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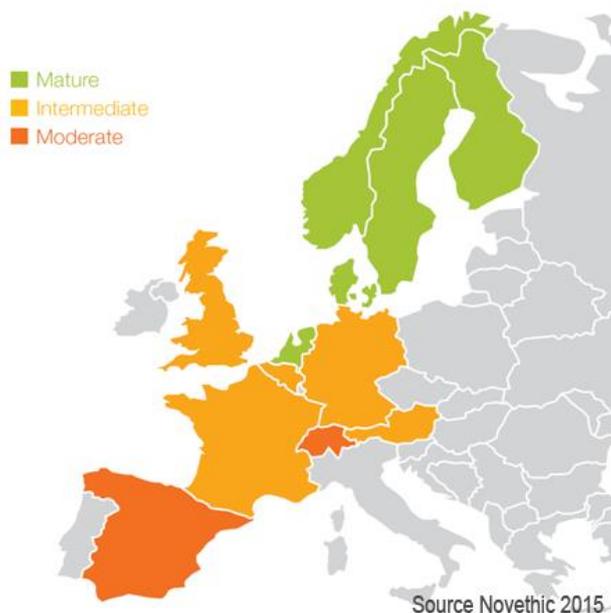
### CLIMATE: A PRIORITY FOR EUROPEAN INVESTORS

PARIS, November 20, 2015. Novethic has published its 8<sup>th</sup> survey on responsible investment practices among European asset owners, with the support of Degroof Petercam in 13 countries. The results show that climate is a priority for 53% of the 181 institutions surveyed, together holding €7,367 billion in assets; very few, however, have decided to exclude fossil fuels from their investments, so far.

European asset owners are strengthening their responsible investment practices. Nearly 90% of the 181 investors surveyed by Novethic have adopted at least one strategy: exclusion, selection according to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria, or shareholder engagement. But advances in responsible investment remain irregular, for we can distinguish three different maturity levels in Europe (see map).

Responsible investment practices generate fertile ground for climate change's integration into financial management. A closer look at the strategies adopted by financial institutions in the fight against climate change shows that nearly 40% of them say that they take account of climate change in their responsible investment policy, and another 20% say they plan to pursue similar commitments.

ESG strategies in Europe – various degrees of maturity



The Novethic Research Centre has been analyzing international investors' commitments to climate issues for over a year through a variety of studies.

- To determine **how many investors integrate climate change and in what outstanding volumes**
- To reveal the concrete climate commitments of **La Caisse des Dépôts, CNP Assurances and Humanis**
- To meet the **financial entities on the leading edge** of this issue just days before the **COP 21**

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