



# RITRANSPARENCY REPORT 2013/14

VBV- Vorsorgekasse AG





# About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the <a href="PRI website">PRI website</a>, ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2013-14 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

# Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six <u>Principles for Responsible Investment</u>. It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted. This results in some Principles not being explicitly highlighted. For instance, Principle 1 and 2 cannot be implemented without implementing Principle 3, but there are cases when Principle 3 is not explicitly highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
<b>✓</b>	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
$\square$	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
<b>&amp;</b>	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ъ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.

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# Principles Index

Organisational Overview						rin		General		
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	✓	n/a							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Additional information about organisation	✓	Private							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
00 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
00 12	Modules and sections required to complete	1	Public							✓

Overarching Approach					Principle				General	
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OA 01	RI policy and other guidance documents	✓	Public							✓
OA 02	Publicly available policies / documents	✓	Public						✓	
OA 03	Policy components and coverage	✓	Public	✓	✓					
OA 04	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
OA 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
OA 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
OA 07	Governance, management structures and RI processes	✓	Private							<b>✓</b>
OA 08	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
OA 09	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	✓	Private							✓
OA 10	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
OA 11	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
OA 12	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	
OA 13	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Private	✓						
OA 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Private	~						
OA 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Private							✓
OA 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Private							✓
OA 17	RI/ESG in execution and/or advisory services	8	n/a	~	<b>✓</b>					
OA 18	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Private							✓
OA 19	Internal and external review and assurance of responses	✓	Private							✓



Direct - Fixed Income			Principle				General			
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
FI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private	✓						
FI 02	Breakdown of investments by credit quality	✓	Private							✓
FI 03	Description of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	<b>✓</b>						
FI 04	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	<b>✓</b>						
FI 05	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Private	~						
FI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	<b>✓</b>						
FI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	1	Public	~						
FI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Private	~						
FI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	✓	Private	~						
FI 10	Description of ESG integration	✓	Private	✓						
FI 11	Review of ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	~						
FI 12	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Private	~						
FI 13	Incorporation of ESG issues into analysis and decision making	✓	Public	~						
FI 14	ESG issues in index construction	8	n/a	<b>✓</b>						
FI 15	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Private	~						
FI 16	Incorporation of ESG issues has improved financial/ESG performance and reduced risk	✓	Private	~						
FI 17	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	~						
FI 18	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓				✓	
FI 19	Engagement with corporate issuers	✓	Private		✓					
FI 20	Engagement with government issuers	✓	Private		✓					

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**Organisational Overview** 

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Basic Informa	ntion		
OO 01 Ma	andatory	Gateway/Peering	General
00 01.1	Select the category which	best represents your primary activity.	
○ No	n-corporate pension or superannua	tion or retirement or provident fund or plan	
● Co	rporate pension or superannuation	or retirement or provident fund or plan	
	urance company		
	undation or endowment velopment bank		
	serve - sovereign or government co	ontrolled fund	
	ner, specify		
OO 02 Ma	andatory	Peering	General
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00 02.1	Select the location of your	organisation's headquarters.	
Austria			
	Indicate the number of cou	untries in which you have offices (including	ı vour
OO 02.2	headquarters).		, you.
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○ 2-5	j		
○ 6-1	0		
○ >10	0		
OO 02.3	Indicate the approximate n equivalents (FTE).	number of staff in your organisation in full-	time
	FTE		
35			
OO 03 Ma	andatory	Descriptive	General
00 03.1	Indicate whether you have signatories in their own rig	subsidiaries within your organisation that ht.	are also PRI
○ Ye	s		
No			
OO 04 Ma	andatory	Gateway/Peering	General
00 04.1	Indicate the year end date	for your reporting year.	
04/40	/2013		

# OO 04.2 Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		2	000	000	000
Currency	EUR				
Assets in USD		2	634	388	178

00 04.3

Indicate the level of detail you would like to provide about your asset class mix.

- O Approximate percentage breakdown to the nearest 5% (e.g. 45%)
- Broad ranges breakdown (i.e. <10%; 10-50%; >50%)

OO 06 Mandatory Descriptive General

OO 06.1

To contextualise your responses to the public, indicate how you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

Publish our asset class mix as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	<10%	<10%
Fixed income – corporate	10-50%	10-50%
Fixed income – government	10-50%	10-50%
Fixed income – other	10-50%	<10%
Private debt	0	0
Private equity	0	0
Property	<10%	0
Infrastructure	0	0
Commodities	<10%	0
Hedge funds	<10%	0
Forestry	0	0
Farmland	0	0
Inclusive finance	0	0



Cash	<10%	0
Other (1), specify	0	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

 $<sup>\</sup>bigcirc$  Publish our asset class mix as per attached file (the following image formats can be uploaded: .jpg, .jpeg, .png,.bmp and .gif)

Gate	way asset o	class implementation indicat	cors					
00 10	Mano	datory	Gateway	General				
	00 10.1	Select the responsible investme and/or indirectly, for listed equit	ent activities your organisation impler ies in the reporting year.	mented, directly				
	☑ We in	corporate ESG issues into investment	decisions on our internally managed ass	ets				
	☐ We address ESG incorporation, engagement and/or (proxy) voting in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes							
	☐ We er	ngage with companies on ESG issues	via our staff, collaborations or service pro	oviders				
	☐ We ca	ast our (proxy) votes directly or via ser	vice providers					
	☐ None	of the above						
	00 10.2	Indicate if your combined intern or more of your total AUM.	ally and externally managed listed ed	quities are 10%				
	O Yes, o	our total listed equities are 10% or mor	re of our total AUM					
	<ul><li>No, or</li></ul>	ur total listed equities are less than 10	% of our total AUM					
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00 11	Wand	datory	Gateway	General				
	00 11.1		you incorporated ESG issues into you incorporated ESG issues into your intership practices in the following into					
		income – corporate						
		income – government						
		Income – other						
	☐ Prope	erty						
	☐ Comn	nodities						
	☐ Hedge	e funds						
	☐ Cash							
	☐ None	of the above						



00 11.2

Indicate if in the reporting year you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes in the following externally managed asset classes.

☑ Fixed income – government

☑ Fixed Income – other

 $\square$  None of the above

00 12

**Mandatory** 

Gateway

General

00 12.1

The modules and sections that you will be required to complete are listed below. They are based on the percentages provided in your AUM breakdown and your responses to the gateway indicators. Note, you are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM. You may report voluntarily on any applicable modules or sections by selecting them from the list. Direct - Fixed Income and Infrastructure are always voluntary.

## **Core modules**

- ☑ Organisational Overview
- ☑ Overarching Approach (including assets which do not have a separate module)

## RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

☐ Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Fixed Incom

- ☑ Fixed Income Corporate
- ☑ Fixed Income Government

## RI implementation via external managers

Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers

 $\square$  Fixed Income - Corporate

☐ Fixed Income - Government

☐ Fixed Income - Other

# **Closing module**

☑ Closing module

**Note:** Please make sure your response to this indicator is complete and confirmed before you progress. Your response will determine which tailored modules and sections you will be presented with.



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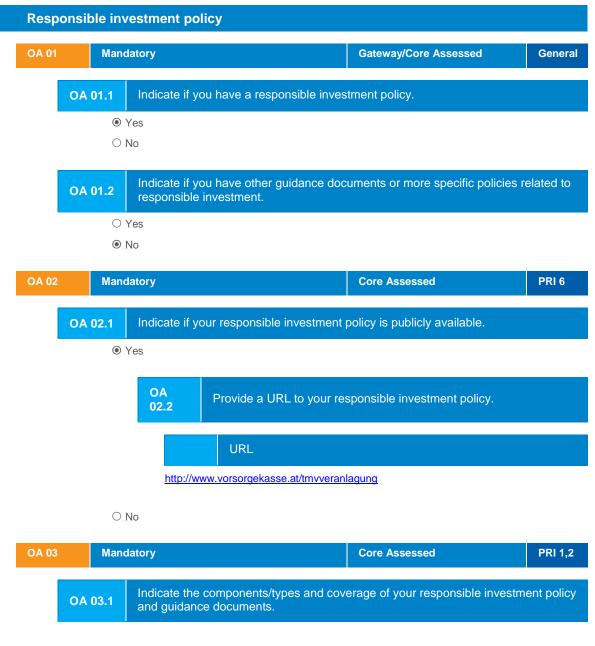
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**Overarching Approach** 

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Select all that apply



Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
☑ Policy setting out your overall approach	Applicable policies cover all AUM
☐ (Proxy) voting policy	O Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM
☐ Engagement/active ownership policy	O Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM
☐ Specific guidelines on corporate governance	
☐ Specific guidelines on environmental issues	
☐ Specific guidelines on social issues	
☐ Asset class-specific guidelines	
☐ Other, specify	
☐ Other, specify	

OA 04.1 Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

O Yes

No

No

Additional information. [Optional]



Indicate how frequently your organisation formally reviews performance against its objectives for responsible investment.

O Quarterly
O Biannually
O Annually
O Every two years or less
O It is not reviewed

OA 05.4 Additional information. [Optional]

The Austrian Society for the Environment and Technology (ÖGUT) reviews the principles of our sustainable investment, compliance with the criteria specified therein and the research and monitoring system annually. All investments are reviewed in a structured process by a team of experts according to a detailed list of criteria and VBV's communication policy is scrutinised.

# Governance and human resources OA 08 Mandatory Gateway/Core Assessed General OA 08.1 Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.



		Roles present in y	our organisation					
		Board members or trustees						
	☑ Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee							
		☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment						
		$\overline{\!$						
		$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment						
		Other Chief-level staff or he	ead of department, specify					
	$\checkmark$	Portfolio managers						
		✓ Oversight/account	intability for responsible investment					
		☑ Implementation	of responsible investment					
		☐ No oversight/accinvestment	countability or implementation responsibility for res	sponsible				
		Investment analysts						
		Dedicated responsible inves	stment staff					
	$\checkmark$	External managers or servi	ce providers					
		✓ Oversight/account	intability for responsible investment					
		☐ Implementation	of responsible investment					
		☐ No oversight/accinvestment	countability or implementation responsibility for res	sponsible				
		Other role, specify						
		Other role, specify						
Prom	oting resp	onsible investment						
OA 10	Mano	datory	Core Assessed	PRI 4,5				
	OA 10.1		sation is a member of and/or participant in ar ves that promote responsible investment.	ny collaborative				
	○ Yes							
	No							
OA 11	Mano	datory	Core Assessed	PRI 4				
		In dia ata if		an an along the of				
	OA 11.1	collaborative initiatives	sation promotes responsible investment, indo s.	ependently of				
	Yes							



OA 11.2

Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

	☐ Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
	$\hfill \square$ Provided $% \hfill$ financial support for $% \hfill$ academic or industry research on responsible investment
	$\ensuremath{\square}$ Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
	$\hfill \square$ Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
	$\hfill\square$ Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
	☐ Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
	☐ Other, specify
○ No	



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**Direct - Fixed Income** 

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# ESG incorporation in actively managed fixed income **Fixed Income - Corporate** Implementation processes PRI 1 Mandatory **Gateway/Core Assessed** Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to your actively managed corporate fixed income investments; and, (2) the breakdown of your actively managed corporate FI 04.1 fixed income investments by incorporation strategy or combination of strategies. ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply) ☐ Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies) ☐ Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies) ☐ Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies) ☐ Screening + Integration strategies ☐ Thematic + integration strategies ☐ Screening + thematic strategies ☑ All three strategies combined Percentage of active corporate fixed income to which the strategy % is applied (estimate +/- 10%) 100 $\square$ No incorporation strategies applied Total actively managed fixed income - corporate 100% Describe your primary reasons for choosing a particular incorporation FI 04.2 strategy.

From the outset in 2002, VBV - Vorsorgekasse has focussed on sustainability as part of its corporate and investment philosophy. The decision was based on a stakeholder survey, where the majority voted for the implementation of ESG criteria to the investment process.

(A) Implementation: Screening

FI 06 Mandatory Descriptive PRI 1

FI 06.1

Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active corporate fixed income investments.

## Type of screening

✓ Negative/exclusionary screening

## Screened by

- ✓ Product
- ✓ Sector
- ☐ Country/geographic region
- ☑ Environmental and social practices and performance
- ☑ Corporate governance

Description

### Exclusion:

- Nuclear energy
- Green genetic engineering
- Child labor
- Pornography
- Armor/Weapons
- Tobacco
- Avoidable animal testing
- Death Penalty
- Breach of ILO protocol

# Negative:

- Abortion
- · Exploitation of enviroment, employees and society
- Discrimination against woman and minorities
- Restriction of media and diversity opinion
- Genetic engineering
- Oil industry

Our criteria framework in detail are published on our website:

http://www.vorsorgekasse.at/tmvveranlagung

✓ Positive/best-in-class screening

Screened by



✓ Product
Sector     Se
☐ Country/geographic region
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# Description

## Psoitive:

- Workplace conditions
- Education
- Corporate Governance
- Energy and water consumption
- Renewable energy sources
- Enviromental technology leadership
- Water treatment

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✓ Norms-based screening

## Screened by

☑ UN Global Compact Principles
 ☑ Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 ☑ International Labour Organization Conventions
 ☑ United Nations Convention Against Corruption
 □ OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
 □ Other, specify

Description

Most of the norms-based screening is part of our criterion list anyway. Those norms help to define industry standards.



FI 06.2

Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.

The criteria list was set up internally under supervision of our ethics committee and reviewed periodically. However there were not many changes in the past.

There is always a current version of our ESG criterions available on our website.

FI 07	Mandatory		Core Assessed	PRI 1	
	FI 07.1	Indicate which processes you in corporate fixed income is b	r organisation uses to ensure that ased on robust analysis.	screening	
☐ Comprehensive research is undertaken or sourced to determine issuers' Esperformance					
$\ensuremath{\square}$ Issuers are given the opportunity by you or your research provide on them and correct inaccuracies				G research	
☐ External research and data used to identify issuers to be excluded/included is internal audit by ESG/RI staff, the internal audit function or similar				ubject to	
☑ Information on ESG issues and/or ratings is updated regularly to ensure that po- holdings comply with fund policies				ortfolio	
<ul> <li>A committee or body with representatives independent of the individuals ESG research reviews some or all screening decisions</li> </ul>				onduct	
$\Box$ A periodic review of the quality of the research undertaken or provided is carrie			d out		
☐ Other, specify					
☐ None of the above					
(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG factors					
FI 11	Mandatory		Core Assessed	PRI 1	
	FI 11.1	Indicate if E, S and G issues and/or sectors in active strate	are reviewed while researching co	mpanies	



ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues	
Environmental	We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly	
	O We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly	
	O We do not review environmental issues	
Social	We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly	
	O We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly	
	O We do not review social issues	
Corporate Governance	We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly	
Governance	We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly	
	O We do not review corporate governance issues	

# **Fixed income - Government**

FI 13 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 1

FI 13.1

Indicate if you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making for your government fixed income investments.

Yes

FI 13.2

Indicate for what percentage of your government fixed income investments you incorporate ESG issues in investment analysis and decision making.

- <10%
- O 10-50%
- 51-90%
- **o** >90%

FI 13.3

Indicate if in active strategies, E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching government issuers.



ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues
Environmental	We systematically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly
	We occasionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate them accordingly
	O We do not review environmental issues
Social	We systematically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly
	We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them accordingly
	O We do not review social issues
Corporate Governance	We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly
Governance	We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly
	O We do not review corporate governance issues

 $\bigcirc$  No

# Communication

FI 18 Mandatory Core Assessed PRI 2,6

FI 18.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in all fixed income investments.

We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

http://www.vorsorgekasse.at/tmvveranlagung

FI 18.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

Yes

FI 18.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries and the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- $\ensuremath{\, \bullet \hspace*{-0.7pt} }$  Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- O Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used



FI 18.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- O Quarterly or more frequently
- Between quarterly and annually
- $\bigcirc$  Less frequently than annually
- Other, specify

 $\bigcirc$  No

- O We disclose it to clients/beneficiaries only
- O We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

