

## Responsible Investment in Ireland: market or policy driven... or both? Ireland's Fiduciary Duty Roadmap Launch on 27 June 2018

Co-hosted by SIF Ireland, the national Sustainable & Responsible Investment Forum, and Irish Life this event will provide

- an overview of responsible investment (RI);
- the investment case for adopting RI practices and the different strategies that can be used - there is no one-size fits all approach;
- the 21st Century definition of Fiduciary Duty;
- an overview of recent EU policy developments in relation to Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) integration, which will shortly impact both asset owners and asset managers; and
- the Ireland Fiduciary Duty Roadmap Recommendations, which provide policy, regulatory and market practice actions to more firmly embed ESG practices across the Irish market.

The original Fiduciary Duty in the 21st Century Report, published in 2015 by the PRI and its partners, concluded that failing to integrate long-term investment value drivers, including ESG issues, in investment practice is a failure of fiduciary duty. That project has since gone on to create individual roadmaps for a number of countries. These provide clear recommendations and next steps for each country on the policy and market practice changes required to achieve full ESG integration in their investment practices in core areas such as corporate reporting, shareholder engagement, investor education and regulatory changes. Underlying the roadmaps is the understanding that ESG integration and increased expectations for shareholder engagement are emerging as fundamental features of prudent investment practice across mature markets.

SIF Ireland has partnered with the Principles of Responsible Investment (PRI), the UNEP Finance Initiative and The Generation Foundation to produce the Ireland Roadmap for fiduciary duty. The Roadmap is the culmination of extensive consultation with regulators, investors, policymakers and attorneys across Ireland. It makes a series of recommendations to enable the market-wide adoption of ESG integration.

**Welcome:** Patrick Burke, Managing Director, Irish Life Investment Managers.

**Interview:** Providing an Irish pension fund trustee perspective on responsible investment.

**Jim Foley**, Director, Trustee Decisions.

Interviewed by **Sandra Rockett**, Director of International Business, Irish Life Investment Managers

**Keynote Speaker:** In addition to providing an overview of the Irish Roadmap Recommendations, our speaker will address the what, why and how of responsible investment. He will also provide an overview of the analysis outlined in the 2015 Fiduciary Report.

**Will Martindale**, Head of Policy, PRI.

**Panel:** Panel discussion on the adoption of responsible investment practices in Ireland.

Moderated by **Anastasia Guha**, Head of UK and Ireland, PRI.

**Adrie Heinsbroek**

Head of Responsible Investment, NN Investment Partners

**Emma Jane Joyce**

Head of Responsible Investment, Ireland Strategic Investment Fund

**Laura Heuston**

Director of Sustainable Finance, SIF Ireland

**Logistics:**

**Date:** Wednesday 27 June

**Registration:** Opens at 8am with an 8.30am start.

Event closes at 10am.

**Event Location:** The Convention Centre, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1.

**RSVP:** Register online by Monday 25th of June.

**Cost:** This event is kindly sponsored by Irish Life and is free to attend.

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