

FRR chooses EIRIS for ESG research

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The fonds de réserve pour les retraites (FRR), a leading European public pension fund, has selected EIRIS, the responsible investment research specialist, to analyse the extra-financial risks of the FRR's global equity portfolio, including small and mid-caps, and its corporate fixed-income portfolio. EIRIS will assess the portfolios against the norms and principles enshrined in international conventions; for corporate involvement in anti-personnel landmines, cluster munitions, biological and chemical weapons; and assess the portfolios against governance criteria. Research will be undertaken annually and the results provided to the FRR's Responsible Investment Committee.

EIRIS' Convention Watch and EIRIS' Global Controversial Weapons Watch research are the key services in this research offering. Both research products are available to investors via [EIRIS' Global Platform](#), an innovative new research platform, developed from EIRIS' 30 years of experience in the field of responsible investment and sustainability research.

Marion de Marcillac, Head of Client Services – Europe at EIRIS commented, “EIRIS has worked with the FRR from 2009 until early 2013. We are delighted that EIRIS now has the opportunity to continue to provide ESG research services to this leading asset owner.”

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Notes to editors

1. EIRIS www.eiris.org is a leading global provider of independent research into the environmental, social, governance (ESG) and ethical performance of companies. Wholly owned by the EIRIS Foundation, EIRIS is a social enterprise, working to help our clients develop the market in ways that benefit investors, asset managers and the wider world. Our mission is to empower responsible investors with independent assessments of companies and advice on integrating them with investment decisions. EIRIS now provides responsible investment services to over 200 clients including asset owners, asset managers, banks, stock brokers and governments around the world - as well as major index providers. We have 30 years' experience of promoting responsible investment and helping consumers, charities and advisers invest responsibly. EIRIS has offices in London, Paris, Boston and Washington, D.C., as well as a representative based in Gothenburg. In addition to overseas offices, EIRIS has a global network of partners in Australia, Germany, Israel, Mexico, South Africa, South Korea and Spain to further extend our research coverage and keep us abreast of responsible investment issues at the local level.
2. The [EIRIS Global Platform](#) (EGP) is an innovative and intuitive research platform for sustainability data. EGP gives investors access to EIRIS' analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of over 3,000 companies, including EIRIS' emerging markets coverage. It offers a simple way into EIRIS' rating and screening tools, research reports, UN Global Compact compliance and PRI toolkits and, uniquely, allows clients to customise it to suit their specific investment approach.

3. [EIRIS Convention Watch](#) assesses investor portfolios against norms and principles enshrined in the UN Global Compact and other international conventions. The product provides a clear understanding of the many allegations made against companies in the media and through NGO campaigns. It uses a broad framework of global conventions to analyse how well companies are upholding widely-supported principles and addressing the associated ESG risks to their businesses.
4. [EIRIS Global Controversial Weapons Watch](#) has screened around 14,500 companies worldwide to provide investors with a complete assessment of corporate involvement in controversial weapons. EIRIS Controversial Weapons Watch enables global investors to avoid, or engage with, companies involved in the research, development, production, maintenance or sale of the various types of controversial weapons.
5. The fonds de réserve pour les retraites (FRR) reported assets of EURO €36.6bn as at 31 December 2012, according to its 2012 Annual Report.