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Impact investing and the ESG information chain from companies to investors: Challenges of a new reporting and behavioural era

The new European regulatory framework requires asset managers, pension funds and in general financial market operators to provide to the public information on the integration of ESG information and risks into their investment policies, to demonstrate the social and environmental impact of their business. In particular, the Shareholder Rights Directive II (SHRD II) encourages shareholder engagement in listed companies in the EU and the improvement in the transparency of related processes, including voting and engagement. Moreover, the recently published EU taxonomy for sustainable finance will call financial market participants to communicate, for relevant products, such as equity and bond funds, the degree of compliance with the objectives of mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Therefore, impact investing takes on a fundamental dimension in the activity of financial intermediaries, thus profoundly modifying the relations between investors and issuers.

In turn, companies are required to provide ever more detailed and relevant information in their annual reporting i.e. non-financial statements (NFS), integrated reports and sustainability reports, about the social and environmental consequences of their operations, on the one hand, and on the climatic risks to which are exposed to, on the other.

Consequently, an innovative phenomenon emerges, that is a sort of a *chain* of “non-financial information” between investors and companies, which poses distinctive challenges and opens up to a new communicative and behavioural dimension in the relationship between financial capital providers and issuers. This Webinar, organized by the O.I.B.R. Foundation with the support of Eurizon Capital SGR and the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC), intends to address these issues with different experts in the sector, able to provide their point of view on the new ESG information *chain* and the challenges and dynamic adjustments that will follow.

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Programme

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Welcome by **Alessandro Lai** (Chairman, O.I.B.R. Foundation) and **Charles Tilley** (CEO, IIRC)

16.10-16.15

Introduction and moderation: **Stefano Zambon**, Secretary General, O.I.B.R. Foundation

16.15-16.30

Marina Iodice, Senior Portfolio Manager for Impact Investing, NN Investment Partners

16.30-16.45

Marina Pardini, Sustainable Investments and Engagement Lead, BancoPosta Fondi S.p.a SGR

16.45-17.00

Thomas Broderick, Vice-President, State Street Bank

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Giulia Balugani, Sustainability Manager, Unipol Group

17.15-17.30

Patrizia Giangualano, Executive Committee, Nedcommunity (Italian Non-Executive Directors Association), and Board member, Mondadori & Leonardo

17.30-17-17.40

Q&A

17.40-17.45

Conclusions by **Cristina Ungureanu**, Head of Corporate Governance, Eurizon Capital SGR