

ESG Integration Forum Europe 2020

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Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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About the event

The **ESG Integration Forum** exists to bring together corporate stakeholders from legal, finance and sustainability teams to learn how to better respond to investors' ESG expectations.

ESG is evidently more important than ever for listed companies and at this interactive, virtual event, we look at how **trends** are developing in ESG as a result of the events of 2020 and will focus on the **actions** you can take to help your investors make informed voting and investment decisions.

Agenda at a glance

All times below are in Central European Time (GMT+1)

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10.45 am	COP-21, net-zero targets and transitional risk: Implications for public companies and capital markets
11.30 am	Materiality matters part one: Learn how companies in your sector are managing their most relevant ESG risks
12.00 noon	Networking break
12.15 pm	The new reality: Getting better at virtual ESG engagement?
1.15 pm	Materiality matters part two: Learn how companies in your sector are managing their most relevant ESG risks
1.45 pm	ESG reporting: consistency, comparability and looking-ahead
2.30 pm	Closing keynote: How Covid-19 can improve board oversight on ESG
3.15 pm	Summary and end of conference

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9.45 am **Welcome to the ESG Integration Forum**

Laurie Havelock, editor-at-large, *IR Magazine*

10.00 am **Opening keynote: What is the EU Green Taxonomy and what does it mean for us?**

How are investors preparing to disclose that their ESG related products meet the EU green taxonomy? Subsequently, what impact does that have on listed companies and their corporate reporting?

Moderator: Laurie Havelock, editor-at-large, *IR Magazine*

Marie Baumgarts, head of regulatory affairs and sustainability office, SEB

Pedro Fernández, head of sustainability, responsAbility Investments

Jennifer Harrison, head of sustainability and extra-financial rating agencies for investor relations, Society Generale

Peter Munro, head of investor relations and sustainable capital markets, European Investment Bank

10.45 am **COP-21, net-zero targets and transitional risk: Implications for public companies and capital markets**

Less than a year out from the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow the decarbonization movement is building momentum with governments and investor alliances pledging net-zero targets. This session investigates the implications for capital markets and public companies.

Moderator: Laurie Havelock, editor-at-large, *IR Magazine*

Yulia Chekunaeva, director of capital markets and strategic initiatives, En+ Group

Federico Pezzolato, vice president and sustainable finance business manager, ISS Corporate Solutions

11.30 am **Materiality matters part one: Learn how companies in your sector are managing their most relevant ESG risks**

A series of short and sharp sector-specific discussions outline the material issues for your sector and share how companies are measuring, managing, reporting and communicating around these factors. We cover the following sectors: **Utilities and consumer goods**.

Moderator: Steven Wade, head of event content, *IR Magazine*

Utilities: Nicholas Ashworth, head of investor relations, National Grid

Consumer goods: Jaana Quaintance-James, chief sustainability officer, Global Fashion Group

12.00 noon **Networking break**

12.15 pm **The new reality: Getting better at virtual ESG engagement?**

Virtual engagement and the way in which we work is likely to be more distanced and in this session we aim to share how companies and investors can use the flexible and efficient approach to investor meetings to develop better engagement strategies. Learn how to manage virtual AGMs, discuss whether ESG roadshows can become more frequent and how to move to stage 2 of virtual meetings.

Moderator: Laurie Havelock, editor-at-large, *IR Magazine*

Carl Franklin, head of investor relations, Seplat Petroleum

Isabel Green, head of investor relations, Rolls-Royce

Michael Hufton, founder and managing director, ingage IR

Charles Parry, head of investor relations and company secretary, Good Energy Group

Mark Schwarz, vice president and associate general counsel for global operations and international, Vontier

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1.15 pm Materiality matters part two: Learn how companies in your sector are managing their most relevant ESG risks

A series of short and sharp sector-specific discussions outline the material issues for your sector and share how companies are measuring, managing, reporting and communicating around these factors. We cover the following sectors: **TMT, industrials and healthcare**.

Moderator: Steven Wade, head of event content, IR Magazine

Healthcare: Mevina Caviezel, director of corporate branding & responsibility, Sonova Group

Industrials: Holly Gillis, head of investor relations, The Go-Ahead Group

TMT: Jonathan Vaas, vice president of investor relations and associate general counsel, Adobe

1.45 pm ESG reporting: consistency, comparability and looking-ahead

In this session we take a deep-dive into the trends that have impacted corporate reporting such as the statement of intent from framework providers, we also review the investor and reporting initiatives to understand how much of an impact they are having on corporate reporting and finally we look at the next step of reporting, looking ahead at targets and future risks.

Moderator: Laurie Havelock, editor-at-large, IR Magazine

Jaclyn Bouchard, director and ESG product specialist, S&P Global Ratings

Elena Korotkova, head of ESG, Severstal

Maria Lodkina, director of financial control and corporate reporting, Polymetal

Fionnuala O'Grady, ESG analyst, Franklin Templeton

2.30 pm Closing keynote: How Covid-19 can improve board oversight on ESG

The current pandemic has reinforced the need for directors to understand and navigate business disruption. There are important lessons to learn from COVID that can be applied to the environmental, social and governance risks we face ahead. Here we discuss how to improve your systems and processes to improve oversight and manage ESG risks.

Moderator: Laurie Havelock, editor-at-large, IR Magazine

James Harley, director of strategy, Nasdaq

Justin Kew, ESG analyst, Carmignac

Yana Synesiou, sustainable development director, X5 Retail Group

3.15 pm Summary and end of conference

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