



# Triodos IM Sustainability initiatives










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# Partnerships and Networks

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	Name	Description	Role
	<b>Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)</b>	New York-based worldwide network of asset managers, asset owners and service providers in the impact investing marketplace, dedicated to increasing the scale and effectiveness of impact investing.	Co-founder / Member
	<b>UNPRI (UN Principles for Responsible Investing)</b>	The PRI works with its international network of over 3,200 signatories to put the six Principles for Responsible Investment into practice. Its goals are to understand the investment implications of environmental, social and governance issues and to support signatories in integrating these issues into investment and ownership decisions.	Signatory
	<b>ICGN International Corporate Governance Network</b>	International Corporate Governance Network aiming to promote effective standards of corporate governance and investor stewardship to advance efficient markets and sustainable economies worldwide	Member
	<b>Eumedion</b>	Eumedion is an organisation representing the interests of institutional investors holding shares in Dutch listed companies, in the field of corporate governance and sustainability. A focus letter is sent out annually to all companies highlighting the group's priorities for the upcoming year. Dialogues are then carried out with lead investors for each company steering the dialogue. There is a lead investor for each company, and investors have the possibility of opting-in for dialogues with others. Triodos is currently part of the Investment and Research Committees, and the lead investor for Signify.	Member
	<b>VBDO</b>	Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development, encourages financial institutions and listed companies to perform better in the area of sustainable investment to make their own business operations more sustainable.	Member
	<b>DUFAS Dutch Fund and Asset Management Association</b>	DUFAS increases awareness of the social relevance of investing, helps to develop sector standards and represents the sector in the implementation of new laws and regulations. In addition, DUFAS is committed to a single European market with the same regulations.	Member
	<b>PCAF Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials</b>	Partnership of financial institutions developing standard methodology for carbon accounting.	Member
	<b>BPAF Partnership for Biodiversity Accounting Financials</b>	Partnership of financial institutions developing standard methodology for biodiversity accounting.	Member
	<b>CDP Carbon Disclosure Project - Carbon, water and forestry</b>	Not-for-profit charity that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts.	Signatory
	<b>Eurosif</b>	Leading European association for the promotion and advancement of sustainable and responsible investment across Europe, for the benefit of its members.	Signatory

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	<b>NAB</b> Netherlands Advisory Board on Impact Investing	Independent, non-profit organisation that aims to accelerate the growth and improve the effectiveness of the impact investing market.	Member
	SME Finance Forum	The SME Finance Forum works to expand access to finance for small and medium businesses. The Forum operates a global membership network of +240 members that brings together financial institutions, technology companies, and development finance institutions to share knowledge, spur innovation, and promote the growth of SMEs.	Member
	<b>SPTF</b> Social Performance Task Force	SPTF engages with these stakeholders to develop and promote standards and good practices for social performance management (SPM), in an effort to make financial services safer and more beneficial for clients.	Member
	<b>CSAF</b> Council on Smallholder Agricultural Finance	Leading global network of lending practitioners promoting an inclusive finance market for agricultural SMEs	Member
	<b>FEIC</b> Financial Inclusion Equity Council	First membership organization to bring together the leading entities that make equity investments in financial inclusion throughout the developing world.	Member
	BBFAW Investor Collaboration on Farm Animal Welfare	Investors write annually to companies covered in the Business Benchmark on Farm Animal Welfare encouraging companies to strengthen their management systems and processes on farm animal welfare	Signatory

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	<b>Fair Animal Investment Risk &amp; Return (FAIRR)</b>	Collaborative investor network providing research and collaborative engagement opportunities to raise awareness of the ESG risks and opportunities brought about by intensive animal agriculture.	Member
	<b>Platform Living Wages Financials (PLWF)</b>	Alliance of financial institutions encouraging and monitoring the payment of living wages along their investees supply chains	Member
	<b>VBDO - Investor statement on plastics</b>	183 investors with US\$10 trillion in combined assets, and coordinated by the Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development (VBDO), are joining forces to call for more action to address the plastics crisis. In a joint statement, they warn that the whole plastics lifecycle poses a serious and growing threat to the environment, climate, biodiversity, human rights and public health. The estimated costs to society from plastic pollution – including environmental clean-up, ecosystem degradation, shorter life expectancy and medical treatment – exceed US\$ 100 billion per year. The signatories argue that failing to address these impacts exposes companies to financial risks that threaten value creation and investment returns, given the wave of action to tighten legislation around the world, the increasing number of lawsuits against companies, and potential threat to brand value.	Signatory
	<b>ShareAction - Decarbonisation Initiative</b>	Investor collaboration aiming to encourage companies to set ambitious decarbonisation goals, currently focusing its efforts on high-carbon sectors. ShareAction prepares letters to be sent to companies and members of the initiative can opt-in to signing them.	Signatory
	<b>SBTi Pledge</b>	SBTi's Corporate Net-Zero Standard is the world's only framework for corporate net-zero target setting in line with climate science. Companies commit to set a long-term science-based target to reach net-zero value chain GHGs emissions by no later than 2050 in line with the SBTi Net-Zero Standard, submit it for SBTi validation and publish it, all within a maximum of 24 months. By committing to set a net-zero target, companies acknowledge that they will be part of the Business Ambition for 1.5°C campaign (Race to Zero campaign).	Signatory
	<b>Plastic Solutions Investor Alliance</b>	Coalition of investors engaging with publicly traded companies on the threat posed by plastic pollution	Signatory

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<b>EU Green Deal</b>	Triodos Bank has joined 58 other companies in signing a statement urging the European Commission to ensure the continuation of the EU Green Deal and utilise existing environmental standards to strengthen European businesses while also serving the climate and nature. The signatories are leaders in sustainable practices within a wide variety of sectors across Europe and represent over 800,000 employees and more than EUR 207 billion in 2023 alone. This statement is an acknowledgement of the importance of strong EU-wide laws that provide a unified framework and protect the resilience of businesses at a time where economic losses due to extreme weather are worsening year after year (2024)
<b>EU Action on people and planet</b>	Together with companies Ecosia, Natura, Oatly, Patagonia, Tony's Chocolonely, Triodos Bank has written to the European Commission's president, Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, urging to uphold and strengthen the EU's ambitions in supporting responsible businesses and achieving our collective environmental and social targets (2024).
<b>Post-growth transition</b>	Triodos Bank is the first bank to publicly support the call for a post-growth transition. Post-growth is a paradigm that originated within ecological economics, following thinking developed in the 1972 report Limits to Growth amongst others. The key idea is that perpetual economic growth drives ecological degradation, which implies that to live within planetary boundaries, we must become independent from economic growth (2024).
<b>Deep-See mining</b>	Triodos Bank statement. The extraction of precious minerals from the depths of the oceans is apparently becoming a logical development for many countries and companies, with the excuse that deep-sea mining is necessary for the energy transition. But the risks of deep-sea mining of irreparable damage to biodiversity are so great that even reducing CO2 emissions is no excuse. The financial sector needs to stop this new industry before it has even begun. Don't fund deep-sea mining (2024).
<b>Social investment framework</b>	Triodos Bank joined a group of European organisations urging the European Commission to create a social investment framework to boost financing of social initiatives. According to the group, sustainability has a social dimension that complements the environmental dimension. While the steering of investments towards environmental objectives has been guiding EU-legislation on sustainable finance, Europe just as much needs a framework to guide investments towards social housing, healthcare, education, and to ensure human rights in value chains (2023).
<b>Ban on glyphosate</b>	Triodos Bank calls on EU governments to vote against the renewal of the license for glyphosate as a pesticide. Despite mounting evidence that this pesticide threatens biodiversity and the health of humans and animals, the European Commission wants to renew the authorisation of glyphosate for ten years. This was put to a vote on 13 October (2023).
<b>Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty</b>	Triodos Bank is the first bank to join the global campaign for a proposed Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, meant to help phase out the use of coal, oil, and gas – the primary drivers of the fast-accelerating climate crisis. In a public letter and as part of this global campaign, a broad coalition of organisations including Triodos Bank is calling on European governments and policymakers to commit themselves to such a legally binding, international treaty at the COP28 in Dubai. Triodos Bank is also urging the other financial institutions to join this initiative (2023).
<b>European Sustainability Reporting Standards</b>	Triodos IM signed a joint letter by Eurosif - The European Sustainable Investment Forum, EFAMA, Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC), Principles for Responsible Investment, and United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) along with 92 other investors, calling on the European Commission to uphold the ambition and integrity of the first set of European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) (2023)
<b>Call on Nike to pay wages of garment workers</b>	Triodos Investment Management, together with other investors, has called on Nike to pay the wages and benefits owed to the workers of two suppliers in Cambodia and Thailand. In total, Nike owes USD 2.2 million to workers in garment factories who were unrightfully dismissed without receiving compensation. The joint investor letter has been sent to Nike, which has been aware of these two rights issues for the past three years. The investor letter emphasises the breach of labour law and Nike's own corporate policies, and calls for remedy in the form of payment of unpaid wages and benefits (2023).



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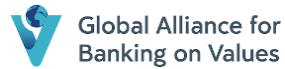
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<b>Facial Recognition</b>	The statement calls upon companies to address the social implications and risks to human rights associated with the fast-paced adoption of Facial Recognition technology, urging companies to proactively embrace 'ethical' practices regarding facial recognition. (2021)
<b>UNICEF Letter to GRI</b>	Letter to GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) from UNICEF asking that the following are included in GRI's disclosure standards: i) workplace policies and conditions for working parents; ii) good internet governance for children; iii) inappropriate marketing to children; iv) safeguards against children being harmed as a result of interaction with the company, staff or business premises (2021)
<b>Fashion Declares</b>	"Fashion Declares" is an initiative to sign an open letter highlighting the detrimental effects of the fashion industry and the urgency to shift it: "An urgent shift in behaviour is needed to cut carbon emissions and avert the climate, ecological and social crisis we face. Fashion has the power to shape culture and behaviour beyond the industry itself. As a bottom-up movement, Fashion Declares will create a network of individuals from right across the sector." ( <a href="https://fashion-declares.org/">https://fashion-declares.org/</a> ). The open letter puts forwards five commitments, which are very well aligned with the position Triodos IM takes in its publications on fashion ("Dress to Change" etc) 1. Speaking Out for Urgent Action; 2. Decarbonisation, Restoration of Ecosystems & Biodiversity; 3. Social Justice & The Just Transition; 4. Radical Transparency & Corporate Governance; 5. The Regenerative Fashion Model (2022)
<b>FAIRR</b>	Statement recognising the need to prevent further deforestation in the Cerrado to mitigate future risks associated with climate change and agricultural resilience in this important agricultural production region (2019)
<b>Accord</b>	Investor Statement in Support of the Maintenance and Expansion of the Bangladesh Accord, confirming the importance of integrated reporting in the investment processes of progressive investors (2021)
<b>IIGCC</b>	Statement reiterating call to governments for full and urgent implementation of the Paris Agreement and associated policy priorities (2019)
<b>Integrated Reporting</b>	Statement confirming the importance of integrated reporting in the investment processes of progressive investors (2021)
<b>Cooperation pharmaceutical industry COVID</b>	Statement calling on the pharmaceutical industry to internally cooperate in the combat against the coronavirus (2020)
<b>Finance for Biodiversity Pledge</b>	(2020) Pledge signatories call on global leaders and commit to protecting and restoring biodiversity through their finance activities and investments by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborating and sharing knowledge</li> <li>• Engaging with companies</li> <li>• Assessing impact</li> <li>• Setting targets</li> <li>• Reporting publicly on the above before 2025. The signatories together also put out position papers like towards the next CBD COP</li> </ul>
<b>Nuclear weapons</b>	Investor Statement on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (2022)
<b>Investor Expectations on Nutrition, Diets and Health</b>	Initiative lead by Access to Nutrition Initiative (ATNI) setting our investor expectations related to corporate governance, strategy, lobbying and transparency for food and beverage manufacturers and retailers (2020)
<b>Access to Medicine Index Investor Statement</b>	As of January 2021, 100+ investors – together managing assets of more than USD 18 trillion – have signed the Access to Medicine Index Investor Statement and committed to using the research of the Access to Medicine Foundation in their investment analysis and engagements with companies.

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Women's World Banking

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<b>Global Alliance for Banking on Values</b>	The Global Alliance for Banking on Values (GABV) is a network of independent banks using finance to deliver sustainable economic, social and environmental development.	Member
<b>UN Principles for Responsible Banking</b>	Through the Principles, banks take action to align their core strategy, decision-making, lending and investment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and international agreements such as the Paris Climate Agreement. The Principles for Responsible Banking include the Net-Zero Banking Alliance, which is the climate-focused initiative of this global framework (2019)	Signatory
<b>Net Zero Banking Alliance (NBZA)</b>	All banks that have signed the commitment will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition the operational and attributable GHG emissions from their lending and investment portfolios to align with pathways to net-zero by 2050 or sooner.</li> <li>• Within 18 months of joining, set 2030 targets (or sooner) and a 2050 target, with intermediary targets to be set every 5 years from 2030 onwards.</li> <li>• Banks' first 2030 targets will focus on priority sectors where the bank can have the most significant impact, ie. the most GHG-intensive sectors within their portfolios, with further sector targets to be set within 36 months.</li> <li>• Annually publish absolute emissions and emissions intensity in line with best practice and within a year of setting targets, disclose progress against a board-level reviewed transition strategy setting out proposed actions and climate-related sectoral policies.</li> <li>• Take a robust approach to the role of offsets in transition plans.“</li> </ul> (2021)	
<b>Certified B Corporation</b>	Certified B Corporations are leaders in the global movement for an inclusive, equitable, and regenerative economy. Unlike other certifications for businesses, B Lab is unique in our ability to measure a company's entire social and environmental impact.	Certified
<b>Women's World Banking</b>	Designs and invests in the financial solutions, institutions, and policy environments in emerging markets to create greater economic stability and prosperity for women, their families and their communities.	Member

## About Triodos Investment Management

Triodos Investment Management (Triodos IM) is a globally active impact investor. We see impact investing as a driving force in the transition to a green, inclusive and resilient economy.

We have built up in-depth knowledge throughout our 25+ years of impact investing in sectors such as Energy and Climate, Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Food and Agriculture. Triodos IM also invests in listed companies that support sustainable solutions for the future.

Assets under management as per end of June 2024: EUR 5.9 billion.

Triodos IM is a wholly owned subsidiary of Triodos Bank, a leading expert in sustainable banking.

## Investing in positive change

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