

## Sustainable finance: two months until the Italian SRI week 2013.

*Fourteen events already confirmed, more than thirty sponsors and partners involved, Italian and international high-level keynote speakers. Highlights: engagement, impact investing, climate change.*

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### Press release

After the great success of its first edition, the Italian SRI Week - the most important event on Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Italy – will be back this fall.

The initiative, promoted and coordinated by the Italian SIF (Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile, from here on FFS), will take place from 5th to 12th November, following the other SRI Weeks in Europe (France and UK).

As of today, the Italian SRI Week already features fourteen events – free of charge and open to the public – and more than thirty sponsors and partners.

**Since last year, the number of sponsors of the SRI Week has doubled:** AXA IM, Etica SGR, Generali Investments Europe and Vigeo reconfirmed their support, followed this year by Dexia AM, Natixis Global Asset Management, Société Générale Securities Services, UBS, Unipol and Vontobel.

**The growing interest of the Italian financial community towards the SRI Week is also confirmed by the number of partners involved this year.**

Many subjects are going to promote events and seminars all over the country: Avanzi, Federcasse (the Federation of Cooperative Banks), ETica News, FeBAF (the Federation of the Banking, Insurance and Asset Management Industry), Fondazione Cariplo, Fondazione Lang Italia, Fondazione Riccardo Catella, Hines Italia SGR, the Order of Chartered Accountants of Naples, Morningstar and the main Italian trade unions (CGIL, CISL, UIL) have already confirmed their participation.

Even the academia will be involved in the initiative through a streaming, virtual event, connecting seven Italian universities presenting their research programmes on SRI.

**The 2013 edition will also be richer in contents:** many topics will be discussed, with the aim to outline a complete overview of a complex phenomenon such as Sustainable and Responsible Investment.

A special attention will be given to engagement as a new opportunity for the Italian institutional investors. The SRI Week will also focus on: climate change and the risks for the insurance industry, impact investing, responsible property investing, the future of the Italian SRI retail market, the role of regulators in promoting Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Italy.

*"We are particularly pleased about the quality of the 2013 edition calendar" says Davide Dal Maso, FFS Secretary General "The SRI Week will be a great opportunity to discuss and share opinions on the latest developments in the SRI market. I am sure that it will provide food for thoughts for professionals in the financial community who are well-aware and ready for a change."*

The full event calendar is online on [www.settimanasri.it](http://www.settimanasri.it)

SRI Week 2013 obtained the patronage of the **Ministry of the Environment**.

## Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile

Forum per la Finanza Sostenibile, or FFS is a non-profit and multi-stakeholders organization, founded in 2001. The Association is governed by a nine members Board, all elected by the Assembly, and is managed by a General Secretariat.

FFS's mission is to "*promote sustainable finance within the Italian financial community*". In particular, the FFS promotes the integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria in the policies and processes adopted by the investors.

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FFS is a founding member of Eurosif (The *European Sustainable and Responsible Investment Forum*), a pan-European network whose mission is to "*develop sustainability through European Financial Markets*". Eurosif act as a partnership of 8 National Sustainable Investment Forums and counts more than 90 Affiliate Members.

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