IORPS’ GREEN INVESTMENTS

Occupational pension funds, as long-term investors, can play a pivotal role in financing our society’s transition towards a net-zero economy. In this fact sheet, we focus on the investments of IORPs (Institutions for Occupational Pensions Provision) in equity and corporate bonds, to which IORPs allocated 29% of their €2.5 trillion investments as of Q3 2023. Within these categories, the analysis focuses on securities issued by issuers in the European Economic Area, which account for nearly half of these two portfolios. For more insights, visit the occupational pensions statistics section of our website.

BREAKDOWN OF EEA IORPS’ TOTAL INVESTMENTS BY ASSET CLASS

The analysis shows that 4.5% of the investments within the scope are aligned with the EU Taxonomy, while another 26.1% are eligible for alignment with sustainable criteria. Regarding corporate bonds within the scope, 9% are aligned, and 42% are eligible. Equity investments show lower figures, with 1% aligned and 15% eligible.

TAXONOMY ALIGNMENT OF EEA IORPS’ CORPORATE BOND AND EQUITY HOLDINGS*

*The investments in scope are corporate bonds and equity (including exposures via investment funds) that are issued by non-financial EEA issuers. This follows the methodology developed by Alessi & Battiston (2022): Two sides of the same coin. Green Taxonomy Alignment versus transition risk in financial portfolios.

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