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10.00 - 10.20	<p>Opening Keynote Interview: Victor Verberk, Chief Investment Officer, Fixed Income and Sustainability and Member of the Executive Committee, Robeco</p> <p>Interviewed by: Daniel Brooksbank, Head of Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>
10.30 – 11.30	<p>Plenary 1: The role of the revised Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) in addressing ESG data gaps for companies and investors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does the CSRD mean for companies? How can companies covered in the new scope prepare for reporting? - How much do the changes contribute to addressing data availability for investors in aligning with the EU taxonomy? - Putting the CSRD in the context of other initiatives to harmonise and improve sustainability and ESG data <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Richard Howitt, Strategic Advisor on Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Business and Human Rights, and Former Member, European Parliament ● Riens Abma, Executive Director, Eumedion ● Filip Gregor, Head of the Responsible Companies Section, Frank Bold ● David Henry Doyle, Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, S&P Global <p>Moderator: Pauliina Murphy, Engagement Director, World Benchmarking Alliance</p>
11.40 – 12.10	<p>‘Any questions?’ - EU sustainable finance strategy: your Action Plan queries answered by experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What’s keeping you awake at night about one of the biggest ever shifts towards sustainable finance? What’s puzzling you about the EU taxonomy, SFDR and corporate reporting? - What are the biggest uncertainties that need to be ironed out for the EU action plan to successfully address greenwashing and significantly boost sustainable finance in Europe? - Bring your queries to our ‘Any Questions’ panel <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nathan Fabian, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, PRI and Chairperson, European Platform on Sustainable Finance ● Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor
12.20 – 13.10	<p>Deep-dive 1: Catalysing ESG reporting and investment in private markets; what are the trends and how could the EU Action Plan support them?</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the main EU Action Plan opportunities and challenges for private market investors? - Will the Action Plan help unleash new, comparable ESG data on private companies? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alison Hampton, Founder, Alma Verde Advisors ● Therése Lennehag, Head of Sustainability, EQT ● Simon Witney, Senior Consultant, Travers Smith and Visiting Professor in Practice, Law Department, London School of Economics and Political Science ● Garvan McCarthy, Head of Alternatives, AMEA, Mercer <p>Moderator: Elza Holmstedt Pell, Deputy Editor, Responsible Investor</p>
14.20 – 14.50	<p>Keynote Interview: How Luxembourg is prioritising sustainable finance and what that means for its economy and its alignment to the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>Pierre Gramegna, Minister of Finance, Luxembourg, interviewed by: Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
15.00 – 16.15	<p>Deep-dive 2: The State of ESG: can it really deliver change on the big sustainability challenges of our time?</p> <p>This debate panel will look at whether investment can really deliver change on the big sustainability challenges of our time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How much is ESG and responsible investment actually making a difference in terms of measurable sustainability change, and can it? - What would be required to do so? - Is policy going in the right direction? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alice Steenland, Chief Sustainability Officer, Dassault Systèmes ● Sony Kapoor, Managing Director, Nordic Institute for Finance, Technology and Sustainability ● Emilie Goodall, Lead Financial System Transformation, World Benchmarking Alliance ● Anthony Belcher, Head of EMEA Fixed Income & Data Services, ICE ● Harald Walkate, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG, Natixis Investment Managers <p>Moderator: Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>

Day 2 - Tuesday 15th June
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09.50 – 11.00	<p>Plenary 2: Understanding and preparing investors for the EU Taxonomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are investors preparing for the taxonomy? What are some key outcomes of implementation exercises and efforts so far from asset owners and asset managers? - Investment opportunities and strategies: Sourcing new investments aligned with the taxonomy - examples - The latest update on the delegated acts: investor reaction - While there are huge efforts underway to improve the availability of sustainability data, how are investors currently addressing data gaps? What are some specific examples of different approaches to obtaining data (for example: proxy models, engagement, asset-by-asset taxonomy alignment for real assets)? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cristina Cedillo Torres, Engagement Specialist, Robeco ● Jaakko Kooroshy, Head of SI Data and Methodologies, FTSE Russell ● Till Jung, Global Head of ESG Products, ISS ESG ● Emilie Beral, Executive Director – Methods, Innovation & Quality, VE, an affiliate of Moody’s ● Helena Viñes Fiestas, Commissioner of the Spanish Financial Markets Authority, Comisión Nacional de Mercados y Valores (CNMV) and Rapporteur, EU Platform on Sustainable Finance <p>Moderator: Sophie Robinson-Tillett, Editor, Responsible Investor</p>
11.10 – 12.00	<p>Deep-dive 3: Are we about to see a boom in thematic environmental investing as a result of green regs and COP26, and is the market ready for it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the EU taxonomy help trigger a further rise of sustainable thematic investing? - Where will the themes develop most strongly across different asset classes? - What emerging themes could get a boost from the taxonomy? And where do taxonomy-related challenges arise for well-established themes (green housing, for example)? - Will EU policy cause a green investment bubble? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charles Donovan, Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Climate Finance and Investment, Imperial College London ● Adrie Heinsbroek, Chief Sustainability Officer, NN Investment Partners ● Peter Munro, Head of Division, European Investment Bank <p>Moderator: Daniel Brooksbank, Head of Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>
12.10 – 12.50	<p>Keynote Interview: The applicability of <i>techno-optimism, behaviour change and planetary boundaries</i> to global investors</p> <p>Speaker: Lord Adair Turner, Chair, Energy Transitions Commission</p> <p>Interviewed by: Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>

Day 3 - Wednesday 16th June
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10.00 – 11.00	<p>Plenary 3: The next chapter of the Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation (SFDR) story...key outcomes for investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Results of and learnings from the March 10, 2021 principles-based disclosure date: what are some key outcomes of the first reporting deadline?- Examples of disclosures so far: are they actually helpful and comparable for end investors?- How are asset managers preparing for the next phase of disclosure, underpinned by the Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS)? With the final RTS containing fewer reporting indicators than originally expected, what is the view on the availability of data needed for more detailed SFDR reporting from around 2023?- Benchmark reliance for sustainability and impact funds: is it suitable or too prescriptive and backward-looking? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rodolphe Bocquet, Global Head of Sustainable Investment, Qontigo● Christopher Knapp, Vice President, Senior Consultant, MSCI ESG Research● Candice Coppere, Vice President, Head of ESG Client Solutions and Research in Asia-Pacific, FactSet <p>Moderator: Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>
11.10 – 12.00	<p>Deep-dive 4: How the EU sustainable finance strategy is changing asset manager investment and client-facing strategies: case studies and Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Specific examples of how asset managers are incorporating the taxonomy into products across different asset classes- The SFDR and taxonomy are ultimately aiming to get investors to conform to the same sustainability criteria. To what extent does this present a challenge for asset managers in the way they compete for clients and try to differentiate their funds?- Case studies on SFDR reporting and analysis for next phase: adverse impacts on sustainability factors, promoting environmental or social characteristics and sustainability objectives, reporting on how the use of derivatives meets environmental and social characteristics <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Carlo Maximilian Funk, Head of ESG Investment Strategy EMEA, State Street Global Advisors● Martijn Oosterwoud, Lead Sustainability Products, in the Chief Sustainability Office, UBS● Paul Woolman, Senior Director, Head of EMEA Equity and Alternative Index Products, CME Group <p>Moderator: Daniel Brooksbank, Head of Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>

<p>12.10 – 13.00</p>	<p>Deep-dive 5: What financial/environmental changes are Paris-aligned and Climate Transition benchmarks driving?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Putting the EU benchmarks into context of the wider ESG ETF boom: to what extent are they being applied and addressing greenwashing concerns? - Examples of PAB (Paris-aligned) and CTB (Climate transition) index construction - Examples of real change: alignment with PAB - Annual reduction requirements: are they ambitious enough? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Claes Ekman, Portfolio Manager, AP2 ● Jaspreet Duhra, Managing Director, Head of EMEA ESG Indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices ● Willemijn Verdegaal, Co-Head of Climate & ESG Solutions, Ortec Finance ● Jean-Christophe Nicaise-Chateau, Legislative Officer (DG FISMA) Corporate Reporting, Audit and Credit Rating Agencies, European Commission <p>Moderator: Khalid Azizuddin, Reporter, Responsible Investor</p>
<p>15.00 – 16.00</p>	<p>Deep-dive 6: What does Net Zero really mean for asset owners? In Association with the United Nations-Convened Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where to start in data and information sourcing? - How do you actually implement a pragmatic, gradual reduction of CO2 in investment strategy: what works? - How might this affect standard investment metrics, strategic and tactical asset allocation? - Reporting and verification. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ole Krogh Petersen, Chief Executive Officer, Danica Pension ● Joel Prohin, Chief Investment Officer, Caisse des Dépôts ● Marion Maloney, Head of Responsible Investment & Governance, Environment Agency Pension Fund <p>Moderator: Barbara Davidson, Senior Analyst, Carbon Tracker</p>

Day 4 - Thursday 17th June
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10.30 – 11.30	<p>Plenary 4: Identifying tangible EU Green Deal investment opportunities: what's in the pipeline and how are new opportunities being accelerated?</p> <p>Investor visibility of pipeline projects contributing to the Green Deal was a top 5 challenge raised by respondents to a public consultation on the EU's renewed sustainable finance strategy. This panel will focus on why this continues to be a major hurdle and how to address it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What support is the EU giving to boost the supply of projects, for example through InvestEU? Is there confidence that EU guarantees and co-investments will trigger private investment in truly additional green and sustainable projects and companies?- The role of PPPs and blended finance in delivering the EU green deal and sustainable finance strategy- How are investors identifying and investing in taxonomy-aligned projects and transition projects? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ingrid Holmes, Executive Director, Green Finance Institute● Charlotte Gardes, Deputy Head, Sustainable Finance Unit, French Treasury● Victor van Hoorn, Executive Director, Eurosif <p>Moderator: Gregor Paterson-Jones, Independent Expert, Renewable Energy Investment, Development Finance Fund Structuring and Economic Growth</p>
11.40 – 12.40	<p>Deep-dive 7: Green and sustainability bonds and ESG in fixed income within the EU's sustainable finance strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Issuer and investor views on the green bond standard legislative proposal: what will be the biggest impacts on the green and sustainability bond market? What are key challenges?- Sovereign green bonds in the context of new standards- The EU strategy and broader push for ESG in fixed income: how are fixed income investors working to align non-green bonds and multi-asset portfolios with the taxonomy and what kind of data is available from mainstream/vanilla issuers? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Guido Moret, Head of Sustainability Integration Fixed Income, Robeco● Rahul Ghosh, Managing Director of Outreach & Research, Moody's ESG Solutions● Steven Williams, Lead Portfolio Manager, Global Green Bonds, Nikko Asset Management● Paul O'Connor, Head of EMEA ESG Debt Capital Markets, J.P. Morgan <p>Moderator: Daniel Brooksbank, Head of Strategic Content, Responsible Investor</p>

Day 5 - Friday 18th June
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10.00 – 11.00	<p>Plenary 5: Governance and Social investing within the EU Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social and governance factors in the EU action plan and renewed sustainable finance strategy- The development/future development of a social taxonomy- The EU shareholder rights directive and its implications- Social and impact investing within the action plan <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sven Giegold, Member of the European Parliament● Aleksandra Palinska, Senior Research and Advocacy Officer, Finance Watch● Priscilla Boiardi, Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) <p>Moderator: Vibeka Mair, Senior Reporter, Responsible Investor</p>
11.10 – 12.00	<p>Deep-dive 8: Due diligence and supply chains in focus: can investors drive transparency and change where it's needed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What does the law say about due diligence internationally, and how is it evolving?- Update on the sustainable corporate governance initiative and final legislative proposal- Examples of investor action on supply chain transparency- Improving ESG integration in due diligence processes across public and private markets <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Olga Hancock, Senior Engagement Analyst, Church Commissioners for England and Co-Chair, Investors Policy Dialogue on Deforestation (IPDD) Indonesia● Paul Watchman, Senior Legal Advisor, United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative● Ariel Brunner, Senior Head of Policy, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia● Kate Monahan, Director of Shareholder Advocacy, Trillium Asset Management <p>Moderator: Gina Gambetta, Reporter, Responsible Investor</p>
15.00 – 15.30	<p>Keynote Interview: What can companies and investors expect from COP26 and UK green policy?</p> <p>Speaker: Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State, Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)</p> <p>Interviewed by: Hugh Wheelan, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Responsible Investor</p>