ESG Data Acquisition & Management Survey 2023

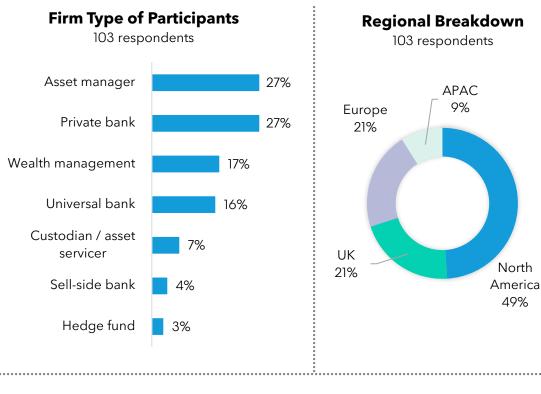
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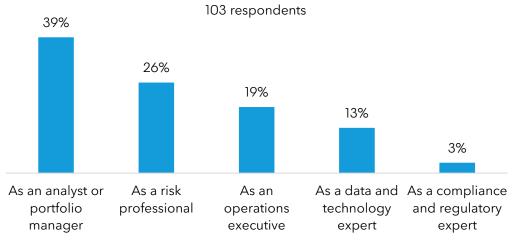
Methodology

Bloomberg and Adox Research, a consulting and research firm for capital markets, conducted the ESG Data Acquisition & Management survey in March of 2023.

Over 100 portfolio managers, climate risk executives, and data management executives responded to the online survey about their approach and philosophy toward ESG data.



Involvement with ESG and Sustainability Datasets

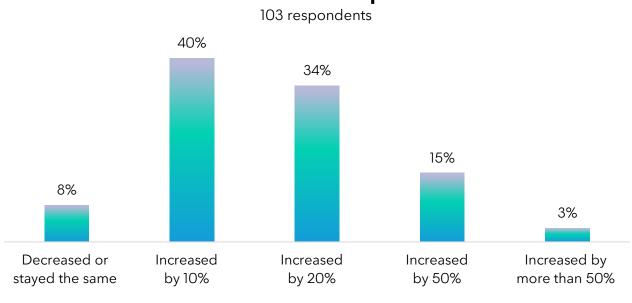


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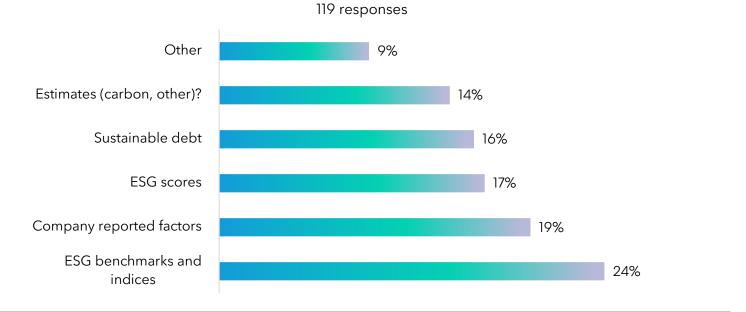
Responses throughout are rounded to the nearest whole number so total does not always come out to 100%.

Compared to the prior year, our overall projected and estimated 2023 ESG spend has:



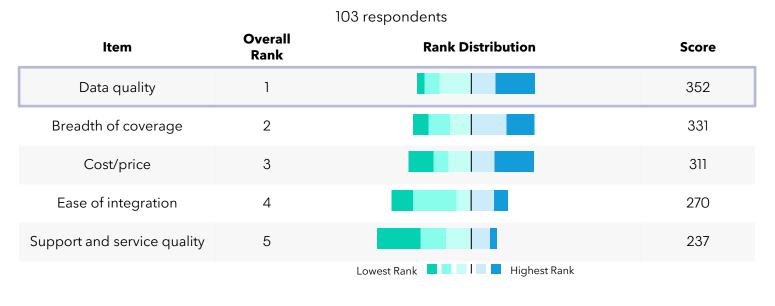
The vast majority of executives (92%) plan to increase their ESG data spend by at least 10%, with 18% planning an increase of 50% or more.





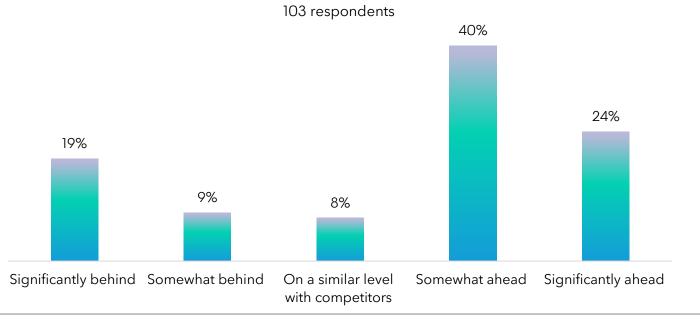
ESG data spend is increasing with company-reported data and indices being the top-priority product areas.

How important are the following criteria when selecting an ESG data provider? Rank from 1 (highest importance) to 5 (lowest importance)



When asked which criteria were most important for selecting an ESG data provider, data quality ranked first, closely followed by breadth of data coverage.

Where do you think you are today in terms of ESG capabilities compared to your competitors?



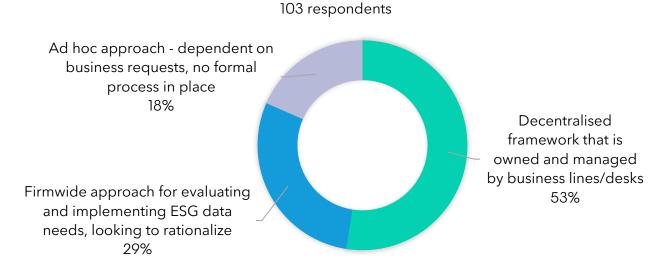
While most respondents (64%) consider themselves ahead of the competition, nearly 30% acknowledge feeling somewhat or significantly behind.

Which statement best represents your organization's overall ESG data strategy?

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important for our product or marketing
strategy1%Access to ESG data is used mainly for
regulatory compliance10%Access to ESG data is critical to our
firm's competitive differentiation44%Access to ESG data is table stakes - our
competitors have similar capabilities45%

Respondents are nearly unanimous on the value of ESG data, but there is a clear division between firms accessing ESG data to differentiate themselves (44%) versus those simply trying to keep pace with the competition (45%).

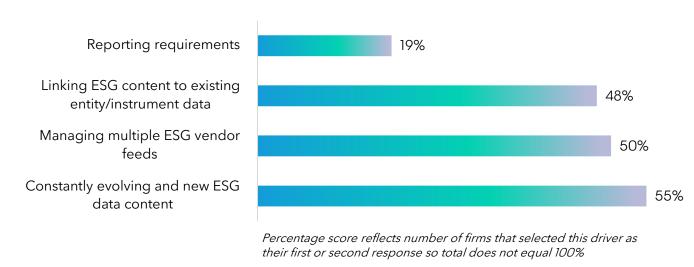
Which statement best captures your organization's overall approach for acquiring and managing ESG data?



While firms seek to obtain more ESG data, they are also contending with how to best manage it. Over 70% of firms report taking an ad hoc or decentralized approach to acquiring and managing their ESG data.

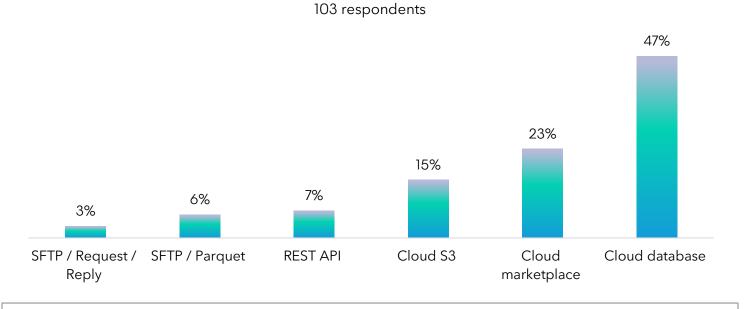
What are the most challenging aspects of ESG data management for your firm? (Choose the two most challenging)





Given most firms take an ad hoc approach to acquiring and managing ESG data, it is unsurprising the biggest data management challenges are evenly split between handling evolving data content, managing vendor data feeds, and aligning ESG content to existing entity data.

What is your firm's preferred technical delivery options for ESG data?



When it comes to technical delivery options for ESG data, cloud is the clear preference for 85% of respondents.



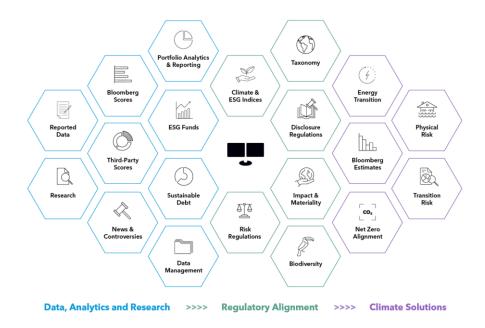
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