PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT (PRI) LIMITED PARTNERS PRIVATE EQUITY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT DUE DILIGENCE QUESTIONNAIRE (DDQ) – 2021 UPDATE

PROCESS OVERVIEW

The first version of the PRI Limited Partners Private Equity Responsible Investment Due Diligence Questionnaire (DDQ) was launched in 2015 and adopted by ILPA as part of the broader ILPA DDQ.

Since 2015, the environmental, social and governance (ESG) landscape has continued to evolve and grow in importance in the private equity asset class. As a result, leading practice has evolved in the interim, and LP expectations have significantly increased.

Given this continued evolution, the PRI decided to synchronise the update to its ESG DDQ with ILPA’s update to their broader DDQ.

In early 2021, the PRI established a working group comprised of PRI signatories (see the full list of working group participants in the appendix) to gather feedback and suggestions from the private equity industry on how the DDQ should be updated. The PRI would like to thank this group for their time and commitment to the process to date.

Over the past four months, both the LPs and GPs involved have provided significant amounts of comments, both written and verbally. These have been discussed and subsequently integrated where deemed appropriate. Thereby, the ESG DDQ included within the ILPA DDQ (Section 19) and the corresponding public comment period is possible because of the substantial collaboration process with LPs and GPs that we have undertaken to date.

We welcome further feedback from interested parties and will consider feedback received on the ESG DDQ in line with the process described by ILPA.
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