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### Certification for sustainable investments

## **FNG LABEL 2018: Call for applications open through July 17th 2017**

Paris, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 – For the third time, asset managers have the opportunity to apply for the FNG label, the quality standard for sustainable investment funds in German-speaking countries. The certification scheme is open to all sustainable mutual funds that comply with the European UCITS directive (or equivalent) and that are distributed at least either in Germany, Austria, Switzerland or Liechtenstein. Applications can be submitted in French, English or German and will be accepted through July 17th 2017. Novethic acts as strategic partner and exclusive auditor of this certification initiative.

In order to obtain the label, funds have to show specific minimum requirements concerning transparency (for instance Transparency Code disclosure) and process quality (at least an ESG analysis of 90% of the assets in the portfolio). In addition to the minimum requirements, the certification scheme is based on a grading model. A fund may receive up to three stars if it shows a strong SRI commitment, engagement activities and relies on a rigorous ESG-research- and investment process.

Final results will be released by the end of November 2017. Successful candidates have the right to use this high-level certification in their marketing and promotion activities throughout 2018 and will be listed on various fund platforms and included in portfolios of independent asset managers.

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**Novethic** is a Paris-based research and media centre specializing in sustainable finance. It is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts group and its three primary goals are:

- FOSTERING THE QUALITY OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT through funds certification and training courses on responsible investment
- HIGH QUALITY RESEARCH with its exclusive research on the latest developments in responsible investment, finance and climate change.
- RAISING AWARENESS FOR ESG through its annual ESG event and its “Novethic ESG watch” newsflow

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**FNG (Forum Nachhaltige Geldanlagen e.V.)**, the industry association for sustainable investment in Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, represents more than 170 members which are working to promote sustainability in the financial sector. FNG awards the Transparency logo for sustainable mutual funds, publishes the FNG Sustainability Profiles and has developed the FNG Label for sustainable mutual funds. FNG is also a founding member of the European umbrella organisation Eurosif. Further information can be found at [www.forum-ng.org](http://www.forum-ng.org) and [Twitteraccount@FNG\\_eV](https://twitter.com/FNG_eV).

**GNGmbH (Gesellschaft für Qualitätssicherung Nachhaltiger Geldanlagen)** is the operating entity of the FNG label. The role of GNGmbH is to make an active contribution toward assuring the quality of sustainable investments in the German-speaking countries through the certification of financial products and the development of standards, methods and services. GNG mbH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FNG e.V. and provides an appropriate range of services to support the goals of the industry association for sustainable investment in Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Further information can be found at [www.g-ng.eu](http://www.g-ng.eu).