

RI UK 2021
Monday 10 - Friday 14th May
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<p>Monday 10th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 1: The new EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) and green Taxonomy: how UK investors need to prepare for the incoming EU regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which organisations have to prepare for compliance to the SFDR and Taxonomy regulation? And what does Brexit mean here? • What are the steps UK organisations must take to align themselves to these new laws? • Disclosure requirements: to what extent does the available data reflect the real economy? Is it investors' responsibility to ensure that the data provided by companies and data providers is correct? • Case study by a UK investor preparing for the SFDR/Taxonomy regulation. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Christophe Nicaise-Chateau, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA), European Commission • Philip Stewart, Partner, ERM • Representative TBC, Ortec Finance
<p>Tuesday 11th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 2: How will UK companies and financial institutions adopt new laws on reporting to the Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD)? And will they soon have to report to mandatory net-zero CO2 emissions targets?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak has said the TCFD recommendations will be law: how will companies and investors follow suit? • The government has also suggested mandatory net-zero targets for financial institutions to ensure climate targets will be met; how might that be done? • How should institutional investors start looking at a net-zero emissions trajectory across their portfolios? • What can be learnt from peer initiatives such as the Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance and Net-Zero Asset Managers Initiative? • UK banking groups are making net zero commitments, but are their actions in line? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morten Nilsson, Chief Executive Officer, BT Pension Scheme • Tony Broccardo, Chief Investment Officer, Barclays UK Retirement Fund
<p>Wednesday 12th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 3: How revolutionary for investment is the government's Green Industrial Revolution, and how might COP26 turbo charge plans?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution translate into investment analysis and opportunities? • How can the UK advance/scale up the use of clean tech in order to meet climate targets? How will the UK green bond market evolve? • How will COP26 spill over into further UK policy to promote green investing. • Blue and green hydrogen arguments, what is required to accelerate the market from an investment perspective?

<p>Thursday 13th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 4: How can UK institutional investors back government policy to mitigate the cost of biodiversity loss and damage to ecosystems?</p> <p>The UK government has announced it will spend at least £3bn of international climate finance on nature and biodiversity over the next five years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What role can UK asset owners play to support this and why? Is lack of knowledge and data hindering them from taking the first steps? How are asset managers assisting them with this? ● How can data companies help investors to assess the associated risks of biodiversity loss to their portfolios? ● Are there transferrable climate-risk solutions and strategies that could be utilised in mitigating biodiversity loss? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harry Ashman, Engagement Analyst, The Church Commissioners for England
<p>Friday 14th 10.00 – 11.00</p>	<p>Plenary 5: What do UK policy and regulatory requirements mean for the country's pension funds and corporates?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does best practice pension scheme reporting and action on ESG and climate change in the Statement of investment Principles look like? ● What will a beefed up Stewardship regime look like for UK asset owners, managers and market participants in terms of voting, engagement and advice across asset classes? ● What will the government-backed Taskforce to develop solutions to support trustee-directed voting in pooled investment funds come up with, and how could this re-shape investment governance in the UK. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guy Opperman, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion), Department for Work and Pensions