

ESG Data Convergence Initiative

EDCI Overview for Limited Partners

As of December 2025



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ESG Data Convergence Initiative |

Context



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

- The private markets historically had a **fragmented approach** to reporting sustainability data
- EDCI aims to drive convergence around meaningful sustainability metrics and build a critical mass of **useful, performance-based** and **comparable** sustainability data
- Initially designed for Private Equity but evolved to include **Infrastructure** and **Private Credit**
- Led by the industry for the industry and supported by ILPA & BCG with ambition to **deepen understanding of linkages between sustainability and commercial value**

Outputs | 8 standardized categories of sustainability metrics

- Aligned on 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, added cybersecurity metric for 2026)
- Functionality includes the ability for GPs to **flexibly and securely share data** with LPs
- Enables **analysis of portfolio company performance** relative to a like-for-like private peer set
- Unlock **insights into trends and opportunities** for sustainability in private markets

Opportunity | Growing participation across private markets

- Since its formal launch in October 2021, **over 500 GPs and LPs** have joined the initiative, representing over **\$59T in AUM** and **9,000+ 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

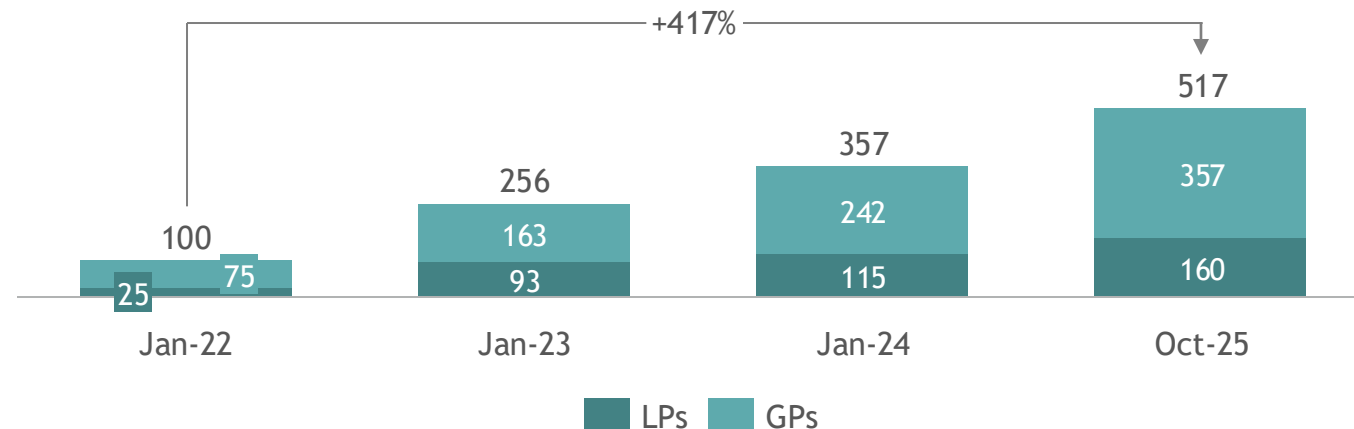
500+
Committed
GPs and LPs

3
Alternative
asset classes
covered

~\$59T
AuM

430+
Interested
firms

EDCI membership as of October 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

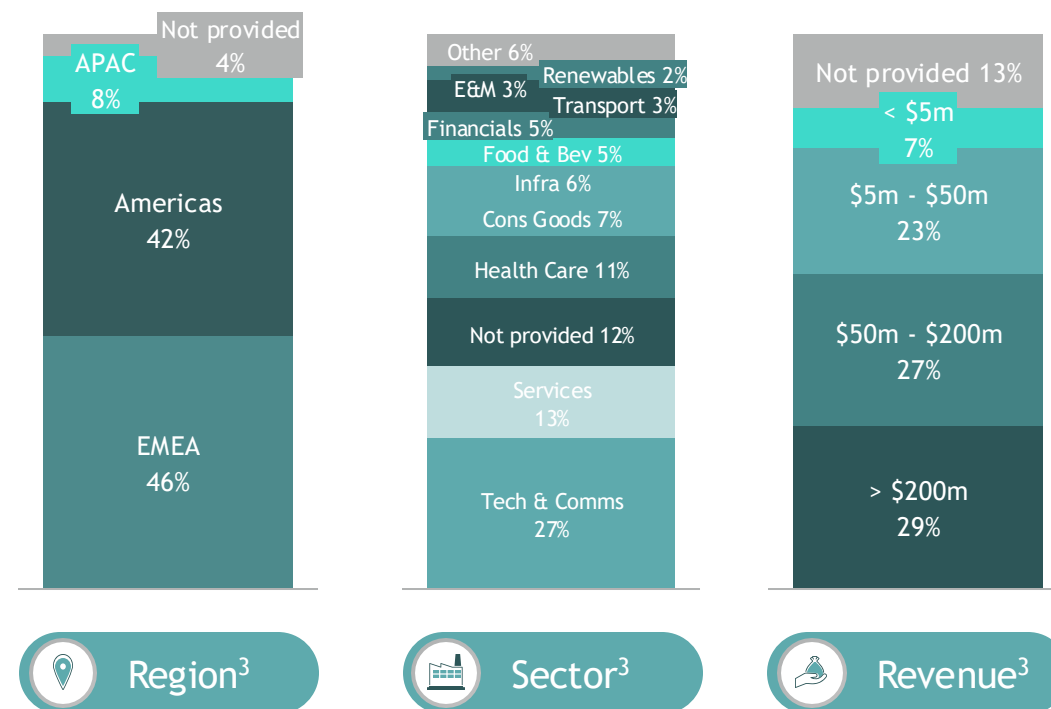
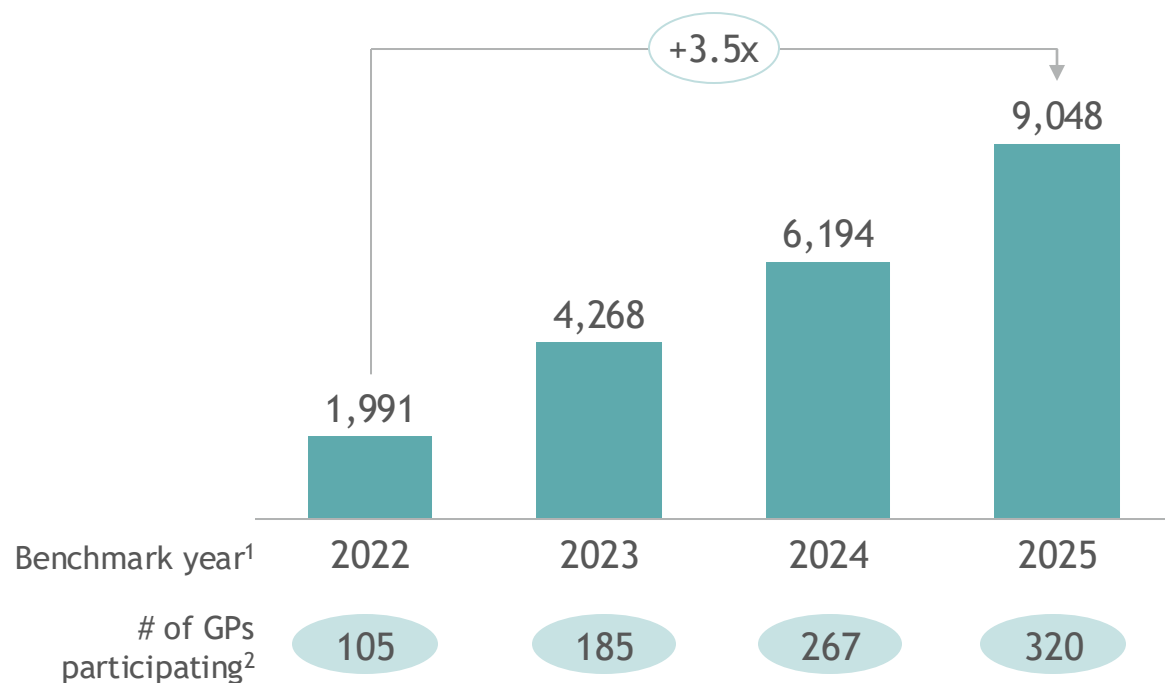
“ The *EDCI* allows us for the first time to collect, analyze and aggregate ESG data from across our portfolio in an effective manner.

—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 more than 3x since 2022 (and more than 45% 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



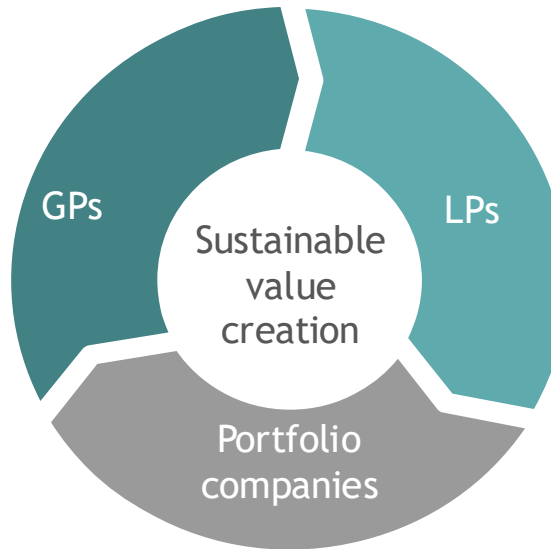
Enhanced data quality and a streamlined process for data sharing with key stakeholders



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

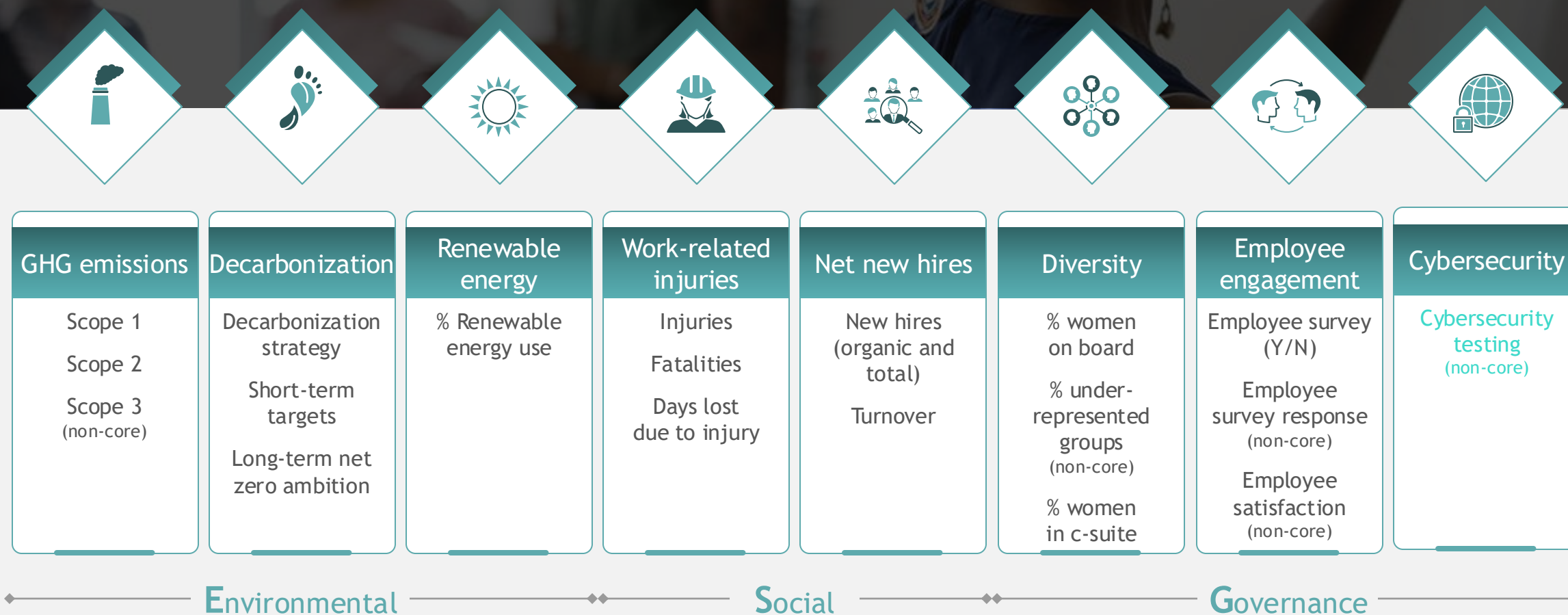


Clear understanding of performance and opportunities



Potential for increased funding from demonstrating value creation

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



— New metrics added for 2026

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



Click our video [here](#) to learn more



Since its 2022 launch, the EDCI has grown to include over 500 GPs and LPs and aggregate **validated data from 9,000+ 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 (except for public pension funds and foundations, for whom this fee will be waived), aimed at **cost recovery** (not profit) while **maintaining accessibility** (with fee tailored by AUM)

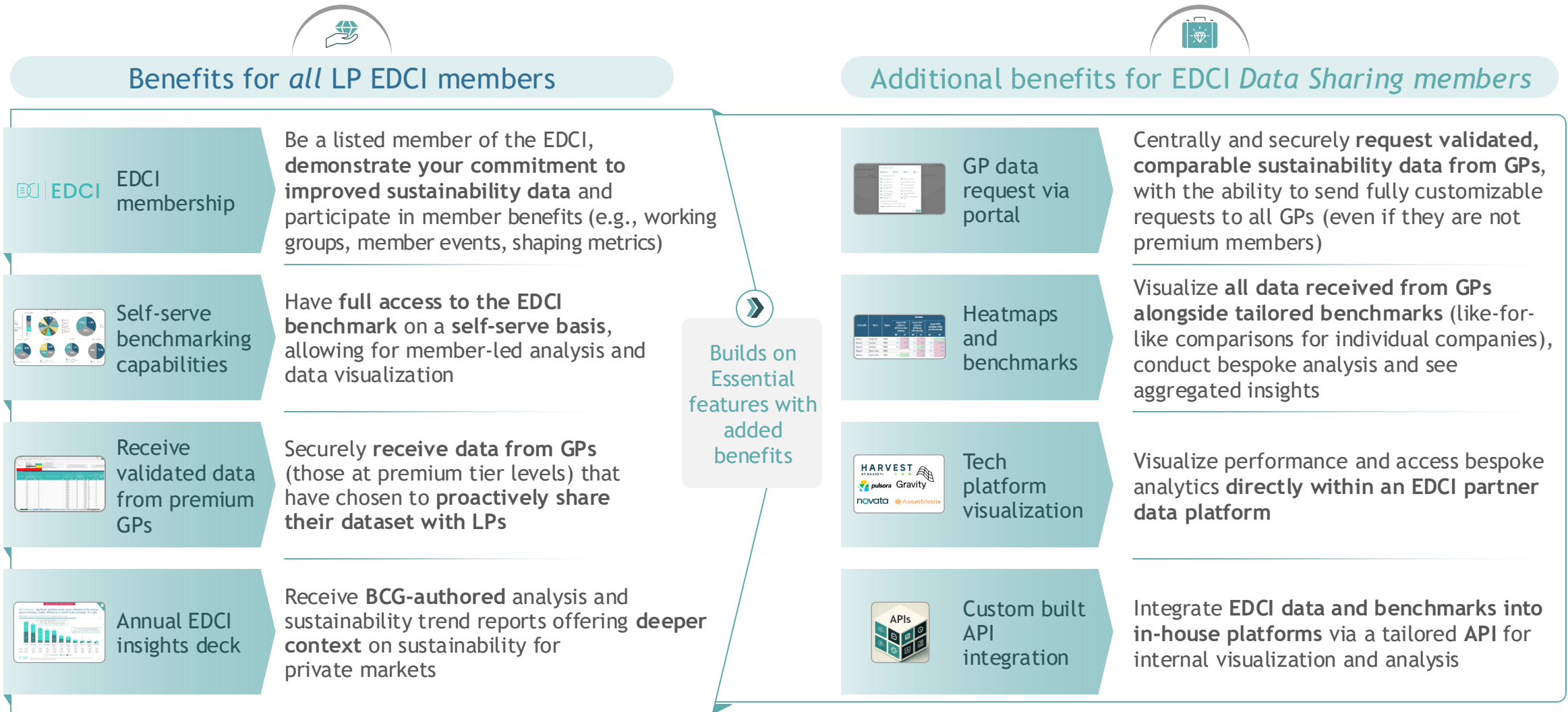


BCG will continue to administer the EDCI through a revised '**low bono**' model, which will enable the **EDCI to continue to deliver a high-quality member experience**



EDCI member LPs can **choose between two tiers of membership - Essential and Data Sharing** - depending on which member features they value most

2026 model | LPs can choose between two tiers in 2026



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

 Membership fee varies based on **AuM¹** and **Type of LP** to ensure accessible to all members:

For new joiners to the initiative, the fee for the Essentials membership is waived for the first year

-  EDCI membership
-  Self-serve benchmarking capabilities
-  Shape the future of sustainability metrics for private markets
-  Annual EDCI insights deck
-  GP data request via portal²
-  Heatmaps & tailored benchmarks³
-  Tech platform visualization
-  Custom built API integration



EDCI Essential

Standard: \$2.5K – \$5K
Public pension / Foundation: Free



(See data proactively shared by premium GPs only)



EDCI Data Sharing

Standard: \$10K – \$20K
Public pension / Foundation: \$2.5K – \$5K



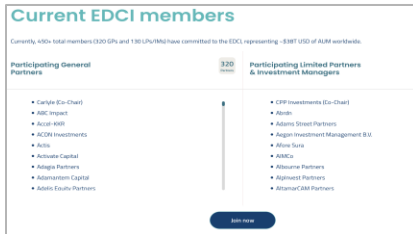
EDCI Essential | All LP members will have access to a range of valuable features...

EDCI Essential

EDCI Data Sharing



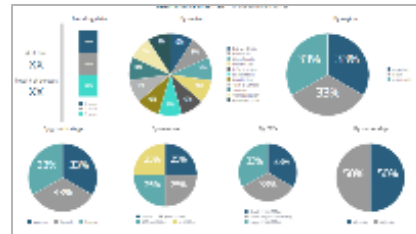
EDCI membership



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



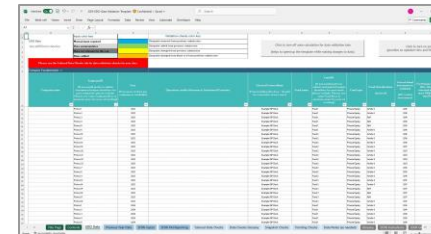
Self-serve benchmarking capabilities



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



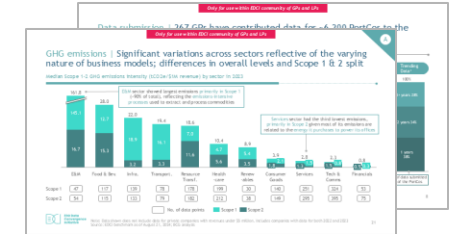
Receive validated data from Analytics GPs



- All LPs can securely receive data within the portal
- Datasets available will be those that have been proactively shared by premium GPs (at the Analytics tier level)



Annual EDCI Insights deck



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

EDCI Data Sharing | ... while data sharing members can benefit from value-added functionalities like data sharing, tailored heatmaps and visualizations

EDCI Essential

EDCI Data Sharing



Data
Sharing:
Essential
features
plus...



- Ability for LPs to securely request and receive comparable validated data in the portal
- Actively send a fully customizable request to member GPs



Deep dive on the following slide



GP data request
via portal



Heatmaps &
tailored
benchmarks

CompanyID	Sector	Region	Emissions					
			Scope 1 GHG emissions (tCO2e per \$1m revenue)		Scope 2 GHG emissions (tCO2e per \$1m revenue)		Scope 3 GHG emissions (tCO2e per \$1m revenue)	
			BM	GP	BM	GP	BM	GP
Portico 1	Financials	EMEA	-3%	+15%	-4%	+7%	+7%	
Portico 2	Services	EMEA	-5%	+12%	-2%	+27%	+2%	+22.1%
Portico 3	Services	EMEA	-5%	+67%	-2%	+44%	+2%	
Portico 5	Health Care	EMEA	-5%		-3%	+42%	+12%	
Portico 6	Health Care	EMEA	-5%	+7%	-3%	+54%	+13%	

- Heatmap view of PortCos/funds against tailored private benchmark¹
- Conduct bespoke analysis and see aggregated insights across all GP data received
- NZIF and PMDR hypotheses generated for each PortCo alongside benchmarks



Tech platform
visualization



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



Custom built API
integration



- Custom built API integration into in-house software platform
- Enable visualization of the EDCI benchmarks and shared GP data

Data sharing | EDCI's platform enables LPs to centrally request fully customizable data from member GPs and receive it in one secure location...



What | Securely receive data from member GPs via the portal

- LPs can centrally and securely send fully customizable data requests to member GPs and receive comparable, validated data directly through the portal

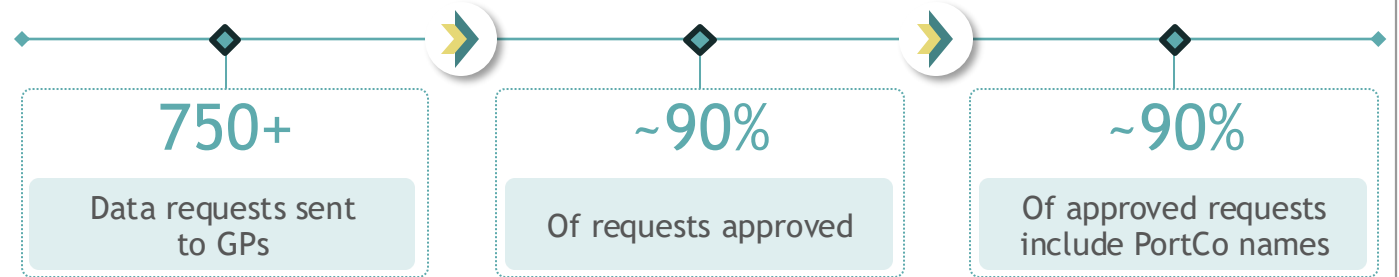


Why | Streamlined data sharing between GPs and LPs

- Address pain points for LPs and GPs by streamlining the exchange of validated data, while also providing LPs with tailored benchmark results to enhance performance insights



The process has enabled streamlined GP to LP data sharing



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It's a no brainer; given the time savings available it's really helpful to use the EDCI data sharing functionality.

— EDCI GP member

“

We have seen a 5x increase in the amount of data being shared with us. The new functionality has given us scalable access to comparable, validated information

— EDCI LP member

“

We prefer to receive the data through the portal, as it addresses a major pain point and is far more efficient than managing the process offline

— EDCI LP member

Data validation | ... While having confidence that the data has been validated, ensuring consistent, high-quality, and comparable information across all GPs



What | A robust validation process to ensure data accuracy

Receive GP sustainability data that has been **validated through a structured process**, improving **accuracy**, and ensuring **consistency and comparability** across all participating GPs



Why | Improved confidence in sustainability data

Benefit from access to a dataset that has undergone a **structured validation process**, enhancing **accuracy** and **consistency**



The process has enabled validation of data at scale

240K+

Validated data points from over 9,000 PortCos

320

GPs with individual dialogues to refine and validate submissions

~5K

Iterative validation emails sent last year

~22K+

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

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BCG's latest report drawing on EDCI data highlights how the private markets continue to create value through sustainability initiatives



Increasing private market convergence on sustainability reporting

- BCG's **third annual report on sustainability in the private markets** draws on data from **9,000+ portfolio companies** and **320 general partners (GPs)** participating in the ESG Data Convergence Initiative (EDCI).
- This year's analysis of the wealth of data generated unlocks significant insights on the role of the **private markets in driving sustainable value creation**.



Private markets continue to drive progress during ownership period

- We observe that PE-held companies **continue to effectively drive progress on both the environmental and social fronts**.
- These companies are making **improvements during the ownership period** across metrics as diverse as decarbonization, renewable energy usage, and diversity.



The resulting performance gains are real

- On average, EDCI member GPs observe **EBITDA increases of 4% to 7% from sustainability-linked initiatives** over the lifetime of an investment.
- Key areas of sustainability-linked value creation include **decarbonization and strengthening the employee experience**, where efforts are driving cost savings, strengthening revenues, and reducing risks.

Read BCG's 'Sustainability in Private Equity' 2023-2025 reports to learn more
(more detailed insights available exclusively to EDCI members)

Sustainability in Private Equity, 2023



Hundreds of PE firms have reported data detailing the progress that their portfolio companies are making on social and climate-related issues. The results are encouraging.

Sustainability in Private Equity, 2024



Drawing upon data from the EDCI, we offer insights on how sustainability in the private markets has evolved over the last year and how they can advance change in this important area.

Sustainability in Private Equity, 2025



Our third annual report outlines how privately held companies continue to make progress across key sustainability metrics—and are creating value as they do so.

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The initiative is open to any GP or LP who wants to join and supports the EDCI's principles

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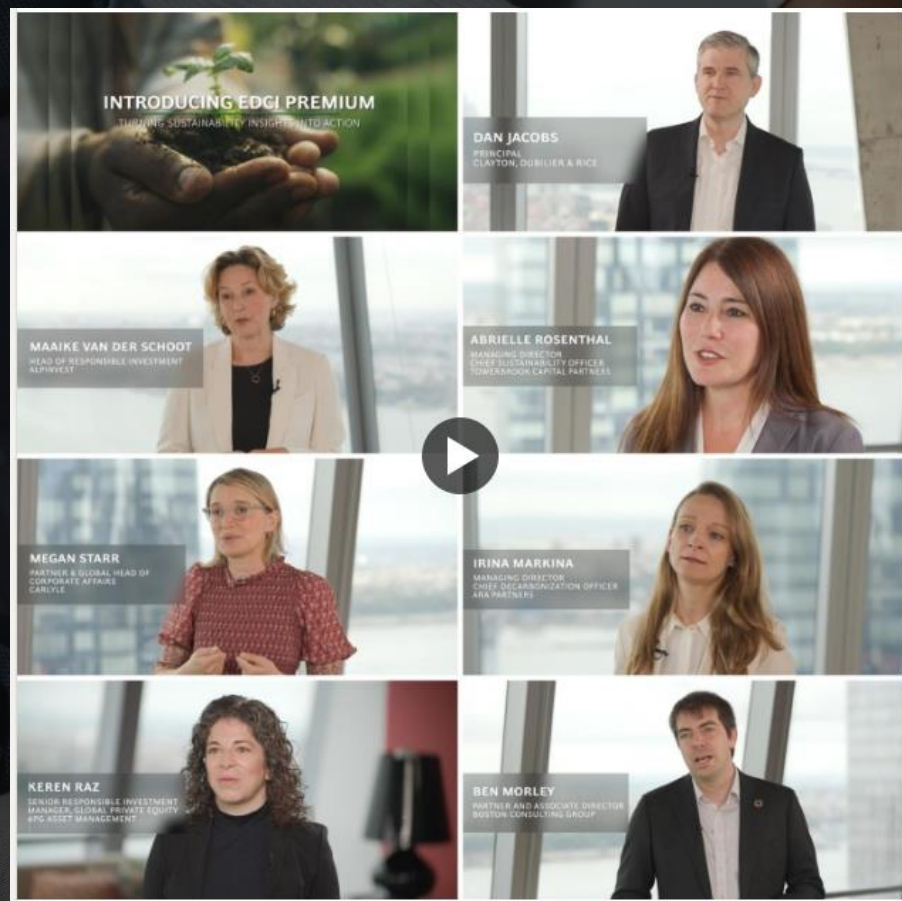
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To join the initiative, click [here](#)

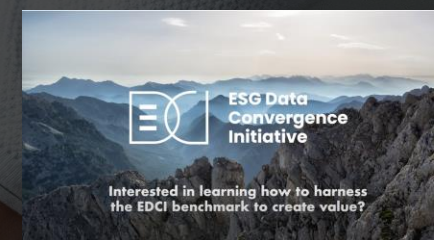
If you have any questions, please reach out to us at info@esgdc.org

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



Click [here](#) to see the video

Harnessing the EDCI Benchmark

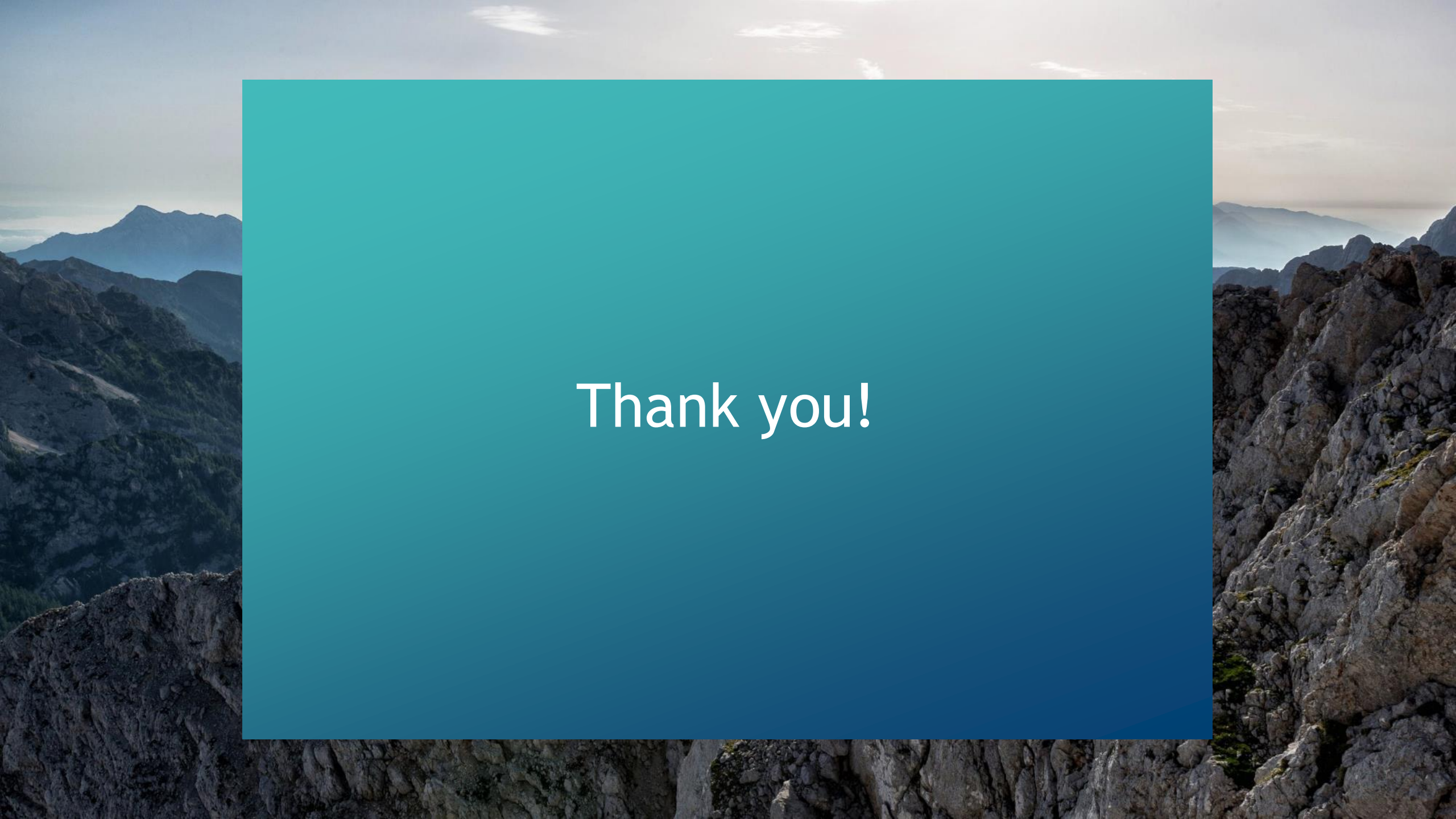


2024 Benchmark Tutorial



Data Sharing Functionality Tutorial



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