

ESG Data Convergence Initiative

EDCI Overview for General Partners

As of August 2025



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Context



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What | A global initiative to advance sustainability reporting in private markets

- Initially designed for Private Equity but evolved to include Infrastructure and Private Credit
- A group of global GPs and LPs led by an initiative Steering Committee
- Supported by ILPA & BCG with ambition to drive progress on sustainability and financial value

Why | Low comparability and standardization of sustainability data

- The private markets historically had a fragmented approach to reporting sustainability data
- Ambition of the EDCI is to drive convergence around meaningful sustainability metrics and generate a critical mass of useful, performance-based and comparable sustainability data

Outputs | 7 standardized categories of sustainability metrics

- Initiative aligned around a core set of sustainability metrics categories, which are collected at the portfolio company level and aggregated and benchmarked by BCG
- Metrics evolve and are refined based on member decisions (e.g. added net zero metric for 2024)
- Functionality includes the ability to share data between GPs and LPs, including optional SFDR PAIs
- Enables analysis of portfolio company performance over time relative to a like-for-like private peer set
- Unlock insights into trends and opportunities for sustainability in private markets

Opportunity | Growing participation among private markets

- Since its formal launch in October 2021, over 500 GPs and LPs have joined the initiative, representing over \$59T in AUM and ~8,900 submitted PortCos
- Interested GPs and LPs can join the initiative at any time!

EDCI engagement | The EDCI has brought together 500+ committed firms with ~\$59T of AUM

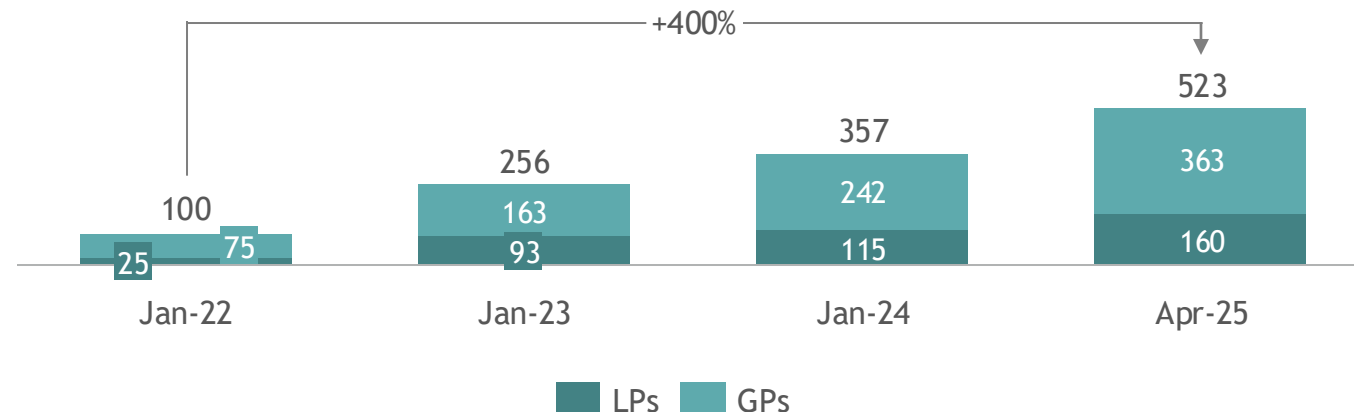
500+
Committed
GPs and LPs

3
Alternative
asset classes
covered

~\$59T
AuM

430+
Interested
firms

EDCI firm commitment as of July 2025



“ Fantastic initiative. Standardization of metrics across the industry is very helpful. *This initiative has a credible set of backers and is getting much traction.*

—EDCI GP Member

“ I think it is *the best executed benchmark process in the industry* and created a great basis to work from.

—EDCI GP Member

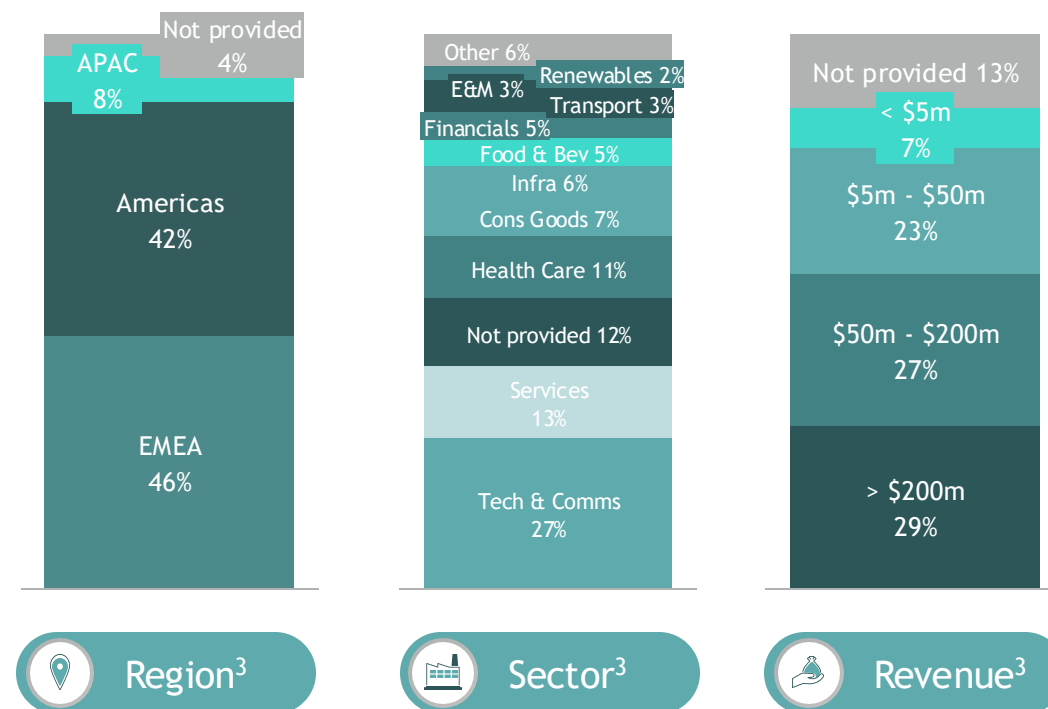
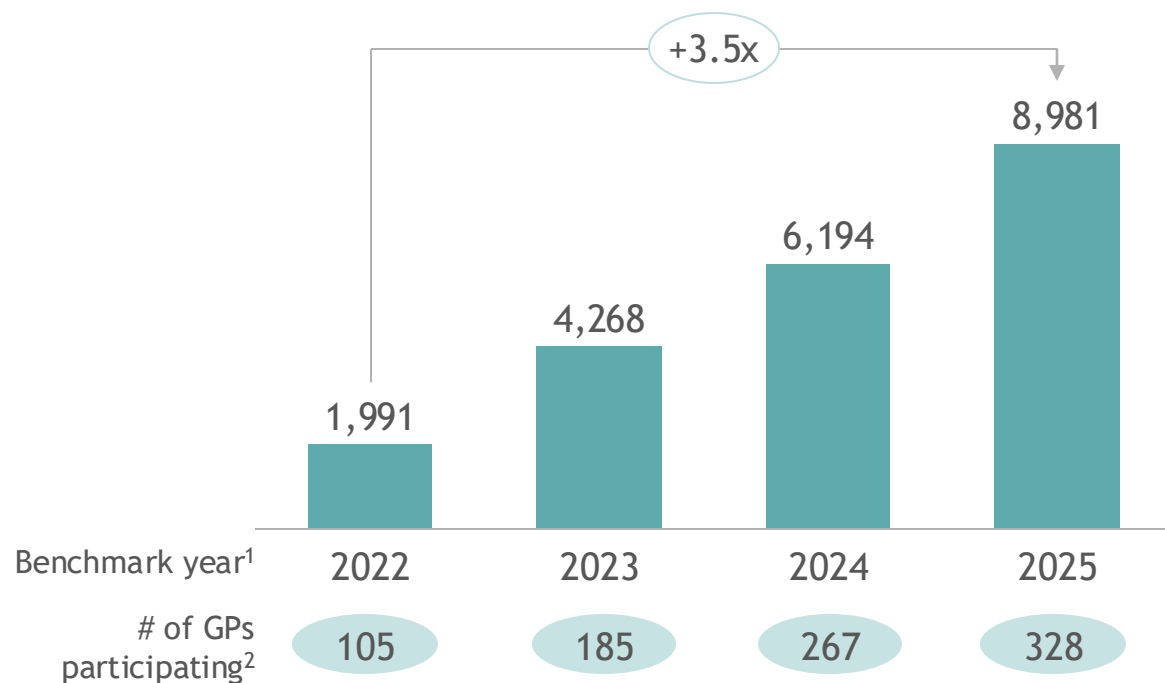
“ The *EDCI* allows us for the first time to collect, analyze and aggregate ESG data from across our portfolio in an effective manner.

—EDCI LP Member

Benchmark composition | The EDCI benchmark participation continues to expand with strong growth in the number of GPs and portfolio companies participating

The EDCI benchmark has grown rapidly, with company participation up +3.5x since 2022 (+44% since last year)

...with benchmark composition having strong representation across regions, sectors, and company size



While the EDCI was established by and for the Private Equity industry, it has since evolved to include Private Credit and Infrastructure investors



Private Equity

- The initiative launched in 2021, with a group of founding members aligned behind the mission to generate meaningful, performance-based, and comparable sustainability data for the private equity industry
- EDCI members soon realized that these challenges were not unique to private equity, but shared across other private asset classes



Infrastructure

- In 2024, an EDCI Infrastructure working group determined that the core EDCI metrics are also relevant for Infra assets, who also seek meaningful data on key sustainability metrics
- With some slight adjustments to demographic dimensions, Infrastructure investors can now join the EDCI, contribute data and access the benchmark and insights



Private Credit

- Private Credit firms increasingly look to understand the sustainability characteristics of the companies to which they are lending to improve their investment decision making
- Private credit funds can now join the initiative as contributing members, access the EDCI benchmark and request sustainability data from participating PE GPs

Value proposition | Initiative focused on addressing meaningful sustainability data pain points for the private markets



Community collaboration (e.g. working groups, events) to advance sustainability topics



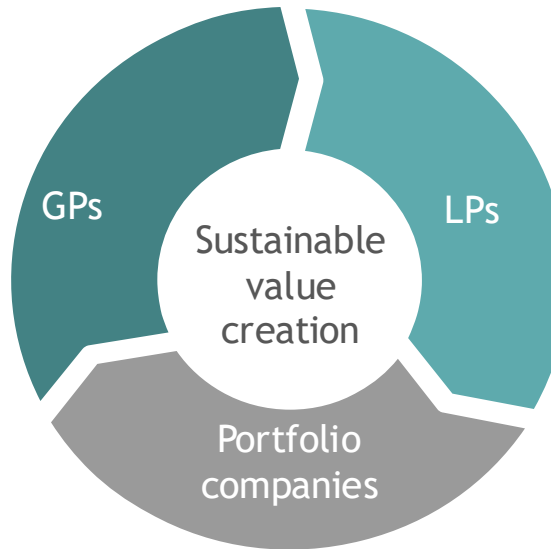
Enhanced data quality and a streamlined process for data sharing with key stakeholders



Clear understanding of performance compared to peers



Increased attractiveness to LPs



Increased transparency across portfolio



Improved engagement on sustainability topics with GPs



Simplified reporting that can support broader sustainability goals

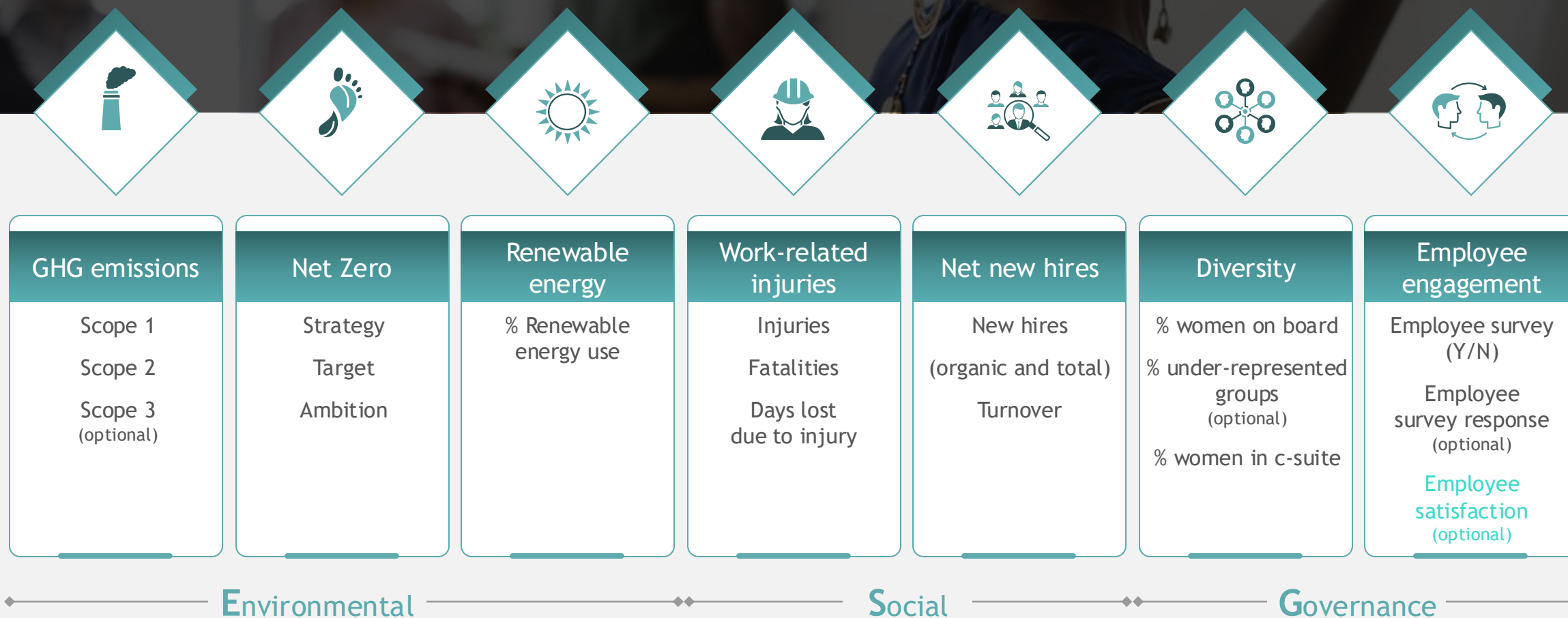


Clear understanding of performance and opportunities



Potential for increased funding from demonstrating value creation

EDCI metrics | The EDCI now includes seven metrics across sustainability topics



Member testimonials | The initiative is creating significant value for GPs and LPs alike

The core set of EDCI metrics gave us a great foundation to build on; we've sought to incorporate the EDCI benchmark into our internal scoring approach to **enhance our understanding of how our companies are performing** relative to peers.

- Jessica Clavette, ESG Manager, Equistone



We would encourage all GPs just to get started and submit what data you can - the **EDCI's mantra is progress over perfection** so you can start somewhere and build from there.

- Allegra Day, Head of Sustainability, Cinven



The challenges that are experienced in collecting the data **pales in comparison to the benefits that we've seen the EDCI unlock** in enabling GPs to build their ESG practice and drive value.

- Suzanne Tavill, Head of Responsible Investment, Stepstone



Having the additional check on our data through the data validation process is helpful for our own internal checks and balances; **the EDCI helps us build better quality data over time.**

- Sarah Pang, Head of ESG & Sustainability, Affinity Equity Partners



EDCI helps us to have **more targeted engagements with GP networks** and helps to focus the discussion on the most meaningful metrics.

- Thibaud Roulin, Investment Manager Private Equity, Pictet



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Context |

In 2026, the EDCI will transition to a membership model to ensure its long-term sustainability in delivering a high-quality member experience



Since its 2022 launch, the EDCI has grown to include over 500 GPs and LPs and aggregate validated data from 8,900+ PortCos; to maintain this momentum over the long-term, the initiative now requires a more sustainable foundation



To ensure its ability to continue providing a high-quality member experience, the EDCI SteerCo have decided to introduce an initiative membership fee from 2026, aimed at cost recovery (not profit) while maintaining accessibility (with fee tailored by AUM)



BCG will continue to provide ongoing support to the EDCI through a revised 'low bono' model, which will enable the EDCI to continue to deliver a high-quality member experience



EDCI member GPs can choose between two tiers of membership - Essential and Analytics - depending on which member features they value most

2026 model | GPs can choose between two tiers in 2026

Add-on debrief: Analytics GPs can enhance their membership with a tailored debrief session with BCG, offering in-depth analysis of PortCo insights and identifying opportunities for value creation

Benefits for *all* GP EDCI members



EDCI membership

Be a listed member of the EDCI and **demonstrate your commitment to better sustainability data**, alongside participating in member benefits (e.g., working groups, events)



Robust data validation process

Have your **sustainability data validated** through a structured process that **enhances accuracy and consistency of member data**



Respond to LP data requests

Securely **respond to incoming data requests** from Data Sharing LPs



Self-serve benchmarking capabilities

Have **full access to the EDCI benchmark** on a **self-serve basis**, allowing for member-led analysis and data visualization



Annual EDCI insights deck

Receive **BCG-authored** analysis and sustainability trend reports offering **deeper context** on sustainability in private markets

Builds on Essential features with added benefits

Additional benefits for EDCI *Analytics* members



Heatmaps and benchmarks

Visualize PortCo performance using EDCI generated **tailored benchmarks** (like-for-like comparisons for your portfolio) and advanced analytics (e.g., NZIF/PMDR hypotheses)



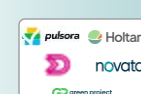
Enhanced member support

Benefit from fast-tracked **data validation** and **dedicated member assistance**, including specialist help desk support



Proactive data sharing

Strengthen positioning with LPs by **proactively sharing customizable elements of your validated EDCI dataset** with LP members



Tech platform visualization

Visualize performance and access bespoke analytics **directly within an EDCI partner data platform**



Due diligence tool

A tool that allows you to easily compare a **prospective target company's performance** against tailored benchmarks



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EDCI provides a range of value-added features across the two membership tiers, allowing GPs to opt into the level that best meets their needs



Membership fee varies based on private markets AuM to ensure accessible to all members:



EDCI Essential

Reach out to EDCI team to learn more



EDCI Analytics

Reach out to EDCI team to learn more



EDCI membership



Robust data validation



Respond to LP data requests¹



Self-serve benchmarking capabilities



Annual EDCI insights deck



Tailored heatmaps and benchmarks²



Enhanced member support



Proactive data sharing¹



Tech platform visualization



Due diligence tool



Analytics GPs have the opportunity to **enhance their membership** with a tailored debrief with the BCG team for an additional fee

The debrief is designed to deliver **deep insights** and uncover **value creation opportunities** across their portfolio



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1. Under Essential, GPs can respond to requests from LPs. Under Analytics, GPs can proactively share data with their LPs in the EDCI portal 2. Relates to suite of advanced benchmarking functionalities, inc. more granular benchmarks (e.g., at sub-sector and sub-geo level), heatmaps, and NZIF/PMDR hypotheses 3. Given the benchmark's limited coverage in developing countries (including LatAm, Africa, and developing Asia), members with the majority of portfolio companies from these countries will receive a 50% discount

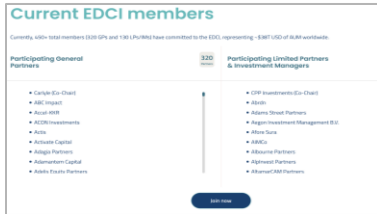
EDCI Essential | All GP members will have access to a range of valuable features

EDCI Essential

EDCI Analytics



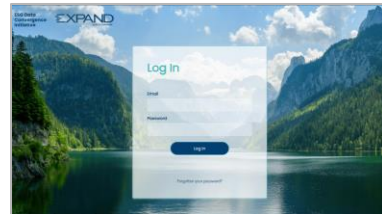
EDCI membership benefits



- Be listed as a member of the EDCI
- Participate in working groups, member events, and shape the future of sustainability reporting for the private markets



Robust data validation support from Expand team



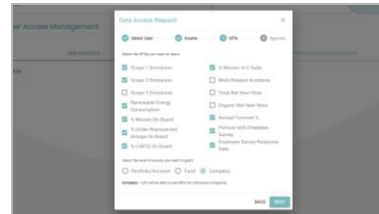
- Support from the BCG Expand team to validate sustainability data through a structured approach that enhances accuracy



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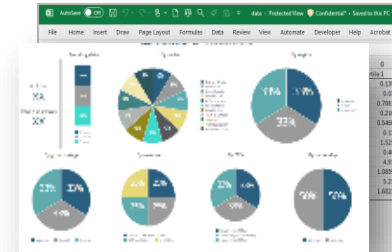
Respond to LP data requests



- Ability to securely respond to data requests from Data Sharing LPs
- No ability to proactively share data with LP members



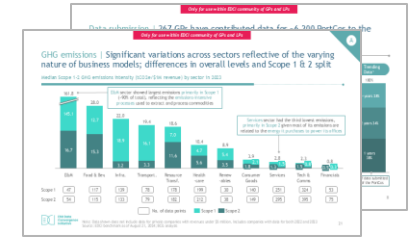
Self-serve benchmarking capabilities



- Members receive full self-serve access to the EDCI benchmark, enabling independent analysis and data visualization
- Granular filtering across 76 industries and all countries¹



Annual EDCI Insights deck



- Detailed BCG report on trends and insights about EDCI metrics, and how they connect to commercial value creation

Data validation | Every member GP benefits from having their data validated by the EDCI to ensure consistent, high-quality data



What | A robust validation process to ensure data accuracy

Have your sustainability data validated by BCG Expand through a structured process that **improves accuracy and ensures consistency** across member data



Why | Receive validated data that can be shared with stakeholders

Receive a **validated dataset ready to share with LPs**, improving transparency and streamlining the data-sharing process



The process has enabled validation of data at scale

225K+

Validated data points from over 8,900 PortCos

~300

GPs with individual dialogues to refine and validate submissions

~5K

Iterative validation emails sent last year

~17K

Identified data points for review in collaboration with GPs



Other LPs that we have talked to have highlighted the huge value of getting access to validated data

— EDCI LP member



The key to the differentiation is that the data is fully validated through going through the process

— EDCI GP member



The EDCI is a fantastic way to reduce and streamline reporting burden on GPs to let us spend more time doing the actual work. I also LOVE the data validation component of membership, and it's the one that gets peer GPs the most interested

— EDCI GP member



EDCI Analytics | Value-added features include a suite of visualization tools and capabilities for tailored, customizable analysis

EDCI Essential

EDCI Analytics



Analytics:
All
Essential
features
plus...

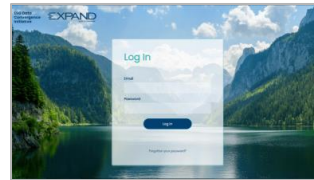


- Heatmap view of PortCos/funds against tailored private benchmark¹
- Visualize benchmark trends over time to understand performance evolution
- NZIF and PMDR hypotheses generated for each PortCo alongside benchmarks

Heatmaps & tailored benchmarks

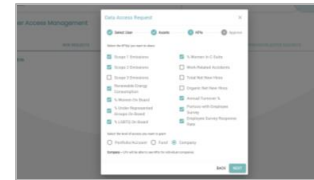
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			BM	GP	BM	GP	BM	GP
Portfolio 1	Financials	EMEA	-2%	+12%	-2%	-1%	+7%	+22%
Portfolio 2	Services	EMEA	+2%	+12%	-2%	+20%	+9%	+22%
Portfolio 3	Services	EMEA	+2%	+12%	-2%	+20%	+9%	+22%
Portfolio 4	Health Care	EMEA	-2%	+12%	-2%	+20%	+9%	+22%
Portfolio 5	Health Care	EMEA	+2%	+12%	-2%	+20%	+9%	+22%

Enhanced member support



- Have fast-tracked data validation support from Expand to ensure rapid data validation
- Dedicated help-desk support with response within 48-hours year-round

Proactive data sharing



- Proactively and securely share validated data with LPs in fully customizable way (e.g., company selection, data points, name disclosure)
- PC GPs can also request sustainability data from PE GPs
- See video demo [here](#)

Tech platform visualization



- Enable visualization of the EDCI benchmarks alongside broader financial and sustainability data in EDCI partner software solutions
- Rapidly growing set of EDCI software partnerships

Due diligence tool



- Launching in 2025, the due diligence tool will allow GPs to generate tailored benchmarks on a self-service basis
- This will enable comparison of prospective new investments against the EDCI benchmark

EDCI Analytics - Debrief | Includes the option for members to add a custom BCG-led debrief to identify sustainability-driven value creation opportunities

EDCI Essential

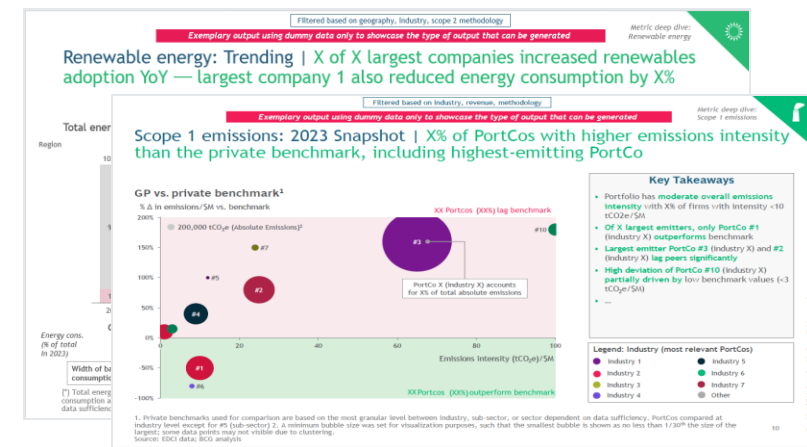
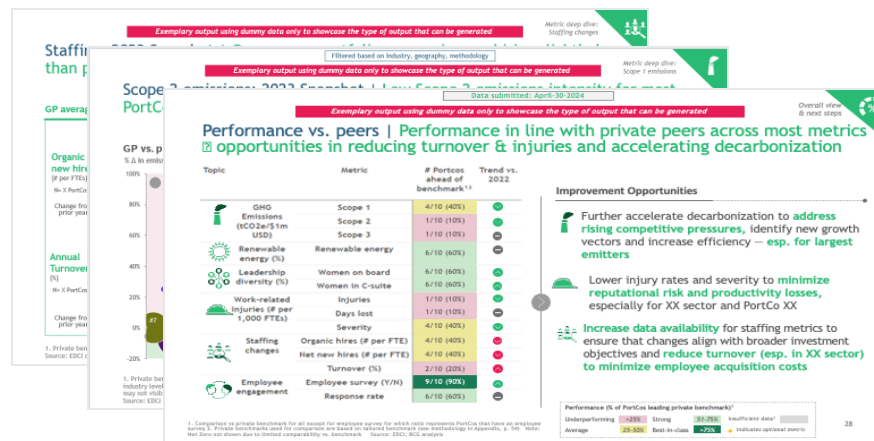
EDCI Analytics



Tailored EDCI debrief session with the BCG team



Analytics members have the opportunity to add on ...



- Dedicated session with BCG's experts to unpack portfolio sustainability performance and receive recommendations on value creation opportunities
- Deep-dive analyses of snapshot and trending performance across PortCos
- Portfolio-wide scorecard to visualize GP's strengths and opportunities for value creation

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Key learnings |
While the 2024 benchmark has grown from ~60K to ~150K data points, three key themes from last year still hold true



While private companies start from a lower baseline compared to public ones on some metrics (e.g., board gender diversity), they outperform on others (e.g., job creation)



PE investment model shows ability to effectively drive sustainability outcomes, improving a wide range of metrics during the hold period - from management gender diversity to renewable energy



Additional links between sustainability and financial performance are observed - e.g., employee engagement, carbon emissions

Read BCG's report on 'Sustainability in Private Equity' for 2024 to learn more *(more detailed insights available only for EDCI members)*

A Year of Sustainability Progress in the Private Markets



This year's report shows that over the duration of private equity ownership, companies can significantly improve sustainability outcomes including renewable energy use, safety, diversity, and employee engagement.

How Private Equity Firms Can Meet Investor Expectations



Most general partners at private equity firms and their limited partner investors agree that sustainability is fundamental. How are they working together to advance it?

Where are Private Equity Firms on their Way to Net Zero?



Many private equity-owned companies are taking steps to reduce their carbon emissions in both the long and short term. But how is this occurring in practice?



Click [here](#) to read the full report

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The initiative is open to any GP or LP who is interesting in joining

To participate, members agree to:

General Partners



Track EDCI metrics on a best-efforts basis and abide by the EDCI Metrics Guidance to the extent possible



Contribute data by April 30 each year and participate in data validation



Share EDCI data with LPs via the Data Submission Template or the portal



Optional Volunteer to serve on working groups or to join the SteerCo



Be publicly associated with the initiative (listed on website)

Limited Partners



Align definitions of sustainability data requests to GPs with the EDCI's metrics on a best-efforts basis



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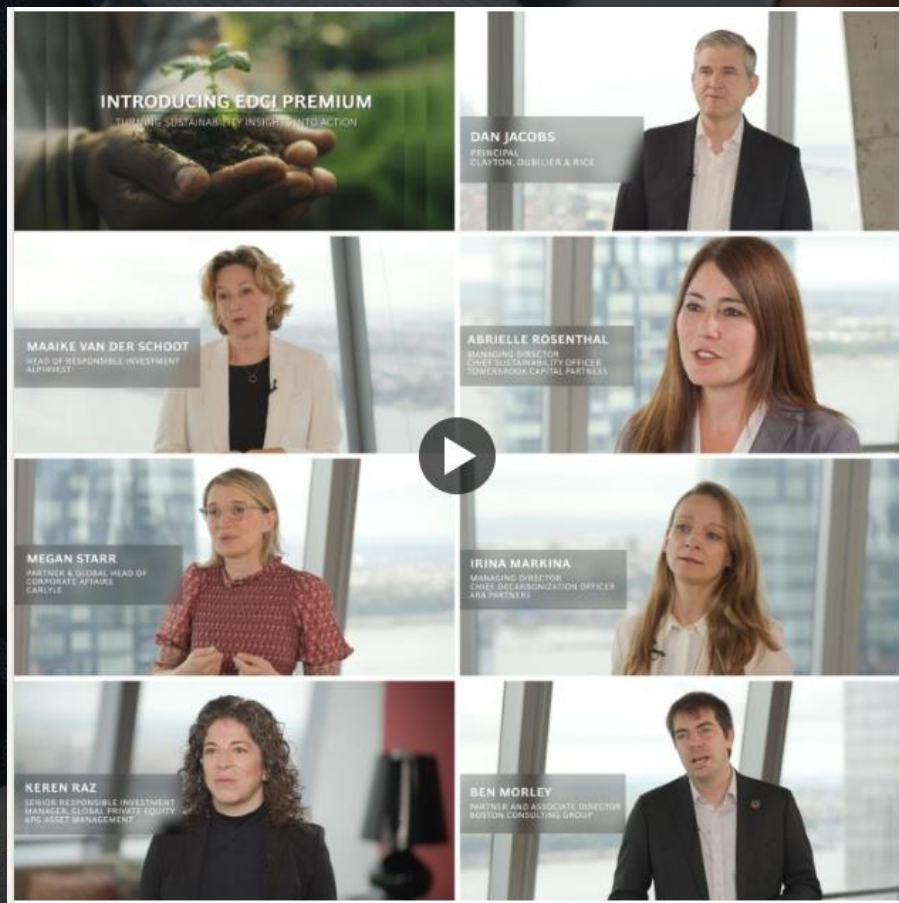


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To join the initiative, click [here](#)

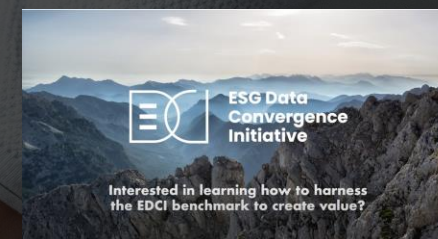
If you have any questions, please reach out to us at info@esgdc.org

Watch our videos to learn more about the EDCI's features and functionalities

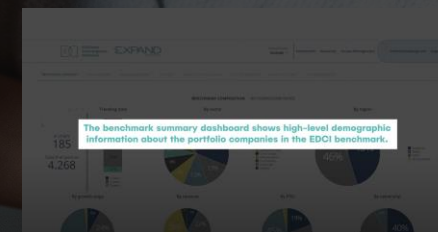


Click [here](#) to see the video

Harnessing the EDCI Benchmark



2024 Benchmark Tutorial



Data Sharing Functionality Tutorial



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Thank you!