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ESG REGULATORY UPDATES

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Consob sets criteria for reviewing the financial & sustainability disclosures of listed companies

- Consob will review listed companies based on specific economic-financial indicators, reports from auditors and control bodies, market data and environmental, social, and governance factors to assess their overall transparency and compliance
- Relevant information from public authorities, media, and external sources highlighting potential irregularities, reputational risks, or greenwashing will also be considered as part of an integrated risk-based approach
- A random selection of issuers will be carried out to ensure regular rotation in oversight and broader, impartial supervision across the entire market

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IFRS Foundation publishes profiles tracking ISSB Standards adoption

- 36 jurisdictions are adopting or finalizing the adoption of ISSB Standards, with 17 profiles already published to ensure transparency and regulatory alignment
- 14 jurisdictions aim for full adoption, while others target climate-related requirements or partial incorporation; the profiles help investors and regulators understand global progress
- The IFRS Foundation supports jurisdictions with tools like the Roadmap Development Tool, while the EU profile is pending due to ongoing developments in the ESRS simplification process

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Basel Committee makes climate risk disclosure for bank regulators voluntary

- The Basel Committee has introduced a voluntary framework for disclosing climate-related financial risks. It is up to individual jurisdictions to decide whether and how to adopt it within their national regulations
- The framework is designed to ensure an adequate level of flexibility, as the availability, quality, and consistency of climate-related risk data are still developing and improving at a global level
- In order to fully understand climate-related financial risks, it is necessary to combine quantitative metrics with qualitative information, since no single indicator can fully capture their complexity

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EFRAG Releases Progress Report on ESRS Simplification

- EFRAG has published an update on the revision of the ESRS, confirming the goal of simplifying reporting requirements, especially for SMEs, by October 2025
- Key measures include streamlining the double materiality assessment, eliminating over 50% of mandatory datapoints, clarifying disclosure expectations, and enhancing alignment with international standards (ISSB, GRI)
- A draft of the simplified ESRS will be released for public consultation from late July, EFRAG encourages broad stakeholder participation to help finalize the revised standards in time for adoption by the end of the year

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INSIGHTFUL ESG REASERCH

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Combating waste in food and fashion

- Food and fashion industries generate vast amounts of waste, accounting for around 30% of global environmental harm. This waste costs money and accelerates depletion of resources, greenhouse gas emissions, and pollution
- Key solution: using AI to drive sustainable transformation. AI supports precision farming, using land, water, and fertilizers efficiently and reducing waste while boosting yields. It also allows for digital design and demand forecasting in fashion, reducing overproduction and textile waste and cutting carbon emissions
- Embracing AI is an efficient and strategic move toward a more circular and sustainable economy. It can help businesses reduce their environmental impact, meet evolving regulations and meet growing consumer demand for eco-conscious practices

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A Green Growth Opportunity for Heavy Industry

- Need for heavy industries (e.g. steel, cement and chemicals) to speed up their efforts to cut greenhouse gases. Adopting green technologies is the right thing to do and a smart move to future-proof operations, boost competitiveness and follow the rules
- Investing in green technologies is key to this transformation. This includes using renewable energy, energy-efficient practices and low-carbon alternatives to traditional materials contributing to the company's sustainability goals as well as opening new avenues for innovation and market leadership
- The article stresses the value of cooperation between governments, industries and research institutions to share knowledge, pool resources and develop policies to speed up adoption of sustainable practices in order to overcome challenges to achieve a sustainable, resilient industrial future

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Corporate Climate Responsibility Monitor: food & agriculture sector

- Many agrifood giants rely on undefined volumes of land-based carbon dioxide removal (CDR) to meet their climate targets. This undermines transparency and shifts the focus away from the urgent need for structural reductions, especially in methane emissions from livestock
- Despite the significant climate impact of methane, only Danone has partial plans to scale up plant-based proteins. No company has a robust strategy to reduce fertilizer emissions, and commitments on food loss and waste are inconsistent or absent
- While most companies are pledging to eliminate deforestation by 2025, many of them are relying on commodity certificates that offer limited traceability. Commitments often exclude indirect suppliers and key commodities such as cocoa, which undermines their credibility

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Voice of the Asset Owner Survey 2025 Qualitative Insights

- Asset owners are shifting from broad ESG strategies to targeted focus on the individual components. This reflects a more pragmatic approach, prioritizing fiduciary duty over branding or external pressure
- Geopolitical Awareness Shapes Portfolios: the influence of global tension (such as U.S.-China relations and the Ukraine war) is growing. Asset owners are reassessing regional exposures to strengthen resilience and ensure long-term stability
- While regulation is seen as important for standard-setting, many asset owners express concern over its unintended consequences. There is a growing push for collaborative engagement with regulators to ensure that policies support long-term investment outcomes

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First ESG Ratings for Italy's Top Unlisted Banks

- ESG Ratings for Unlisted Banks: Standard Ethics has started evaluating the ESG performance of the 25 Italy's largest unlisted banks and as released initial ratings for 6 of them
- SER (Standard Ethics Ratings) framework measures how closely banks align with the sustainability guidelines of the United Nations, OECD, and European Union. The methodology evaluates governance as the core metric, incorporating environmental (E) and social (S) components as proxies. Ratings are based solely on official, public sources and follow a standardized, independent and analyst-driven process
- Benchmark will track the ESG performance of Italy's top unlisted banks, enabling comparison, increasing transparency, and promoting progress in ESG best practices

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Bank of Italy: 69% of LSI banks have launched ESG initiatives

According to a recent analysis by the Bank of Italy, 69% of less significant institutions (LSIs) have initiated ESG projects, though most are still in early stages. Key challenges include limited data, weak integration of climate risks into governance, and lack of clear sustainability targets. Nonetheless, awareness of ESG's strategic role in shaping long-term business models and risk practices is growing

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Reuters

US solar energy growth to slow as Washington priorities shift

Solar energy growth in the United States is expected to slow in the coming years due to new tariffs, political uncertainty, and proposed cuts to tax incentives, despite strong corporate demand and rising electricity rates that could boost the residential market. Industry leaders warn that shifting federal priorities may undermine long-term investments and stall progress toward national clean energy goals

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Riding the ESG Wave to Finance the Future Ocean

Both UN Ocean Conference and Blue Economy & Finance Forum emphasised growing global commitment to ocean conservation. Key goals are being pushed forward. While the economic benefits of protecting oceans are substantial, current funding amounts to less than 10% of what is required. The private sector is increasingly recognised as a vital partner in addressing this shortfall and encouraging sustainable finance

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The Rising Impact of ESG on Global M&A Value

ESG has become a strategic factor in M&A, directly impacting deal value. ESG due diligence, especially on environmental risks, now complements traditional financial analysis. Strong ESG performers may gain a 3% "green premium," while weak ones face a similar "brown discount." Post-acquisition remains a critical phase, where proper ESG integration is key to long-term value creation

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Bank of Italy, green investments rise and carbon intensity falls

The Bank of Italy has increased its sustainable investments across its portfolio (total amount €190.3 billion). Green government bonds account for 5.4% of the portfolio, while ESG-labelled bonds 14.6%. From 2020 to 2024 portfolio carbon intensity dropped significantly (59% for equities and -58% for corporate bonds). New ESG metrics have been adopted, and the strategy reinforced in line with TCFD, with a long-term Paris-aligned commitment

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FINANCIAL TIMES

Hotter world will drive more wars, EU climate chief warns

The EU climate chief warned that global warming will increase the risk of wars and instability, particularly in vulnerable countries. He emphasized the urgent need to strengthen climate diplomacy and invest in resilience to prevent future climate-related conflicts. Without stronger global cooperation, climate change could become a major driver of geopolitical tension

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ESG today

EFRAG Aims to Cut Datapoints in ESRS

EFRAG is working to simplify the ESRS by reducing mandatory data points in corporate sustainability reports by at least 50%. This move is part of a broader effort to ease the reporting burden for companies while maintaining the core aims of the CSRD in lines with EU Commission's "Omnibus I" reforms. The updated standards will be open for public consultation later this year, with final recommendations expected by October 2025

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Only 16% of EU companies have achieved sustainable goals

Despite widespread adoption of sustainability initiatives among EU companies, only 16% have met concrete goals, and even fewer have shared formal sustainability reports. While sectors like electronics and food are taking the lead with specific actions others (e.g. construction and logistics) are trailing. Most firms have 2030 targets and eco-packaging. In spite of this, circularity and reuse lag due to technical limits

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ESG & SUSTAINABILITY UPCOMING EVENTS

3Q 2025

Organiser	Event Name	Location	Date	Hyperlink (if any)
 KEY ESG	KEY ESG London Workshop	London	3 July 2025	KEY ESG London workshop - Impact beyond compliance
 IETA	Asia Climate Summit	Bangkok	8-10 July 2025	ASIA CLIMATE SUMMIT – ACS 2025 - IETA
 United Nations	High-Level Political Forum 2025	New York	14-23 July 2025	High-Level Political Forum 2025
 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit	Oxford	16-17 July 2025	Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit 2025
 FLOORING SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT	Flooring Sustainability Summit	Washington D.C.	16-17 July 2025	Flooring Sustainability Summit
 CLEAN ENERGY COUNCIL	Australian Clean Energy Summit	Sydney	29-30 July 2025	Australian Clean Energy Summit 2025 - Clean Energy Council
 EURONEXT	Euronext Sustainability Week	Milan	4-11 September 2025	Sustainable investing and ESG reporting to the evolving landscape of green finance
 European Center of Sustainable Development	The 13th ICSD 2025	Rome	10-11 September 2025	International Conference on Sustainable Development
 Gartner	Gartner CFO & Finance Executive Conference	London	10-11 September 2025	Gartner CFO & Finance Executive Conference 2025
 RE-THINK SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS FORUM & SOLUTIONS EXPO	Rethink Event	Hong Kong	11-12 September 2025	Hong Kong's Flagship Event For Sustainable Business
 THE DROP	The Drop 2025	Malmo	16-18 September 2025	The Drop climate tech innovators
 Sustainable Debt	Sustainable Debt Americas 2025	New York	18 September 2025	Environmental Finance's Sustainable Debt Americas 2025
 MORNINGSTAR	Sustainable Investing Summit 2025	Amsterdam	18-19 September 2025	Sustainable Investing Summit 2025
 CLIMATE WEEK NYC CLIMATE GROUP	Climate Week NYC	New York	21-28 September 2025	Climate Week NYC 2025
 BUILDING BRIDGES Aligning finance with sustainability	Building Bridges 2025	Geneva	30 September – 2 October 2025	Building Bridges 2025 Summit

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ESG CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY INVESTMENT BANKS AND BROKERS

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Organiser	Event Name	Location	Date	Hyperlink (if any)
 Kepler Cheuvreux	Energy Services & Transition Enablers Conference	London	30 September-1 October 2025	<u>Energy Services & Transition Enablers Conference</u>
J.P.Morgan	Global Energy Conference	London	3-4 November 2025	<u>Global Energy Conference</u>
Jefferies	Renewables & Clean Energy Conference US	New York	3-5 December 2025	<u>Renewables & Clean Energy Conference US</u>

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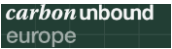


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	Climate Technology Show	London	1-2 October 2025	Bringing Together Global Climate Action Stakeholders For a Sustainable Tomorrow
	Sustainability data issues and central banks' experience	Amsterdam	4 October 2025	IFC Satellite Seminar on "Sustainability data issues and central banks' experience"
	Sustainability Week Europe	Amsterdam	6-7 October 2025	Sustainability Week Europe
	18° edition Producible	Paris	8-9 October 2025	Producible 18th edition sustainable economy stakeholders and solutions
	IUCN World Conservation Congress	Abu Dhabi	9-15 October 2025	IUCN World Conservation Congress
	The Future of ESG Data EMEA	London	13 October 2025	The Future of ESG Data EMEA
	Sustainable Brands San Diego	San Diego	13-16 October 2025	Sustainable Brands San Diego
	Innovatrix 2025	Vienna	15-16 October 2025	2nd ESG Innovation & Finance Summit
	2025 Arctic Circle Assembly	Reykjavik	16-18 October 2025	2025 Arctic Circle Assembly
	Green Economy Forum	London	21 October 2025	Green Economy Forum: Financing the Green Transition
	Sustainability Europe 2025	London	21-22 October 2025	Sustainability Europe 2025
	Carbon Unbound Europe	London	21-22 October 2025	Carbon Unbound Europe
	Responsible Investor Asia	Singapore	22-23 October 2025	Responsible Investor Asia
	Climate Change week	Milan	22-24 October 2025	4th World Conference on Climate Change & Sustainability
	VERGE Impact 25	San Jose	28-30 October 2025	VERGE Impact 25

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	SOSV Climate Tech Summit	Virtual	3-7 November 2025	SOSV Climate Tech Summit
	PRI in Person 2025	Sao Paulo	4-6 November 2025	PRI in Person 2025
	Smart City Expo	Barcelona	4-6 November 2025	Smart City Expo World Congress
	Ecomondo – The Green Technology Expo	Rimini	4-7 November 2025	Eco Mondo The ecosystem of the ecological transition
	Greenbuild 2025	Los Angeles	4-7 November 2025	Greenbuild international conference + Expo
	Asia Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development	Fukuoka	8-10 November 2025	2025 10th Asia Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development
	Web Summit	Lisbon	10-13 November 2025	Web Summit
	2025 UN Climate Change Conference	Belem	10-21 November 2025	2025 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 30)
	Sustainable Innovation Forum 2025	Belem	18-25 November 2025	15th annual edition of the Sustainable Innovation Forum
	Slush 2025	Helsinki	19-20 November 2025	Slush annual event

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