

February Newsletter



Dear NAB friends,

New year, new challenges!

The team and the community have worked hard to determine our priorities for 2023. Our red line this year is to ensure that the ecosystem gets access to structured and practical information, to raise the awareness and understanding around impact investing.

The NAB has partnered with the Impact Institute, the Dutch chapter of Impact for Breakfast and EVPA to develop a series of Breakfast Inspiration Sessions, focused on specific themes: check out the program hereunder! They are free and open to everyone interested in learning from the top practitioners.

Lobby & advocacy is also an important part of our work and we will keep voicing the concerns and recommendations of the Dutch impact investing community, especially at European level.

Enjoy reading!

Laure Wessemius-Chibrac, Managing Director

2022 NAB Community Guide

Have you already seen our Guide published in December? As NAB we often get contacted by funds, entrepreneurs and all types of organisations with requests for information about our community. *Who is investing in energetic transition in the Netherlands? Who can support women entrepreneurs in India? Who can I connect with if I want to talk about SDG 6?*

We have compiled an inventory of the NAB community members based on public information that we found either on their website or in their 2021 Annual (Impact) Report. Think about this as a ['Yellow Pages' or a 'Who's who' of impact investing in the Dutch NAB community!](#)

Upcoming Events

In collaboration with the **Impact Institute**, **Impact for Breakfast**, and the **EVPA**, the NAB is organising a peer learning of **Breakfast Inspiration Sessions** this year, exploring wide range of topics from different asset classes to different sectors and always with a practical focus on impact frameworks.

Breakfast Inspiration Session #1: Focus on Green Bonds

Date: 16/03/2023

Location: a.s.r., Archimedeslaan 10, 3584 BA Utrecht, Netherlands

[Register here!](#)

Breakfast Inspiration Session #2: Focus on Biodiversity

Date: 11/05/2023

Breakfast Inspiration Session #3: Focus on Water

Date: 13/06/2023

Members' Meeting

Date: 22/06/2023

Breakfast Inspiration Session #4: Focus on Private Debt

Date: 14/09/2023

Breakfast Inspiration Session #5: Focus on Circular Economy

Date: 12/10/2023

Breakfast Inspiration Session #6: Focus on Energy Transition

Date: 16/11/2023

Team News

The team said goodbye to our previous Impact Investing Intern, Chris Leeuwis, thank you Chris for all you have done for the team. The team welcomes our new Impact Investing Intern, [Giacomo Mercuri](#). **Welcome to the team Giacomo!**

Capital Requirements Working Group

In the ['State of the Dutch impact investing ecosystem' report](#), one of the barriers cited by institutional investors to scaling up their impact investments was the high level of capital charges required by risk regulations. Reducing capital charges on impact investments would have a positive effect on the mobilization of larger pools of institutional capital. The Capital Requirements working group was established in 2022 to conduct research regarding this issue. The purpose of the research is to provide a data-driven risk assessment of impact investments that reflects the risk of such investments appropriately.

The GEMS database, containing the most exhaustive credit data in emerging markets, both in number of data points and length of coverage, is the most appropriate dataset to carry out such data-driven risk assessment. As GEMS is fed by data from largely public institutions, the database should be considered a public good.

Therefore via an [online petition](#), the Dutch NAB called upon the **GEMS governance to provide access to their database both for the purpose of finalising our research and for the benefit of the entire investor community**. The final report will be released and made publicly available by the Dutch NAB. Making use of the GSG/NABs network, the knowledge produced will be distributed to major stakeholders within the sector and policy makers at national and EU level to rally for change.

ESMA Consultation

On February 20, the NAB responded to the European Securities and Markets Authorities consultation on Guidelines on funds' names using ESG or sustainability-related terms. We believe that impact integrity and transparency are paramount to the good functioning of the ecosystem. Thanks to the feedback collected from our NAB members, we were able to submit our responses to the consultation. Read the key points and download our full response [here](#).

Interesting Publications

Dutch regulator to scrutinise green bond disclosures amid fears of green exaggerations

The AFM (the Dutch financial regulator) is going to review ESG-related products and the transparency of green and sustainability-linked bonds. Therefore tackling the concern for issuers "pretending to be more sustainable than they are".

[Read more](#)

SDG-Driven Innovation Ecosystems

Supported by a grant from the EU and by the UKRI, the GSG and NABs from Israel, Italy, Portugal and France, as well as partners from Eastern European countries, have joined forces to assess the current state of innovation ecosystems and develop a plan to increase funding for technology-based solutions that support the SDGs. The project seeks to create a mapping of the current state of play, as well as opportunities and barriers in the countries represented by consortium members.

[Read more](#)

Nature-based funds: the shape of things to come?

The recently held COP15 highlighted the importance of giving biodiversity the same level of urgency and attention as the climate. This article explores the different perspectives of investors on nature-based investments and funds with contributions from ASN Impact Investors and Triple Jump.

[Read more](#)

Do you want to become a member of the NAB community?

For enquiries e-mail us at contact@nabimpactinvesting.nl

We are grateful for the support of our members!

