



2023 has been an exciting year for the EDCI. With an ever-expanding membership base (350 GPs and LPs and counting), a growing set of partnerships with ESG technology platforms, and a Year 2 benchmark with 4,300 PortCos and 62,000 data points, the EDCI has seen remarkable growth over the last 18 months - making considerable progress on our mission to drive convergence around key ESG metrics for the private markets. This has been made possible by many hundreds of people doing additional work off the sides of their desks, alongside the full time pro bono support provided by BCG. The Steering Committee is deeply grateful to BCG for all of the support provided since the Initiative's inception (with more than ten full time team members supporting the EDCI during each summer sprint) that has helped the Initiative to make the progress it has achieved to date.

To ensure the Initiative is well-positioned to sustain this momentum going forward, the Steering Committee has spent considerable time during the recent summer sprint period working with BCG to develop a plan to build financial sustainability and optionality for the EDCI over time, so it is not perpetually reliant on ongoing pro bono contributions. The Steering Committee is now pleased to share more details on the next steps in this newsletter.

Firstly, all Private Equity GPs and LPs will continue to be able to participate in **the EDCI free of charge**, and in doing so access the high-quality benchmark offering available to participants in the inaugural year (i.e. 2022). Moreover, for the second year of the initiative (i.e. 2023), a wide range of new value-added functionalities have been introduced, including:

- Tailored portfolio comparisons across benchmark metrics
- Flexible visualizations of trending analyses
- Additional filter features to facilitate more granular analyses (e.g., greater sector and geography-specific granularity)
- Integration of EDCI benchmarks within members' tech platforms

These features have been included based on working group recommendations, and are designed to provide useful value-added functionality to all EDCI participants, with consistently positive feedback from members to date. From the summer of 2024 (i.e. next year), these features will be made available to those GPs and LPs that choose to become premium EDCI members. The fee to upgrade will vary by fund AUM (to ensure these functionalities are accessible to all funds, regardless of size) and has been carefully designed to target covering initiative-related costs (not generating profit). **The core functionality of the EDCI will remain free for all EDCI PE GPs and LPs** - we want everyone who desires to participate to be able to do so free of charge. The additional functionalities are designed to further address core needs of our members and provide an additional suite of value-added features for interested parties.

The Steering Committee would like to encourage all interested GPs and LPs to consider joining the EDCI and to reach out to learn more about the additional features and functionalities that are now available to members. Excitingly we can confirm that the first members that choose in the coming weeks to commit to upgrading in 2024 will be able to benefit from a 25% 'early-bird discount'. To register interest in learning more about this discount, please click here:

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Moreover, other entities that are now eligible to join the initiative (private credit funds, tech platforms, investment consultants) will be able to become EDCI members by making a contribution to the initiative's financial sustainability - these members will also be able to benefit from the new functionalities described above. For private credit investors, the hope is that eventually these entities will be able to contribute data into the Initiative (once a de-duplication mechanism has been established) - once this is the

case, private credit funds would move to a 'freemium model' basis (similar to private equity GPs).

We are encouraged and energized by the Initiative's progress over the last 18 months and look forward to what's in store for 2024, as we continue to make progress on our mission to drive convergence around ESG metrics for the private markets and generate useful, comparable, performance-based data.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to the EDCI at info@esgdc.org.

Warm regards,

- The ESG Data Convergence Team