# Survey EUKI 2025

## **Description**

The survey assets to understand the retail investors demand for sustainable finance products. Available in 3 countries: Romania, Bulgaria and Estonia.

## **Usage**

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### **Format**

A tibble with 3001 rows and 166 variables:

record

Record number

uuid

Participant identifier

date

Completion time and date

qtime

**Total Interview Time** 

status

Participant status

SD0

Hidden for the country.

SD1

Gender

SD2

Age

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In which region do you live?
SD3_EE
       In which region do you live?
SD3_RO
       In which region do you live?
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Hidden_EE
       In which region do you live?
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       In which region do you live?
Α1
       Which of the following statements applies to you with regard to financial decisions (e.g.,
       investing money)?
Α2
       What are your financial goals, in other words, what do you want to achieve with your money?
A2r1
       Generate a precautionary buffer to be used in case of problem
A2r2
       Save for retirement
A2r3
       Generate a long-term increase in wealth
A2r4
       Generate additional income
A2r5
       Save money for personal projects
A2r6
       Save money for children or relatives
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A2r7	
	Generate a positive environmental and/or social impact
A2r8	
	Other financial goals
A2r8oe	
	What are your financial goals, in other words, what do you want to achieve with your money? Other financial goals
A3	
	Which of the following information channels do you use before investing money?
A3r1	
	Advice from bank advisor
A3r2	
	Advice from an external financial advisor
A3r3	
	Advice from the consumer association
A3r4	
	Online broker
A3r5	
	Exchange with family, friends and acquaintances
A3r6	
	Financial magazine
A3r7	
	Other magazines
A3r8	
	News or newspapers
A3r9	
	Internet pages of the companies
A3r10	

	Annual reports (annual financial statements, management report, etc.)
A3r11	
	Online forums and blogs
A3r12	
	Social media
A3r13	
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10-11	Foucasis
A3r14	
	Other information channels
A3r15	
	I do not use any information channel
A3r14o	е
	Which of the following information channels do you use before investing money? - Other information channels
A4	
	Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?
A5	
	Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?
A6	
	Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.
A7	
	How willing or unwilling are you to take risks when making decisions in your life?
A9	
	How well do the following statements describe your personality? I see myself as someone who
A9r1	
	is reserved
A9r2	

		is generally trusting
A	\9r3	
		tends to be lazy
A	\9r4	
		is relaxed, handles stress well
A	\9r5	
		has few artistic interests
A	\9r6	
		is outgoing, sociable
A	A9r7	
		tends to find fault with others
A	\9r8	
		does a thorough job
A	\9r9	
		gets nervous easily
A	\9r10	
		has an active imagination
A	10	
		How well do the following statements describe your personality? I think
A	\10r1	
		that using more natural resources than we need does not threaten the health and well-
^	110-2	being of people in the future
F	\10r2	
	40.0	that we need stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment
P	\10r3	
		that it is important to take measures against problems which have to do with climate change
A	\10r4	

that are necessary to live sustainably A10r5 ... that we who are living now should make sure that people in the future enjoy the same quality of life as we do today A10r6 ... that women and men throughout the world must be given the same opportunities for education and employment A10r7 ... that companies have a responsibility to reduce the use of packaging and disposable articles A10r8 ... it is important to reduce poverty A10r9 ... that companies in rich countries should give employees in poor nations the same conditions as in rich countries В1 Have you ever heard of sustainable finance products or sustainable investing? B2 Do you currently own sustainable investments/sustainable finance products? **B**3 Do you plan to invest (additional) money in sustainable investments/sustainable finance products within the next three years? B4a What is the current share of sustainable investments in the total of all your investments? B4b You have previously answered that you already own sustainable investments. We would now like to learn more about the sustainable financial products you have invested in. Could you say what proportion (in %) of your total financial savings is currently invested in sustainable investments B4br1 Savings account

... that everyone ought to be given the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, values and skills

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B4br2
        Money market account
B4br3
        Shares
B4br4
        Equity funds (incl. ETFs and index funds)
B4br5
        Bonds
B4br6
        Bond funds
B4br7
        Private equity or debt funds
B4br8
        Crowdfunding
B4br9
        Cooperative shares
B4br10
        Other fixed-income securities (e.g. mortgage bonds, government bonds, savings contracts,
        time deposits, subordinated loans)
B4br11
        Other non-fixed-income securities (e.g. warrants, open-end real estate funds, closed-end
       funds, mixed funds)
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B5
B5r1
        My financial advisor did not propose me the right products.
B5r2
       I have found no time to understand and evaluate products related to sustainability, so I stick to
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a conventional asset allocation.

B5r3

I feel poorly informed about sustainable investments.

B5r4

I do not trust that providers of sustainable investments follow the sustainability guidelines that they represent in their investment information.

B5r5

I would like to invest in sustainable investments but I'm afraid that changing my asset allocation would increase the risk of my portfolio or decrease its return.

B5r6

It takes too much time to inform myself about sustainable investments and the underlying criteria.

B5r7

I don't believe that sustainable investments generate a real world impact.

B5r8

I'm motivated to be a sustainable investor but my sustainability preferences are not super clear to me.

B5r9

I do not feel sufficiently advised about sustainable investments.

B5r10

The available market offering of sustainable investments is insufficient.

B5r11

Negative experiences or financial losses with sustainable investments.

B5r12

Other reasons.

B5r13

Prefer not to say.

B5r12oe

В6

In the context of sustainable financial investments, the acronym "ESG" is often used. What do you think the abbreviation "ESG" stands for?

B7

	Does a product advertised in the European Union as a "sustainable financial product" have to meet uniform criteria, set by the state regulatory authorities?
B8	
	Are you aware of a label (or certificate, or proof) that certifies a sustainable financial product (from governmental or non-governmental organizations)?
В9	
	Let's say a company has a low environmental footprint but has poor social and employee practices. Would it be possible to call the shares of this company a "sustainable" financial product in the financial markets?
B10	
	In how many of the 3 ESG components (Environment, Social, Governance) does a company have to be sustainable in order to be considered a sustainable company on the financial markets?
B11	
	An investment in a sustainable fund that includes companies with a low CO2 footprint directly reduces global CO2 emissions.
B12	
	Do financial institutions that offer sustainable products always proactively influence the sustainability behavior of the invested companies (e.g., by participating in the annual shareholders' meeting)?
B13	
	Is there a difference for you between "sustainable investing" and "impact investing?"
B14	
	Which of the following labels or certificates characterizes a financial product as sustainable in terms of environmental, social and governance criteria (ESG criteria)?
B15	
	How does an investment in a sustainable equity fund that focuses specifically on companies with a low carbon footprint contribute to the reduction of global CO2 emissions?
B16	
	What is "greenwashing" in the context of sustainable investments?
B17	
	What is an "exclusion strategy" when investing sustainably?
B18	
	Which statement best describes a "best-in-class" investment strategy?

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Please indicate your assessment of the average risk level of sustainable investments compared to conventional investments.

B20

Please indicate your assessment of the average level of interest rates or returns of sustainable investments compared to conventional investments.

B21

Please indicate your assessment of the average level of fees of sustainable investments compared to conventional investments.

B22

Please indicate how strongly you intend to learn about sustainable investing and sustainable financial products.

B23

Which of the following channels would you prefer to use to learn more about sustainable investments and sustainable investing?

B23r1

Advice from banks and/or independent financial advisors

B23r2

Advice from consumer advice centers

B23r3

Online brokers

B23r4

Exchange with family, friends, and acquaintances

B23r5

Economic or finance magazines (e.g., The Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Financial Times, etc.)

B23r6

News or daily newspapers

B23r7

Websites of the companies in which investments are made

B23r8

	Websites of the investment providers
B23r9	
	Annual reports of the companies in which investments are made (annual financial statements, management report, etc.)
B23r10	
	Online forums and blogs
B23r11	
	Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter/X, YouTube, etc.)
B23r12	
	Podcasts
B23r13	
	Financial portals (e.g., Yahoo Finance, MarketWatch, Investopedia, etc.)
B23r14	
	Sales documents relating to the investment product (e.g., basic information sheets, sales prospectus, etc.)
B23r15	
	Online courses and webinars on sustainable investing
B23r16	
	Educational materials from platforms (like Coursera, Udemy, edX)
B23r17	
	Books or e-books about sustainable investing
B23r18	
	Investor meetups or events (virtual or in-person)
B23r19	

Email newsletters from financial experts or sustainability influencers

B23r21

School curriculum

B23r20

Other information channels

B23r22	
l wo	ould not use any information channel
B23r23	
Do	not know
B23r21oe	
	nich of the following channels would you prefer to use to learn more about sustainable estments and sustainable investing? - Other information channels
C1	
Ple	ease rate the following statement.
C1r1	
l be	elieve that financial investments are an appropriate way to express one's values.
C1r2	
l be	elieve that financial investments in general are effective to change the world.
C1r3	
	elieve that my own financial investments, whatever their actual amount, can make a erence.
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Ple	ease watch the video below. It will help you answer the questions to come!
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D1	

At the beginning of the survey, we asked you about your financial goals.

D1r1

	I want my money to be invested in a way that contributes to change in the real economy.
D1r2	
	I want my money to be invested in such a way that the companies I invest are in align with my personal values.
D1r3	
	I want my money to be invested in such a way that my savings achieve the maximum possible return for the level of risk I accept to take.
D2	
	Please rank the following financial and non-financial goals in terms of their personal importance to you (1 = highest importance).
D2r1	
	Alignment of my savings with my personal values
D2r2	
	Achieve a clear positive impact on the society or the environment
D2r3	
	Achieve the maximum possible return for the level of risk I am willing to accept
	Achieve the maximum possible return for the level of fisk ram willing to accept
D3_1	
	Which non-financial goals could private investors pursue when investing money?
D3_1r1	
	Maximizing returns
D3_1r2	
	Positive impact on the invested companies
D3_1r3	
	Value alignment
D3_1r4	
_	Risk reduction
D3_1r5	
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	I don't know
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D3_2	
	Private investors who pursue value-alignment as a non-financial goal aim to generate positive change in the real world.
D3_3	
	What do private investors who solely pursue impact investing want to achieve?
D3_4	
	Is there a difference between the non-financial goals of value alignment and impact investing?
E1	
	Here you can see the following description of an investment fund (please read)
E2	
	Here you can see another description of an investment fund (please read)
E3	
	Here you can see another description of an investment fund (please read)
F1	
	Please indicate your highest educational level.
F1r6oe	
	Please indicate your highest educational level Other professional qualification
F2	
	Please indicate the monthly net household income of all persons currently living permanently in your household
F3	
	Please indicate the amount of the money and securities assets of your household.
F4	
	Have you made any voluntary payments such as donations or contributions to charitable organizations or institutions in the past twelve months?