019 following its highly successful launch in 2018.

The forum will again be organised by Climate Action in partnership with UNEP Finance Initiative.

This must-attend forum will convene over 300 asset owners and managers, ratings agencies, banks, UN and government policymakers, investors, development banks, think tanks, and NGOs committed to driving forward the sustainable finance agenda.

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What to expect in 2019?



200+
minutes of
networking



2 Streams
deep-diving
into **6** key
topics



15
Sessions
including **4**
investor case
studies



Network
with **300+**
high-level
delegates

Key themes:

| Investor Strategies | Climate Change | SDGs | Implementation | EU Leadership | Physical Climate Risks |
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| Learn about strategies ranging from engagement to impact investing | The route to investor alignment with global targets | How are SDGs driving business and investor action | What are examples of successful investor ESG integration? | Progress driven by Sustainable Finance Action Plan | Reflecting risks in financial reporting |

Date & Location:

The Sustainable Investment Forum Europe will once again return to Paris for its second edition. Taking place on Tuesday 12th of March 2019 at Le Pavillon Dauphine in Paris, France.



Reserve your early bird seat by registering today!

Expires: 02 February 2019

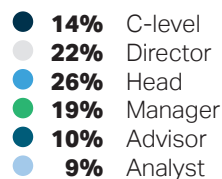
Who will you meet?

The Sustainable Investment Forum Europe will welcome over 300 attendees representing asset owners and managers, banks, development institutions, policymakers, think tanks and NGOs looking to drive the sustainability agenda.

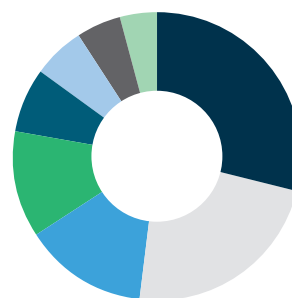
Highest attending nations:



Seniority breakdown:



Attendee breakdown:



Based on 2018 attendance

Why attend?



Hear from high-level speakers

Influential speakers will share their views on how Europe's sustainable finance market is progressing. How is the EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan driving change?



Meet and connect with asset owners from across Europe

Engage with a range of asset owners with different approaches to sustainability



Learn how investors are aligning with climate and sustainability goals

How far are investors from being 2C or 1.5C-compatible? Why is progress not happening faster? Are the Sustainable Development Goals triggering investment opportunities?



Explore and compare sustainability strategies

Investor case studies to set out various asset owner and manager approaches to sustainable investment and climate disclosure



Find new sustainable investment opportunities

Hear from expert speakers where they see the next big sustainable finance opportunities

Featured speakers



Andrew Steel

Managing Director, Global Head
of Sustainable Finance
Fitch Ratings

FitchRatings



Eva Halvarsson

CEO
AP2

AP2



Joël Prohin

Head of Portfolio Management
Caisse des Dépôts

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Naïm Abou-Jaoudé

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Olivier Rousseau

Executive director
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Patrick Uelfeti

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Peter Borgdorff

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PFZW

**Pensioenfond
Zorg & Welzijn**



Stanislas Pottier

Chief Responsible
Investment Officer
Amundi

Amundi
ASSET MANAGEMENT



Willem Schramade

Fund Manager NN (L) Global Equity
Impact Opportunities
NN Investment Partners

**NN investment
partners**

See the full speaker list at - events.climateaction.org/sustainable-investment-forum-europe/speakers

Conference agenda

Opening

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| 08:00 | Registration |
| 08:50 | Chairperson's welcoming remarks |
| 08:55 | Opening address |
| 09:05 | Opening keynote |
| | – <i>Naim Abou-Jaoudé, Chief Executive Officer, Candriam</i> |
| 09:25 | Panel discussion: Driving change to bridge the climate and sustainability investment gap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your biggest climate and sustainability-related portfolio challenges? How are you addressing them – what are some examples of successful implementation? • How deep is sustainability integrated in investor portfolios? What, in your view, does it mean to be a responsible investor in 2019? • How is your organisation responding to the IPCC report stipulating climate change needs to be limited to 1.5C? How would the paths towards 2C and 1.5C compare in terms of business/strategy changes you might have to undertake to align with the goals? • Is the EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan driving sustainable finance in European markets? What are its limitations? • Is Europe charting its own course or reflecting a real global agenda? Are other markets likely to consider approaches similar to the Action Plan - developing green standards, taxonomies, for example - and is this what investors want |
| | – <i>Patrick Uelfeti, Deputy CIO, Publica</i> – <i>Stanislas Pottier, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Member of the Executive Committee, Amundi</i> – <i>Magnus Billing, CEO, Alecta</i> |
| 10:15 | Climate Leader Insight: Climate change and investment disruption – the way ahead Climate change will undoubtedly cause a level of structural disruption across global and local economies. Managed well, the transition could both prevent the human and economic costs of climate disruption and improve growth, generate additional high-quality jobs and reduce inequality. There will be winners and losers; delivering a just transition will require understanding the climate and human impacts of change across sectors, jurisdictions and across time. But nurturing that understanding will require a greater degree of transparency on the governance, risk management process and mitigation and opportunities strategies necessary to enable markets to account for climate impacts into shorter term decision making. |
| 10:30 | Networking break |

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Morning

11:00 Sustainable Development Goals: can corporates and investors lead the way?

- SDGs are rapidly becoming a hot topic for business but how does corporate and investor engagement with and alignment with the SDGs work in practice? In what ways are SDGs a credible investment response to today's societal problems? What are the challenges with the SDGs in terms of scaling up sustainable investment?
- What are the practical and financial mechanisms needed to align business strategies to support the delivery of SDGs?
- What is needed from regulators and policy makers? New regulation, more blended finance, public-private partnerships?
- The concern of SDG-washing – are corporates and investors cherry-picking the goals and targets they focus on? What could drive a more holistic approach?
- Is 2030 a realistic target – will we achieve it despite currently lagging behind according to the latest UN SDG strategy update?

– Olivier Rousseau, Executive Director, **Fonds de réserve pour les retraites**
 – Willem Schramade, Fund Manager NN (L) Global Equity Impact Opportunities, **NN Investment Partners**
 – Andreas Hallermaier, Head of Responsible Investment, **BVK**

11:50 Keynote

How one of the world's biggest pension funds is evolving its ESG practices in standard setting, ownership and risk management

12:10 Integrating ESG and sustainability into decision making and analysis

In this panel, a number of investors and corporates will explain how sustainability and climate considerations have driven decision making at their organisations. Questions will include:

- How do you estimate your ESG and sustainability risks and opportunities?
- Can you give a specific example of when you've incorporated sustainability into your decision making, investment process or analysis of a corporate? What were the results of adapting your decisions to sustainability – how did it impact your profits/investment returns?
- What did you learn from this and how can it be applied to the rest of your business going forward?
- What are the challenges of letting ESG and sustainability drive investment decisions?
- Can you highlight some ways in which your organisation is still exposed to or reliant on industries/practices that create negative environmental and/or social impacts? How are you working to address this?

– Eva Halvarsson, Chief Executive Officer, **AP2**
 – Andrew Steel, Managing Director, Global Head of Sustainable Finance, **Fitch Ratings**
 – Wim Van Hyfte, PhD Global Head of Responsible Investments and Research, **Candriam**

13:00 Networking lunch

Conference agenda

Afternoon

| STREAM A | STREAM B |
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| <p>14:00 Bringing sustainability into fiduciary duty and governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern legal interpretation of fiduciary duty – how can climate and sustainability be incorporated? What are the sustainability responsibilities of pension fund trustees? • EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan and fiduciary duty vs other international efforts • Investment perception of climate risk and push-back: is climate risk a risk as any other? | <p>Building climate resilience – managing physical climate risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing physical climate risks – the investor perspective • Examples of how the insurance sector has led the way in understanding and addressing the risks of climate change to business and the economy. How can the investment community learn from insurance? • How are pension funds considering and using data on physical climate risks • From risk to reward – opportunities to make climate-resilient investments. Is there a pipeline of companies and projects ripe for institutional investment? |
| <p>14:40 Thematic Environmental Investing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment opportunities in climate and sustainability – listed strategies and private funds. How well are they performing in terms of returns? How can green/sustainability impact be measured? • Regulatory drivers: Is the EU sustainable finance action plan and the planned green taxonomy likely to boost the availability of funds and investment products specifically focused on environmental investments? • Sustainability-focused private equity funds and low-carbon infrastructure – where are the opportunities? What's asset owner demand like for private equity and infrastructure funds with a low-carbon or sustainability focus? | <p>Sustainability and ESG in alternative assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and challenges with ESG for alternatives. Where is sustainability on investors' agenda? • Examples of sustainability integration in private equity, hedge funds, infrastructure and real estate • Sustainability considerations from due diligence to exits/asset sales • Can short-term investment strategies incorporate ESG? • Asset owner experiences with alternatives and sustainability |
| <p>15:20 Standards and indices for change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmarks and standardisation are key areas of interest and debate, and the lack of standardisation is regularly quoted as a major stumbling block; in this panel we will address the potential benefits and the challenges of reaching agreement on standard climate parameters • European Commission's low-carbon/positive impact benchmark drive • The evolving index market | <p>Are investors and banks aligned on sustainability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The institutional investor view on banks' sustainability efforts - what is being done and what more is needed? • From a shareholder point of view, how well are banks reporting their climate and sustainability risks? Is there enough transparency? • Aligning with climate and sustainability goals - what can banks learn from investors? • Principles for Responsible Banking • Banks and scenario analysis • Portfolio/transaction level vs client/corporate level considerations |
| <p>16:00 Networking break</p> | |

Conference agenda

Afternoon continued

- 16:20 Fire-side chat:** “Joe public – The European populist movement”:
Shaping the new trajectory for sustainable finance & investment
- How is the rise of political populism in Europe impacting sustainable finance?
 - The Brexit impact: does this change the game?
 - Walk the talk: France - a leading voice on climate change but is the rise of populism widening the gap between ambition and action?
 - Assessing societal pressures and millennial demand

- 16:35 Case studies:** A comparison of sustainable investment strategies
A group of asset owners and managers will explain how they develop and run sustainable investment strategies. Different sustainability approaches will be explored in case study presentations such as:
- Engagement/divestment and Impact investing
 - Strategic climate/sustainability goals
 - Scenario analysis and investor 2C alignment strategies

– Peter Borgdorff, Managing Director, Pensioenfonds Zorg en Welzijn (PFZW)

- 17:20 Closing remarks**

- 17:25 Networking drinks reception**

End of the Sustainable Investment Forum Europe

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Don't miss the opportunity to learn from and network with 30+ sustainable finance experts and thought-leaders while meeting 300+ high level delegates at the Sustainable Investment Forum Europe on 12 March 2019 in Paris.

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