

Media release

SSF and ASIP simplify ESG reporting with a joint questionnaire for real estate – now also covering indirect investments for the first time

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In Switzerland, residential and commercial property accounts for around a quarter of national CO₂ emissions. Real estate investors therefore have considerable influence in helping to achieve Switzerland's climate targets. Transparent data on climate and other sustainability factors form the basis for continuous improvement. For the 'Standard ESG Questionnaire for Real Estate Vehicles 2026', SSF has worked closely with ASIP for the first time this year to provide a standardised questionnaire and to facilitate data collection for both direct and indirect real estate investors.

Two years ago, Swiss Sustainable Finance (SSF) published the 'Standard ESG Questionnaire for Direct Real Estate Vehicles' for the first time, with the aim of simplifying the exchange of information between direct and indirect real estate investors. A steering group comprising representatives from the Swiss Pension Fund Association ASIP, Maerki Baumann and Co AG, Swiss Finance and Property Group, Swiss Life Asset Management, UBS, Utilita, Wüest Partner, ZHAW and ZKB oversaw the work and ensured that the questions were even more focused in the following year. Since then, the tool has been widely used in the market and facilitates the flow of information on sustainability aspects between providers of real estate funds and investors.

Two years after its initial publication, SSF has now collaborated with ASIP to further advance the standardisation of environmental, social and governance (ESG) data relating to real estate investments and extending the standard questionnaire to cover indirect real estate vehicles as well. The current edition serves as a reporting tool for all real estate investments, both direct and indirect, and has been fully harmonised with the ASIP template. This means that, for the first time, a uniform template is available for all market participants in real estate investments. This simplifies the flow of information for investors and increases transparency regarding the climate and sustainability performance of real estate investments.

"This year's dry and hot summer has clearly shown that all stakeholders must play their part if we are to achieve the goal of a significant reduction in CO₂ emissions quickly. Real estate investors are in need of relevant data if they aim to reduce their carbon footprint. The collaboration with ASIP was an opportunity to increase transparency on climate and sustainability for all stakeholders, whilst making the process as straightforward as possible. The fact that we have now achieved full harmonisation of the two questionnaires is a win for everyone involved," says Sabine Döbeli, CEO of SSF.

The '[Standard ESG Questionnaire for Swiss Real Estate Vehicles 2026](#)' can be downloaded from the SSF website.

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