

Starting from the premises of Global Steering Group (GSG) for Impact Investment held in Turin from 23 to 25 May 2022, the European Journal of Social Impact and Circular Economy is pleased to launch a dedicated special issue on:

Driving the forces of impact investing: past, present, and future perspectives

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Discussions about impact investing have increased among academics and practitioners in recent years. There is a growing conviction that it is necessary to support communities socially and environmentally (Corvo et al., 2021; Jackson, 2013). According to (Calderini et al., 2018), impact investing makes it possible to make investments linked to measurable and intentional social or environmental objectives while generating an economic return for investors. Therefore, new stakeholders emerge to account for the value created compared to traditional financing.

This impacts investing in a class of alternative assets provided by multiple traditional and philanthropic entities that have changed their business models and activities over time (Agrawal & Hockerts, 2019; Biancone et al., 2019; Scheidgen et al., 2021; Urmanaviciene, Urmanaviciene, et al., 2020).

The stimulus of interest in the topic has led to the creation of a variety of instruments with different riskinesses and which may include fixed income, private equity, public equity, tangible assets, or hybrid instruments that look at both social and environmental wellbeing (Barber et al., 2021; Bengo et al., 2021; Mersland et al., 2020; Secinaro et al., 2020). Despite the proliferation of scientific methods and measurement theories, many scholars are calling for further research efforts that can provide much more definite evidence than has been disseminated so far.

Considering the activity of the following Global Steering Group for Impact Investment, this special issue aims to shed light on theoretical contributions, conceptual frameworks, measurement approaches and empirical evidence on the following topics (but are not limited to):

- The roles and links between impact and sustainable finance;
- Impact investing for no profit organizations;
- Impact investing and the role of philanthropy;
- Impact investing the role of public institutions;
- Tools for impact investing;
- Empirical evidence of measurement systems of social impact investments;

- New business models and activities for the finance industry;
- Impact investing and accountability;
- Issues and future challenges of impact investing.

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