Joining Information

About ERIN

The European Responsible Investment Network is a group of civil society organisations with a shared commitment to advocating for sustainable finance. The network offers a collaborative approach to capital markets campaigning, aiming to provide a counter-narrative to the financial lobby.

The network enables collective capacity building and the sharing of best practice and learning, mobilises support for investor-focused campaigns, and triggers new initiatives. The network also provides a resource for intelligence on sustainable finance issues, including relevant opportunities for advocacy at an EU policy level.

Vision & mission of ERIN

Our network vision is a strong and cohesive European civil society working together to improve the public accountability and investment practices of Europe’s investment sector, as well as mobilising the power of investors to promote sustainable corporate conduct.

The mission of our Network is to connect civil society across Europe with a shared interest in fair and sustainable investment, and shareholder activism, to amplify the voice of civil society and help create a fair and responsible investment system.

Network strands

- **Capacity building and knowledge sharing**
  - Members share information and skills in capital markets campaigning and advocacy
  - Members work together to build the movement for sustainable finance, welcoming that different members and other civil society organisations play different roles in delivering our vision
  - Members collaborate to build the evidence for sustainable finance and share data for research purposes where possible

- **Campaigning and investor engagement**
  - Members support each other by providing practical support for campaigning across borders, and combine tactics when useful
  - Members develop joint campaigns and actions
  - Members collaborate on shareholder activism, particularly AGM interventions

- **Policy advocacy**
  - Members share information on advocacy opportunities, and enable coordinated civil society responses on policy
  - Members learn from other countries’ best practice in policy
  - Members collaborate to build policy-makers’ knowledge on sustainable finance
Membership benefits

- **Access training, expertise and intelligence-sharing** from across the Network in shareholder activism, investor engagement, and campaigning tools to raise awareness and pressure
- **Gain opportunities for collaboration** on new investor-focused campaigns
- **Find out about RI-relevant policy developments** on national, EU and international level, and participate in joint advocacy activities for a more transparent and accountable investment system, for example through collaborating on public consultation responses or sending joint letters to policymakers, investors and companies
- **Participate in our conferences**, a platform for strengthening partnerships and initiating new campaigns
- **Receive regular updates and analysis** on the latest sustainable finance developments across the Network that are relevant to your organisation
- **Gain access to the member-only online platform** to join the conversation with fellow members

Membership principles

- Primarily, ERIN members should identify with the mission and vision of the Network and actively be contributing to the movement for a sustainable and accountable investment system.

- Members should commit to actively participating in at least some of the network activities. We recognise that members have differing levels of capacity, and understand that members will choose specific areas of interest to engage on.

- Member engagement is crucial to the success of the network, and we expect members to be movement generous, by honestly sharing learnings and supporting other organisations’ campaigns.

- **There is no fee to join ERIN.** Communications will largely be web-based, with some meetings in person, most likely on an annual basis.

About ShareAction

ShareAction ([www.shareaction.org](http://www.shareaction.org)) is a ground-breaking UK-based charity that has championed Responsible Investment by pension funds and other investors for over a decade. We are recognised as the leading NGO that monitors and engages with the investment industry in the UK. We are a membership based organisation with 18 members from some of the UK’s largest trade unions and NGOs, such as Greenpeace, Oxfam, and Friends of the Earth.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or would like to discuss membership in more detail, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Sunniva Gautvik, Civil Society Networks Manager, on +44 (0)20 3475 7872 or sunniva.gautvik@shareaction.org.

ShareAction is a registered charity that promotes responsible investment practices by pension providers and fund managers. ShareAction believes that responsible investment helps to safeguard investments as well as securing environmental and social benefits.

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