



RITRANSPARENCY REPORT 2014/15

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About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the PRI website, ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2014-15 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six <u>Principles for Responsible Investment</u>. It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
Ø	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
6	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ю	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.



Principles Index

Organisational Overview							Principle				
Indicator	Short description	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6			
00 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓	
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓	
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓	
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓	
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	~	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓	
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓	
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓	
80 OO	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓	
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓	
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓	
00 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓	
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓	

Overarching Approach								Principle				
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6			
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓		
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public						✓			
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓							
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓		
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓		
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓		
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							✓		
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓		
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓		
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓				
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓					
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓			
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓								
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	✓								
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Private							✓		
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	8	n/a							✓		
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	8	n/a	✓	✓							
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓		
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓		

Indirect		Р	rin	cip	le		General			
Indicator	Short description	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6		
SAM 01	Description of RI considerations	✓	Private	✓					✓	
SAM 02	Role of investment consultants	✓	Public				✓			
SAM 03	RI factors in selection, appointment and monitoring across asset classes	✓	Public							✓
SAM 04	Breakdown of passive, active quant and active fundamental	✓	Private							✓
SAM 05	ESG incorporation strategies	✓	Public	✓	✓					
SAM 06	Selection processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓					✓	
SAM 07	Appointment considerations (listed assets)	✓	Private				✓			
SAM 08	Monitoring processes (listed assets)	✓	Public	✓						
SAM 09	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	8	n/a		✓					
SAM 10	Selection processes (non-listed assets)	✓	Public	✓					✓	
SAM 11	Appointment considerations (non-listed assets)	✓	Private				✓			
SAM 12	Monitoring processes (non-listed assets)	✓	Public	✓					✓	
SAM 13	Description of RI considerations in 'other' asset classes	✓	Private	~					✓	
SAM 14	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Private	✓					✓	
SAM 15	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	✓	Private		✓					
SAM 16	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public						✓	

Direct - I	Fixed Income			Principle						General
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	n/a	~						
FI 02	Breakdown of investments by credit quality	✓	Private							✓
FI 03	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓						
FI 04	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	8	n/a	✓						
FI 05	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	8	n/a	✓						
FI 06	Types of screening applied	8	n/a	✓						
FI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	8	n/a	✓						
FI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	8	n/a	✓						
FI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	8	n/a	✓						
FI 10	Description of ESG integration	8	n/a	✓						
FI 11	Review of ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	8	n/a	✓						
FI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	8	n/a	✓						
FI 13	Incorporation of ESG issues into analysis and decision making	✓	Public	✓						
FI 14	ESG issues in index construction	8	n/a	✓						
FI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	✓						
FI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	✓	Private	~						
FI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓						
FI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓				✓	
FI 19	Engagement with corporate issuers	8	n/a		✓					
FI 20	Engagement with government issuers	✓	Private		✓					

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Organisational Overview

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Basic Information OO 01 Mandatory Gateway/Peering General OO 01.1 Select the category which best represents your primary activity. © Non-corporate pension or superannuation or retirement or provident fund or plan Corporate pension or superannuation or retirement or provident fund or plan Insurance company Foundation or endowment Development finance institution Reserve - sovereign or government controlled fund Other, specify Additional information. [Optional]

VERKA VK is a pension fund but is also subject to regulatory obligations for insurance companies in Germany.

00 02	2	Mandatory Per	ering	General
	00 02.1	Select the location of your organisation's headquarter	s.	
(Germany			
	OO 02.2	Indicate the number of countries in which you have or	fices (including your headquarters).
	1			
	○ 2-5			
	O 6-10			
	○ >10			
	OO 02.3	Indicate the approximate number of staff in your orga	nisation in full-time equivalents (F	TE).
		FTE		
	60			
	00			
00 0	3	Mandatory De	scriptive	General
	OO 03.1	Indicate whether you have subsidiaries within your or their own right.	ganisation that are also PRI signat	ories in
	○ Yes			

No

OO 03.3

Additional information. [Optional]

We have two subsidiaries within our organisation for which we provide the organization and management including investment services.

OO 04 Mandatory Gateway/Peering General

00 04.1

Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2013

00 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on, and advisory/execution only assets.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		1	953	311	983
Currency	EUR				
Assets in USD		2	561	751	429

00 04.5

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06 Mandatory Descriptive General

OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

Publish our asset class mix as percentage breakdown

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	0	5
Fixed income – corporate	0	15
Fixed income – government	5	10
Fixed income – other	50	5
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	1



Property	0	5
Infrastructure	0	1
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	0
Forestry	0	1
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	2	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

 $[\]ensuremath{\bigcirc}$ Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Gatev	vay a	sset class implementation indicators		
00 1	0	Mar	adatory	Gateway	General
	00 10	.1	Select the responsible investment activities your indirectly, for listed equities in the reporting year		l/or
,	□We	cast c	ge with companies on ESG issues via our staff, colour (proxy) votes directly or via service providers as ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy)	•	ın.
	appoir	itment	and/or monitoring processes	volling in our external manager selection	11,
00 1	1	Mar	ndatory	Gateway	General



O Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png,.bmp and .gif)

00 11.1

Indicate if in the reporting year you incorporated ESG issues into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices in the following internally managed asset classes.

	ment
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☑ Fixed Income - other

☐ None of the above

00 11.2

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

☑ Fixed income – corporate

☑ Fixed income – government

☑ Fixed Income – other

☑ Private equity

☐ Property

☑ Infrastructure

☐ None of the above

00 12

Mandatory

Gateway

General

00 12.1

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below.

This list is based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Fixed Income and Infrastructure are voluntary.

Core modules

☑ Organisational Overview

☑ Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

☐ Engagements

Direct - Fixed Income

☑ Fixed Income - Government

RI implementation via external managers



Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

- ☑ Listed Equities
- ☑ Fixed Income Government
- ☑ Fixed Income Other
- ✓ Private Equity
- $\ensuremath{\,\boxtimes\,}$ Infrastructure

Closing module

☑ Closing module



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Overarching Approach

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Responsible investment policy **OA 01 Mandatory Gateway/Core Assessed** General **OA 01.1** Indicate if you have a responsible investment policy. Yes \bigcirc No Indicate if you have other guidance documents or more specific policies related to responsible OA 01.2 investment. Yes O No Provide a brief description of the key elements of your responsible investment policy or, if you do not have a policy, of your overall approach to responsible investment. [Optional] OA 01.3 The RI policy is part of the Investment Guidelines of VERKA Group. It contains ethical, social and environmental

The RI policy is part of the Investment Guidelines of VERKA Group. It contains ethical, social and environmental criteria within the meaning of exclusion criteria. These criteria distinguish between government and corporate debtors. The policy also describes the best-in-class-approach which is applied to external mandates and it describes the engagement activities und activities through different memberships in external organisations. VERKA VK also applies the RI guide of the German Protestant Church (EKD) which is a working-out of different organisations like Protestant Churches, Banks and Pension Funds like VERKA VK in Germany. This guide explores the various asset classes in terms of their compatibility with sustainable investments.

OA 0	2	Mandatory	1	Core Assessed	PRI 6
	OA 02.1 O Yes No OA 02.3 Yes Yes Yes,		ate if your responsible investment policy is	oublicly available.	
	OA 02.3		ate if your other policies or guidance documable.	ents related to responsible investment	are publicly
	⊚ Y	es ○ Yes, all Yes, som	ne		
		OA 02.4	List these other policies or guidance doct publicly available and their URLs.	iments related to responsible investmen	nt that are



Policy or document name	URL
Leitfaden für ethisch	http://www.aki-ekd.de/publikationen/leitfaden-fuer-ethisch-nachhaltige-
nachhaltige Geldanlage	geldanlage-in-der-evangelischen-kirche/

 \bigcirc No

OA 03 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 1,2

OA 03.1

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your responsible investment policy and guidance documents.

Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
☑ Policy setting out your overall approach	Applicable policies cover all AUM
☐ (Proxy) voting policy	O Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM
☑ Engagement/active ownership policy	O Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM
☐ Specific guidelines on corporate governance	
☐ Specific guidelines on environmental issues	
☐ Specific guidelines on social issues	
☑ Asset class-specific guidelines	
☑ Screening/exclusion policy	
☐ Other, specify	
☐ Other, specify	

OA 04 Mandatory Core Assessed General

OA 04.1

Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

Yes

 \bigcirc No

Objectives and strategies

OA 05 Mandatory Gateway/Core Assessed General

OA 05.1

Indicate if your organisation sets objectives for its responsible investment activities.

Yes



OA 05.2

Indicate how frequently your organisation sets or revises objectives for responsible investment.

- At least once per year
- O Less than once per year

OA 05.3

Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.

- Quarterly
- O Biannually
- Annually
- O Every two years or less
- O It is not reviewed

 \bigcirc No

Governance and human resources

80 AO

Mandatory

Gateway/Core Assessed

General

OA 08.1

Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

✓ E	oard members or trustees		
	☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment		
	$\ensuremath{\square}$ Implementation of responsible investment		
	$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation response	onsibility for responsible investment	
☑ (chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer	(CIO), Investment Committee	
	$\overline{\!$		
	$\overline{\!$		
	\square No oversight/accountability or implementation response	onsibility for responsible investment	
	other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify		
✓ F	ortfolio managers		
	$\overline{\!$		
	$\hfill\square$ Implementation of responsible investment		
	\square No oversight/accountability or implementation response	onsibility for responsible investment	
	nvestment analysts		
✓ [edicated responsible investment staff		
	$\overline{\!$		
	$\hfill\square$ Implementation of responsible investment		
	$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation response	onsibility for responsible investment	
✓ E	xternal managers or service providers		
	$\ensuremath{\square}$ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment		
	$\ensuremath{\square}$ Implementation of responsible investment		
	$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation response	onsibility for responsible investment	
	Other role, specify		
	Other role, specify		
OA 08	2 Indicate the number of dedicated responsible in	nvestment staff your organisation has. [O	ptional]
	Number		
4			
Prom	oting responsible investment		
OA 10	Mandatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4,5
OA 10	Select the collaborative organisation and/or init which it participated during the reporting year,		ember or in

Roles present in your organisation



Select all that apply

 $\ensuremath{\,\boxtimes\,}$ Principles for Responsible Investment

☑ Basic
☐ Moderate
☐ Advanced
☐ Asian Corporate Governance Association
☐ Association for Sustainable & Responsible Investment in Asia
☐ Australian Council of Superannuation Investors
□ CDP Climate Change
□ CDP Forests
□ CDP Water
☐ CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
☐ Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
□ Eumedion
☐ Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
☐ Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
☐ Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
☐ Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
☐ Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
☐ International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
☐ Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)
☐ Investor Network on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
□ Local Authority Pension Fund Forum
☐ Regional or National Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
☐ Shareholder Association for Research and Education (Share)
☐ United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
☐ United Nations Global Compact
☑ Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
Arbeitsgemeinschaft für betriebliche Altersversorgungg e.V. (aba)
Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)
□ Basic
☑ Moderate
☐ Advanced
☑ Other collaborative organisation/initiative, specify
Gesamtverband der Deutschen Versicherungswirtschaft e.V. (GDV)

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)



	Your organisation's role in the	e initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)	
E	Basic		
✓ [Moderate		
	Advanced		
Other co	ollaborative organisation/initiative, spe	cify	
Arbeitsg	emeinschaft der Versicherungsverein	e auf Gegenseitigkeit e.V. (ARGE)	
	Your organisation's role in the	e initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)	
□ E	Basic		
☑ N	Moderate		
	Advanced		
	ollaborative organisation/initiative, spe	cify	
Arbeitsk	reis Kirchliche Investments (AKI)		
	Your organisation's role in the	e initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)	
	Basic		
1 🗆	Moderate		
\checkmark	Advanced		
OA 11 Ma	andatory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
OA 11 Ma		Core Assessed otes responsible investment, independently of collaborations.	
OA 11.1	Indicate if your organisation promo		
	Indicate if your organisation promo		
OA 11.1	Indicate if your organisation prominitiatives.	otes responsible investment, independently of collaid	borative
OA 11.1	Indicate if your organisation prome initiatives. Indicate which of the following investment, independently of Provided or supported education or tra	otes responsible investment, independently of collaid	borative esponsible
OA 11.1 • Yes OA 11	Indicate if your organisation prominitiatives. Indicate which of the following investment, independently of Provided or supported education or traker/dealers, investment consultants, leading to the control of the following investment, independently of the control of the following investment consultants, leading the control of the control	otes responsible investment, independently of collar g actions your organisation has taken to promote re collaborative initiatives. aining programmes for clients, investment managers	borative esponsible
OA 11.1	Indicate if your organisation prominitiatives. Indicate which of the following investment, independently of Provided or supported education or traker/dealers, investment consultants, leading to the provided financial support for academic and the provided financial supp	otes responsible investment, independently of collar g actions your organisation has taken to promote re collaborative initiatives. aining programmes for clients, investment managers egal advisers or other investment organisations	borative esponsible
OA 11.1 Yes OA 11	Indicate if your organisation prominitiatives. Indicate which of the following investment, independently of Provided or supported education or traker/dealers, investment consultants, led Provided financial support for academ Encouraged better transparency and destinent industry	g actions your organisation has taken to promote recollaborative initiatives. Sining programmes for clients, investment managers egal advisers or other investment organisations mic or industry research on responsible investment	borative esponsible
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Indirect – Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring

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Over	view			
SAM 02	Man	datory	Core Assessed	PRI 4
SAM	02.1	Indicate if your organisation uses investment co selection, appointment and/or monitoring of external control of the control o		the
○ Ye ◎ No				
SAM 03		datory	Gateway	General
		Indicate for which of the following externally ma		

investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

SAM 03.1

Asset classes	(a) Selection	(b) Appointment	(c) Monitoring
Listed equity	\checkmark	V	\checkmark
Fixed income - corporate	V	V	\checkmark
Fixed income - government	√	\checkmark	V
Fixed income - other	V		V
Private equity	V	V	V
Infrastructure	V	V	V
Forestry			V

Listed equity (LE), fixed income corporate (FIC) and fixed income government (FIG)

Over	view		
SAM 05	Mandatory	Gateway	PRI 1,2



SAM 05.1

Indicate which of the following ESG incorporation strategies you encourage or require your external manager(s) to implement on your behalf:

Active investment strategies

Active investment strategies	FIC	FIG
Screening	V	V
Thematic		
Integration	V	\
None of the above		

Passive investment strategies

Passive investment strategies	LE	
Screening	\checkmark	
Thematic		
Integration	\checkmark	
None of the above		

SAM 05.2

Indicate if - on your externally managed assets - you engage directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.

	LE	FIC
We engage directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets		
	\checkmark	\checkmark
We require our external managers to engage on our behalf		
None of the above		

SAM 05.3

Indicate if - on your externally managed listed equities - you cast your (proxy) votes directly, via service providers, or via your external manager.



	LE
We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via service providers on our externally managed assets	
We require our external managers to cast our (proxy) votes on our behalf	V
None of the above	

Selection					
SAM 06		Manda	atory	Core Assessed	PRI 1-6
	SAI	VI 06.1	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or you process for listed assets, typically do any of the		er selection
_					
			General		

	LE	FIC	FIC
			FIG
Review the manager's responsible investment policies	V	V	V
Discuss managers' governance and management of responsible investment activities	V	\checkmark	\checkmark
Meet staff with responsible investment responsibilities to assess their skills and competence	V	V	V
Discuss minimum responsible investment expectations that managers must meet	V	V	V
Discuss the role managers have played in collaborative initiatives	V	V	V
Ask whether the organisation is a signatory to the PRI and/or other relevant organisations	V	V	V
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting to clients and/or the public, including PRI reporting	V	V	\checkmark
Discuss the type of ESG reporting you expect	V	V	V
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	V	\checkmark	V
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify			
None of the above			

ESG incorporation

	LE	FIC	FIG
Evaluate the quality and coverage of ESG research used by managers	V	V	V
Assess managers' ESG incorporation strategies and ability to identify and manage ESG issues	V	V	V
Discuss with managers how ESG issues have impacted specific investment decisions and, where relevant, stock or portfolio performance	V	V	V
Evaluate index providers' ESG incorporation when designing the index		\checkmark	V
Other ESG incorporation issues in your selection process, specify			
None of the above			

Engagements

	LE	FIC
Discuss the managers' engagement processes	V	V
Discuss the role managers have played in influencing companies' ESG practices and performance	V	V
Discuss how information gained though engagement is incorporated into investment decision-making	V	V
Other engagement issues in your selection process, specify		
None of the above		

(Proxy) voting



	LE
Discuss the managers' voting processes	
Discuss how information gained through research for (proxy) voting is used in investment-decision making	
Other (proxy) voting issues in your selection process, specify	
None of the above	V

	Monit	oring			
SAM 08	3	Manda	atory	Core Assessed	PRI 1
SAM 08.1		08.1	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or yo monitoring of your external manager typically		e and
			General		

	LE	FIC	FIG
Include responsible investment as a standard agenda item at performance review meetings		V	V
Highlight examples of good responsible investment practice by other managers		\checkmark	V
Review the manager's responsible investment reporting, for example PRI-generated responsible investment reports			\checkmark
Encourage your managers to consider joining responsible investment initiatives/organisations or participate in collaborative projects with other investors		\checkmark	\checkmark
Include responsible investment criteria as a formal component of overall manager performance evaluation		V	\checkmark
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted financial performance		V	V
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted risk or volatility		V	V
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted ESG performance		V	\checkmark
Other general aspects of your monitoring, specify			
None of the above			

ESG incorporation

	LE	FIC	FIG
Request information on ESG incorporation in specific investment decisions	V	V	V
Other ways you monitor ESG incorporation, specify			
None of the above			

Engagements



	LE	FIC
Review the ESG information relevant to the engagements	V	\checkmark
Discuss the number of engagements and their comprehensiveness		
Discuss the type of role played (i.e. leading or supporting)		V
Review the progress of ongoing engagements and/or outcomes of completed engagements		V
Other ways you monitor engagement activities, specify		
None of the above		

(Proxy) voting

	LE
Review the number or percentage of votes cast	
Request an explanation of reasons for votes cast	
Discuss whether companies were informed of the reasons for votes against management recommendations or abstentions/withheld votes	
Review the number of resolutions on ESG issues filed or co-filed	
Discuss the changes in company practice (outcomes) that have been achieved from voting activities	
Other ways you monitor (proxy) voting activities, specify	
None of the above	V

Private equity (PE), property (PR) and infrastructure (INF) - non-listed assets

el			

SAM 10 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 1-6



SAM 10.1

Indicate whether your organisation, and/or your investment consultant, in the dialogue and monitoring of your external manager typically do any of the following:

General

	PE	INF
Review the manager's/general partner's responsible investment policy	V	\checkmark
Discuss the manager's governance and management of responsible investment	V	V
Meet staff with responsible investment responsibilities to assess their skills and competence		
Discuss minimum responsible investment expectations that managers must meet	\checkmark	\checkmark
Discuss the role managers have played in collaborative initiatives	\checkmark	\checkmark
Ask whether the organisation is a signatory to the PRI and/or other relevant organisations	V	V
Assess the external manager's reporting and how it will help you to monitor that it is acting consistent with the agreed-upon ESG-related policies and practices during the life of the fund		
Review the manager's responsible investment disclosure, including PRI reporting		
Assign specific weighting to ESG factors in your manager evaluation	V	V
Other general aspects in your selection process, specify		
None of the above		

Investment selection (pre-investment) of underlying holding

	PE	INF
	\checkmark	\checkmark
Assess the manager's policies, processes and systems for identifying ESG-related value drivers and managing material ESG-related risks pre-investment		
Other pre-investment aspects reviewed in your selection process, specify		
None of the above		

Investment monitoring (post-investment) of underlying holding

	PE	INF
Understand if and how the manager influences and supports its portfolio companies'/assets' management of ESG-related risks and pursuit of ESG-related opportunities		
Discuss examples of how managers have previously identified and addressed ESG issues in their portfolios on an ongoing basis		
Assess the manager's/general partner's approach to managing and disclosing material incidents at the manager / General Partner and underlying holdings		
Other post-investment aspects reviewed in your selection process, specify		
None of the above	V	\checkmark

	Moni	toring			
SAM 12		Manda	atory	Core Assessed	PRI 1-6
		M 12.1	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or you monitoring of your external manager, typically		e and
			General		

	PE	INF
Include responsible investment as a standard agenda item at performance review meetings		
Highlight examples of good responsible investment practice by other managers		
Review manager's responsible investment reporting, for example PRI-generated responsible investment reports		
Encourage your managers to consider joining responsible investment initiatives or organisations or participate in collaborative projects with other investors	\checkmark	\checkmark
Include responsible investment criteria as a formal component of overall manager performance evaluation	V	V
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted financial performance		
Request information on whether your manager's approach to ESG issues has impacted ESG performance		
Other general aspects of your monitoring, specify		
None of the above		

Investment selection (pre-investment) of underlying holding

	PE	INF
Discuss how the analysis of ESG issues affected investment decisions during the reporting period		
Other ways ESG issues are incorporated in the pre-investment process, specify		
None of the above	V	V

Investment monitoring (post-investment) of underlying holding



	PE	INF
Request reports on the ESG characteristics of the manager's underlying holdings and discuss related developments that may impact holdings in the fund		
Request examples of ESG issues identified within the portfolio and action taken in response		
Request details of how ESG factors were considered when preparing to exit from investments		
Other ways ESG issues are monitored in the post-investment process, specify		
None of the above	\checkmark	V

Communication

SAM 16 Mandatory

Core Assessed

PRI 6

SAM 16.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.

Yes, we disclose information publicly

provide URL

https://www.verka.de/media/download_gallery/Information_115_4_vag_Kapitalanlage_VERKA_VIFA-Verbund_160512.pdf

SAM 16.2

Indicate if the level of information you disclose to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients and/or beneficiaries.

O Yes

No

SAM 16.3

Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and clients and/or beneficiaries about your indirect investments.



Information	Public	Clients/beneficiaries
How responsible investment considerations are included in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes	V	☑
Details of the responsible investment activities carried out by managers on your behalf		
E, S and/or G impacts and outcomes that have resulted from your managers' investments and active ownership		
Other, specify below		

 $[\]ensuremath{\bigcirc}$ Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only

 $[\]ensuremath{\bigcirc}$ We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

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Direct - Fixed Income

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ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income

Fixed income - Government

FI 13 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 1

FI 13.1

Indicate if you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making for your government fixed income investments.

Yes

FI 13.2

Indicate for what percentage of your government fixed income investments you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making.

- <10%
- O 10-50%
- 51-90%
- **●** >90%

FI 13.3

Indicate if in active strategies, E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching government issuers.

ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues		
Environmental	 We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly 		
	\bigcirc We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly		
	○ We do not review environmental issues		
Social	 We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly 		
	\bigcirc We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly		
	○ We do not review social issues		
Corporate	 We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly 		
Governance	\bigcirc We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly		
	○ We do not review corporate governance issues		

 \bigcirc No

Communication



FI 18 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 2,6

FI 18.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in all fixed income investments.

We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

https://www.verka.de/media/download_gallery/Information_115_4_vag_Kapitalanlage_VERKA_VIFA-Verbund_160512.pdf

FI 18.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

O Yes

No

FI 18.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- O Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

FI 18.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information to the public.

- O Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- O Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify

FI 18.5

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- O Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

FI 18.6

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information to clients/beneficiaries

- O Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- O Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify
- O We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only
- O We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

