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## EUROPEAN INVESTORS DOMINATE SHORTLIST FOR GLOBAL RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT AWARD

*Funds from UK, Scandinavia, Netherlands and Ireland take half the nominations*

A new global award to recognise excellence in responsible investment reporting has nominated eight European pension funds out of a total 16 candidates. The winner will be announced at the **RI Europe** conference in London on 11th June [link](#).

The 'RI Reporting Awards' [link to PDF](#) recognize those funds that are most transparent about how they are putting responsible investment into action. Reporting on RI issues is seen as vital for communicating publicly the steps that institutional investors are taking to address looming environmental dangers and financially material social risks (such as child labour, supply chains, tax), and, via better corporate governance, to promote sustainable corporate practices and help avoid a repeat of the 2008/09 financial crisis.

Good RI reporting is also the indicator of how seriously pension funds are taking their commitments to integrate increasingly 'material' ESG risks and opportunities into traditional financial analysis and investment decision processes.

The **BT Pension Scheme** (UK), **AP4** and **Folksam** (Sweden) and **Pensioensfonds Zorg en Welzijn** (Netherlands) have been shortlisted for best responsible investment report by a large pension fund; while the **Church of England investment bodies** (UK), **Environment Agency (Active) Pension Fund** (UK), **Folketrygdfondet / Government Pension Fund Norway** and the **National Pensions Reserve Fund** (Ireland) are in the running for the prize for best responsible investment reporting by a medium or smaller-sized fund.

The shortlists have been selected from an analysis of the responsible investment reporting of over 1,000 of the world's largest pension funds from Europe, North America, Australasia, Latin America and Africa.

Hugh Wheelan, Managing Editor of Responsible Investor and Chair of the judging panel said:

*"Institutional investors are living through a post financial crisis era where there is mounting pressure for them to be more responsible and transparent about environmental, social and corporate governance efforts as part of their fiduciary duty to protect beneficiary assets over the long term. Because pension funds sit at the top of the investment chain they can set the standards for others to follow. These awards recognize those pension funds that are visibly leading the way via their responsible investment reporting."*

The full list of nominations is:

### **Nominated for best responsible investment report by a large pension fund**

- Australian Future Fund, Australia
- BT Pension Scheme, UK
- California Public Employment Retirement Systems (CalPERS), USA
- Fjaerde AP-fonden (AP4), Sweden
- Folksam, Sweden
- Government Employees Pension Fund, South Africa
- Pensioensfonds Zorg en Welzijn, Netherlands
- Previdência dos Funcionarios do Banco do Brasil, Brazil

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### **Nominated for best responsible investment report by a small or medium-sized pension fund**

- Church of England, UK
- Construction & Building Unions Superannuation, Australia
- Environment Agency (Active) Pension Fund, UK
- Folketrygdfondet / Government Pension Fund Norway, Norway
- National Pensions Reserve Fund, Ireland
- New Zealand Superannuation Fund, New Zealand
- OPSEU Pension Trust, Canada
- Vic Super, Australia

### **Download the RI Reporting Awards Information & Nominations here -**

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### **Download the RI Reporting Awards Criteria here -**

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The **two awards for Best RI Report 2013 will be announced at RI Europe** in London on 11th June, see -

<http://www.responsible-investor.com/europe2013>

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### **About the Responsible Finance Research Charity**

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