

Proposal for OPSG project on sustainable investment by IORPs

Goal

To take stock of practices in member states, so as to facilitate sharing experiences

Output

- survey paper
- no recommendations, but only experiences, good practices, tips & tricks, etc.
- the paper should be inviting and encouraging, rather than prescriptive
- paper covers both IORP and NSA practices

Key questions

1. What do the IORPs do in terms of sustainable investment; what are the results; what are their learnings?

The OPSG members could provide input in a format such as with the consumers trend report. Merely collecting the responses is fairly straightforward.

2. What do the NSAs do to promote/facilitate sustainable investments; what are the results; what are their learnings (for other NSAs and/or IORPs)?

Example: The Dutch central bank has made strong commitments in this respect. Frank Elderson, a director of the Dutch central bank, is leading in supporting pension funds to adopt the UN sustainable development goals. He may be willing to share experiences with the BoS. Olaf Sleijpen, member of the BoS, can play a pivotal role here. Then, the BoS can also conduct a survey among its members, so as to gauge their experiences and learnings.

3. Are there particular bottle necks or structural issues? How are they dealt with? By whom?

E.g. regulation issues (capital requirements), ticket size of sustainable investments, research costs, perceived trade-offs with return on investment, discussion on sustainability criteria, etc.