



# "Financial education: the international scenario"

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### Background

- PICTET AM promotes a series of projects related to financial education in the belief that this is closely connected to the search for a more sustainable world, in which there is less room for information asymmetries.
- As part of these initiatives, in 2021 PICTET AM promoted research on the topic of financial education in Italy carried out in collaboration with FINER, the research was presented during the month of financial education with the participation of CONSOB and OCF.
- Given the positive feedback, PICTET AM has decided to continue with this initiative also in 2022.
- In agreement with CONSOB and OCF, the 2022 research was enriched by new themes and by an expansion of the target audiences.
- A further news for 2022 is the extension of the research in Germany, France, Spain and UK, this would contribute to offer a very useful benchmark analysis at international level.













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# Research objectives in continuity with the first edition carried out only in Italy



- The aim of the initiative is to reiterate the importance of financial education regardless of age and financial assets, for this reason, in continuity with 2021, it is proposed to carry out research with these objectives:
  - discover the **barriers to deepening financial topics**: their lack of attractiveness, lack of personal interest, the absence of adequate external stimuli from industry and the media.
  - identify driver capable of involving individual in relation to issues relating to financial education (savings, its management, finance and its connection with the real economy, with life projects)
  - discover the most efficient and effective ways to involve individuals on financial education issues (webinars, conferences, videos, testimonials, use of social networks)
  - identify the person/company or institution who could rise to the role of pivot of financial education: teachers, universities, financial consultants, asset management companies, associations.
  - explore public-private synergies.

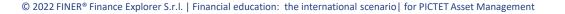


### **Research objectives: the news 2022**



- In agreement with CONSOB and OCF, some topical issues were identified in addition to the issues touched upon in 2021:
  - deepen the topic of trust in relation to the individual players in the sector (banks, asset management companies, institutions and professionals);
  - analyze behavioral and attitudinal dynamics, by generational cohorts, with a focus also on young people under 30, both with respect to the general issues addressed by the research, and with reference to the topic of "informal advice" and "web communities" also in relation to possible debt of confidence towards the current protagonists banks and financial institutions first of all;
  - evaluate the issue of **sustainability** in its possible forms: knowledge, credibility and interest;
  - identify any differences and food for thought on all the topics covered by the research in reference to possible gender differences in order to quantify the phenomenon of the "gender gap" and any cultural and social barriers that prevent women from playing the same leading role with respect to men;



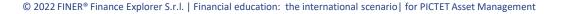






## Sample & Methodology







### The research for PICTET 2022 in Italy: sample & methodology



In continuity with 2021, we carried out the 2022 research through FINER<sup>®</sup> Finance Mirror involving **5,000** individuals, of which:

- **2,500 final investors** → segmented by type and size of financial assets
  - 1,000 mass markets (with financial assets from € 10K to less than € 50K),
  - 1.000 affluents (1.500 from € 50K to € 250K + 1.000 upper + € 250K-500K),
  - 500 private (600 from € 500 to € 5M + 100 HNWI over € 5M)
- 2,500 non-investors are thus distributed
  - 600 high school / university students (18-29 years old)
  - 400 middle school students (aged 16 to 18)
  - 1,500 Italian savers (over 30) who have not invested their savings

The interviews were conducted by the CAWI (Computer Aided Interviewing) method from 17 June to 7 July 2022.







We carried out the 2022 research through FINER<sup>®</sup> Finance Mirror involving **4,000 individuals** - 1,000 in Germany, 1,000 in France, 1,000 in Spain and 1,000 in UK, of which:

- **2,000 (500 in each country) investors** segmented by type and size of financial assets
  - 50% mass markets (with financial assets from € 10K to less than € 50K),
  - 40% affluents (1.500 from € 50K to € 250K + 1.000 upper + € 250K-500K),
  - 10% private (600 from € 500 to € 5M + 100 HNWI over € 5M)
- 2,000 (500 in each country) non-investors segmented by the following criteria
  - 25% high school / university students (18-29 years old)
  - 15% middle school students (aged 16 to 18)
  - 60% savers (over 30) who have not invested their savings

The interviews were conducted by the CAWI (Computer Aided Interviewing) method from 4 to 17 July 2022.





## Financial education







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#### above 60 Average: 3,29 Average: 3,19 Average: 3,15 Average: 3,04 Average: 3,15 49 47 44 43 41 39 40 35 33 32 27 23 18 17 20 16 12 6 3 2 2 0 UK Italy France Germany Spain ENOUGH =3 ■ VERY MUCH = 4 LITTLE =2 NOT AT ALL = 1

Q1 How personally interested are you in topics relating to finance, financial investments and the stock market? (SINGLE ANSWER)

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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#### Interest in finance: sub-sample analysis



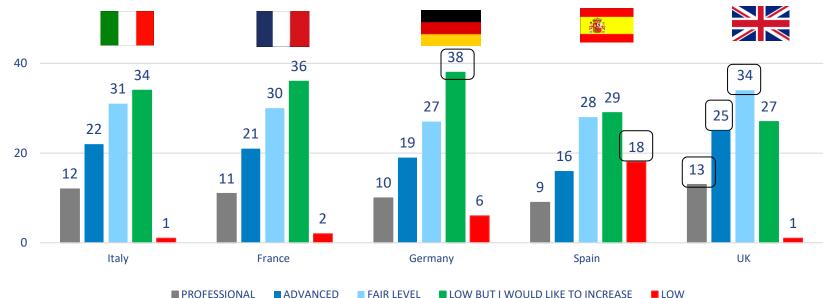
Value: % very much interested in finance	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	35	33	32	27	41
• Women	29	28	27	25	35
• Men	41	37	36	29	45
• Boomer (1940-1964)	42	41	43	39	45
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	39	37	38	35	42
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	22	30	29	23	35
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	15	21	20	15	32
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	29	27	26	21	39
• Affluent	41	39	37	29	46
• Private	55	52	50	41	59
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	19	21	23	19	31
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	24	29	32	23	37
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	33	31	29	27	35





Knowledge of finance (self-assessment): in the UK on average more educated, in Spain less, the desire to learn is high in Germany, France and Italy





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FAIR LEVEL LOW BUT I WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE

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Q2 What do you think your level of knowledge of economics and finance is...? (SINGLE ANSWER)

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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#### Intention to increase the level of knowledge of finance: sub-sample analysis



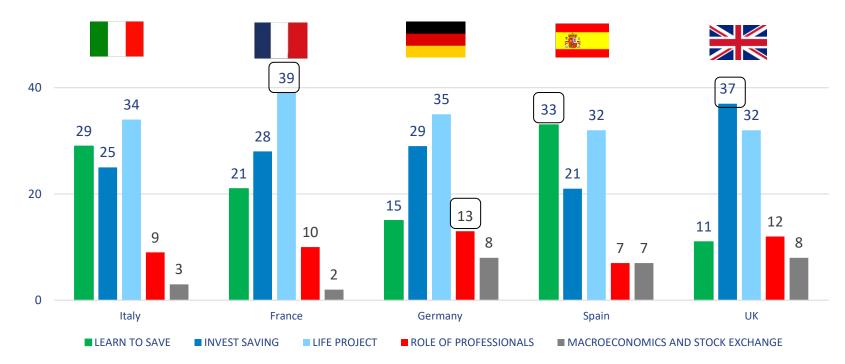
Value: % low but I would like to increase it	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	34	36	38	29	27
• Women	39	41	42	32	33
• Men	33	32	36	27	25
• Boomer (1940-1964)	27	29	31	22	29
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	24	26	28	23	22
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	37	41	43	34	29
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	41	45	46	39	33
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	35	36	39	29	26
• Affluent	32	33	34	30	27
• Private	33	34	36	31	29
high school/university 18-29yrs	66	68	67	27	27
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	45	46	44	26	22
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	43	36	38	24	21





Goals to increase financial education: life projects in France, Germany, Italy, learning to save in Spain, learning to invest in the UK





Q3 What could be your personal goal to undertake an in-depth literacy / financial education program? (SINGLE ANSWER)

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors - values %



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#### **Goals to increase financial education <u>LIFE PROJECTS</u> : sub-sample analysis**



Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
• Total sample	34	39	35	32	32
• Women	37	44	38	38	37
• Men	33	34	32	27	28
• Boomer (1940-1964)	31	36	32	29	28
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	32	37	33	30	32
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	37	41	39	35	32
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	39	39	38	37	39
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	34	39	35	31	29
• Affluent	31	33	29	29	30
• Private	30	31	27	28	31
high school/university 18-29yrs	39	42	39	41	39
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	39	45	40	42	43
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	41	42	37	32	29





#### Goals to increase financial education <u>INVEST SAVING</u> : sub-sample analysis



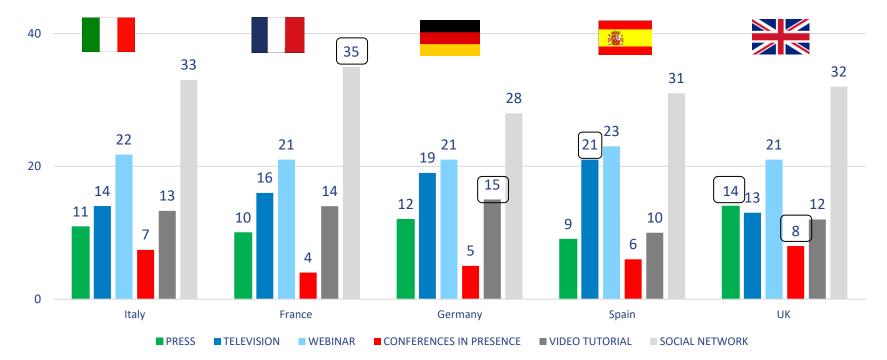
Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	25	28	29	21	37
• Women	22	24	25	19	30
• Men	26	32	33	24	44
• Boomer (1940-1964)	24	27	29	19	35
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	25	28	30	22	39
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	22	29	31	21	36
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	23	26	25	24	37
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	24	28	39	21	36
• Affluent	25	29	33	22	38
• Private	23	27	28	23	40
high school/university 18-29yrs	22	29	27	24	32
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	21	25	24	20	33
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	18	21	22	19	37





Channels for finance knowledge: social networks, webinars, television (+ Spain), newspapers (+ UK), video tutorials (+ Germany)





Q4 Through which of the following methods would you like to be involved in matters concerning savings, its management in general and finance?(SINGLE ANSWER) Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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### Channels for finance knowledge <u>SOCIAL NETWORKS</u> : sub-sample analysis



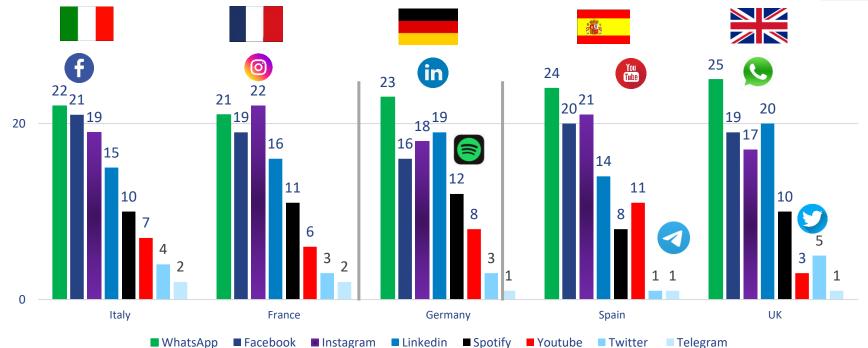
Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	33	35	28	31	32
• Women	33	32	25	28	27
• Men	34	39	32	34	37
• Boomer (1940-1964)	33	30	27	27	29
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	31	36	29	29	31
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	38	39	30	33	33
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	44	45	34	39	39
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	37	36	31	35	34
• Affluent	31	30	29	27	29
• Private	28	24	23	22	27
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	41	45	33	31	36
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	36	39	34	37	38
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	33	37	27	29	24





# Social networks used to update with experts: WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn among the most used





Q5 - With reference to social channels, which one do you use most to update yourself and discuss with experts (not just finance) SINGLE ANSWER? Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %





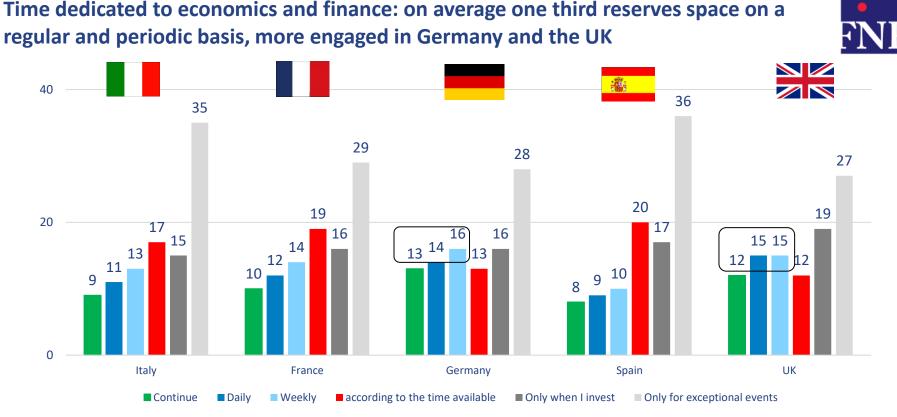
### Social networks used to update with experts <u>INSTAGRAM:</u> : sub-sample analysis



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Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	19	22	18	21	17
• Women	21	24	22	23	22
• Men	18	21	16	19	14
• Boomer (1940-1964)	12	15	11	13	16
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	15	17	14	16	17
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	24	27	26	25	15
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	22	31	24	22	21
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	15	19	14	16	17
• Affluent	17	21	16	19	15
• Private	20	24	19	22	19
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	32	36	29	31	22
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	28	34	27	33	21
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	16	19	15	12	10







Q6 How much space does it reserve for information related to the economy and finance?

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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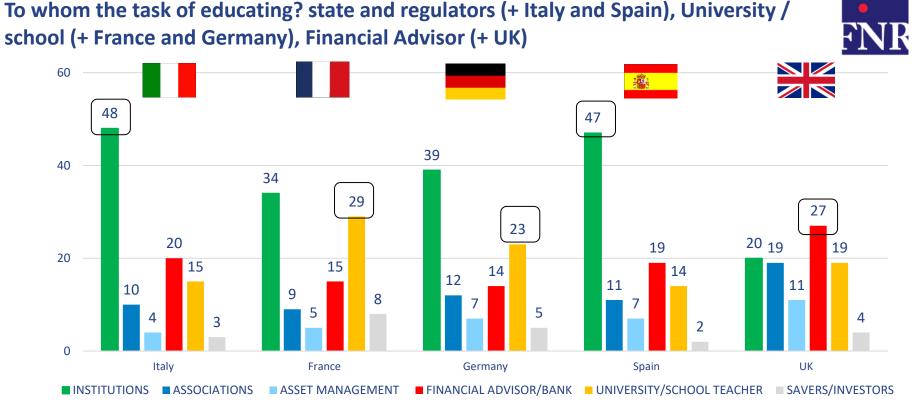
#### Regular time dedicated to economics and finance: sub-sample analysis



Value: % continue + daily + weekly	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
• Total sample	33	36	43	27	42
• Women	24	29	39	22	34
• Men	42	44	47	32	50
• Boomer (1940-1964)	34	37	46	30	45
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	32	36	42	28	41
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	33	37	40	25	44
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	36	31	39	22	39
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	23	29	39	19	39
• Affluent	31	32	45	27	42
• Private	38	34	52	32	51
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	52	49	53	30	40
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	47	48	42	29	42
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	24	27	21	19	29







Q7 Which of the following figures is most suitable in your opinion to support in the knowledge and learning of financial issues?

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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#### **UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL** supporting **Financial Education**: sub-sample analysis



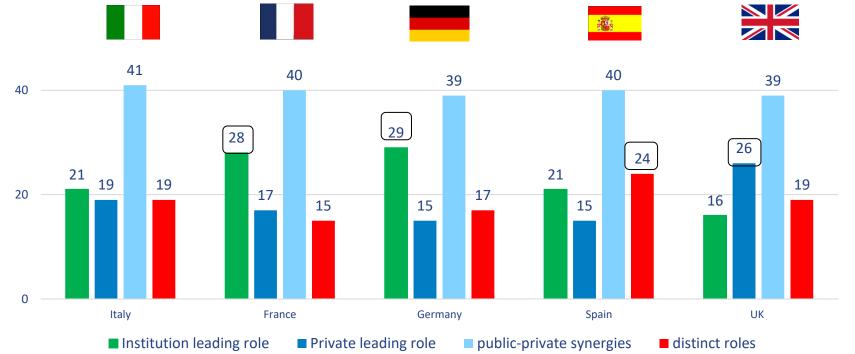
Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	15	29	23	14	19
• Women	19	34	27	17	22
• Men	13	26	20	11	16
• Boomer (1940-1964)	19	22	22	12	17
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	21	24	25	14	19
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	34	37	26	16	21
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	29	32	21	13	23
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	15	29	23	12	17
• Affluent	16	27	24	14	19
• Private	14	30	27	15	22
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	24	33	21	17	24
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	31	32	29	19	25
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	20	24	19	12	13





Public-private collaboration: synergy desirable for all, + state (Germany and France) distinct roles (+ in Spain), + private in UK





Q8 Public / private collaboration on the topic of financial education: how should institutions and companies / operators in the sector interact to effectively promote financial education programs? Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %





#### Public-private synergy: sub-sample analysis



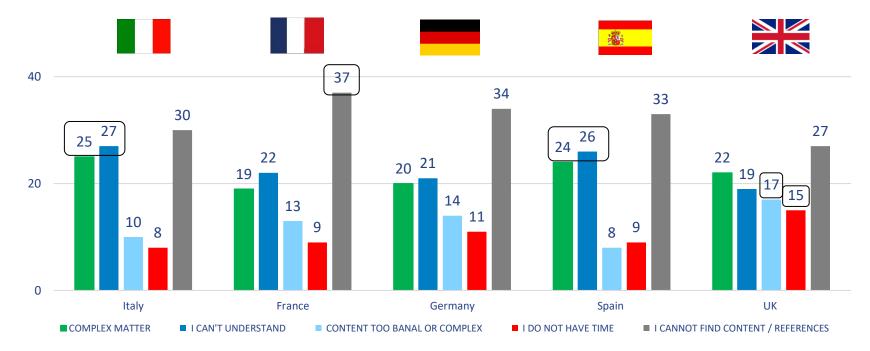
Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
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• Total sample	41	40	39	40	39
• Women	42	37	39	41	40
• Men	40	43	39	39	38
• Boomer (1940-1964)	42	39	37	37	35
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	40	42	41	42	36
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	39	38	37	43	37
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	39	37	40	36	47
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	41	40	43	39	38
• Affluent	38	39	39	41	39
• Private	40	45	35	43	40
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	40	37	38	40	41
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	39	36	36	39	42
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	43	42	37	38	36





What obstacles to learning: a complex and difficult subject to understand (especially for Italians and Spanish) but also due to a lack of content / references





Q9 What do you consider to be the main obstacle you have encountered or routinely encounter in studying economic and financial issues?

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors - values %



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#### LACK OF CONTENT / REFERENCES as obstacles to learning : sub-sample analysis



Value: %	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
• Total sample	30	37	34	33	27
• Women	26	41	38	32	29
• Men	33	33	31	34	25
• Boomer (1940-1964)	28	40	29	33	25
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	30	36	37	32	26
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	34	34	33	34	30
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<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	42	39	38	37	28
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	31	27	29	27	24







## • Trust



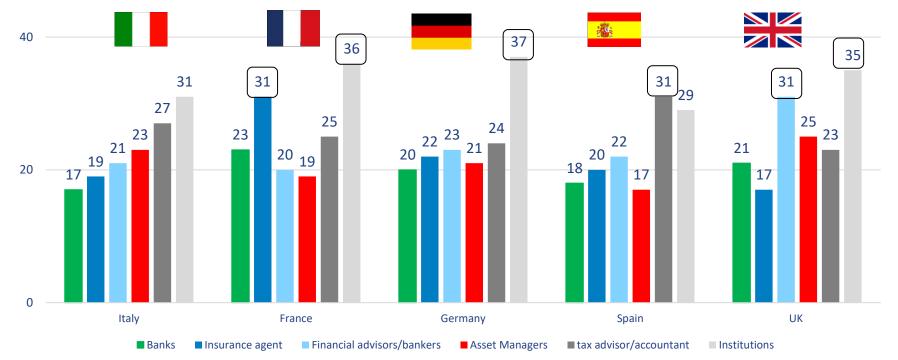




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Trust: maximum for institutions (+ France, Germany and UK), max insurance in France, max tax advisor in Spain, Financial Advisor / Bank max in UK





Q10 Now I would like you to think of banks, asset management companies, institutions and professionals (financial advisors and bank managers) and tell me how much you trust each of these.... % VERY MUCH Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors - values %





#### **Trust in BANKS : sub-sample analysis**



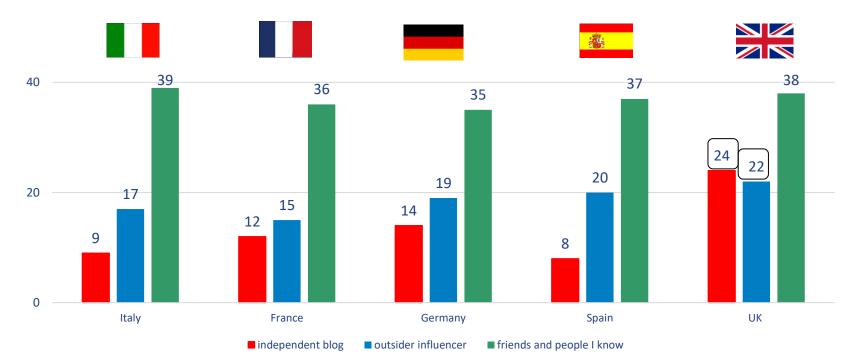
Value: % trust in banks very much	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	17	23	20	18	21
• Women	22	24	21	22	23
• Men	14	22	19	15	19
• Boomer (1940-1964)	17	21	20	17	24
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	19	22	21	18	23
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	15	26	22	19	19
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• Affluent	21	24	22	19	19
• Private	22	25	23	20	25
high school/university 18-29yrs	14	19	20	22	25
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	16	25	21	18	27
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	12	15	13	12	9





# Low trust in blogs and influencers (except in UK), friends and people known more reliable





Q11 How much do you trust instead of tips and advice from online communities, that is, independent blogs dealing with investment-related topics? .... % VERY MUCH Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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#### trust in blogs and influencers: sub-sample analysis



Value: % very much trust in influencer	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>Total sample</li> </ul>	17	15	19	20	22
• Women	19	17	22	22	23
• Men	15	14	15	18	21
• Boomer (1940-1964)	14	13	17	19	13
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	15	14	18	21	19
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	19	15	19	19	27
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	21	19	22	23	31
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	17	19	23	21	19
• Affluent	15	15	19	20	23
• Private	12	9	8	9	12
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	22	14	21	22	24
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	24	15	24	23	25
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	14	19	17	24	26







## • Socially responsible investments



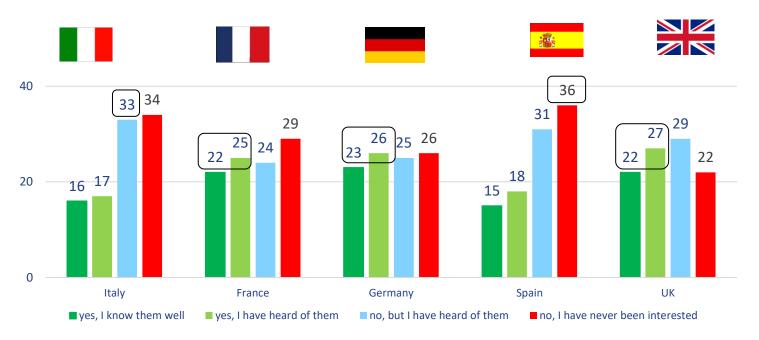




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Knowledge of socially responsible investments: best known in France, Germany and the UK





Q12 Could you give me a definition of socially responsible investments?

Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors - values %



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#### Knowledge of socially responsible investments: sub-sample analysis



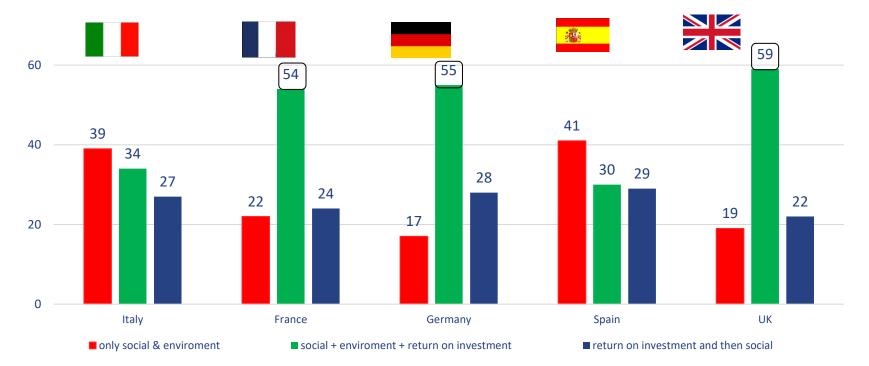
Value: % I never been interested	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
• Total sample	34	29	26	36	22
• Women	31	34	33	33	24
• Men	34	26	21	39	20
• Boomer (1940-1964)	36	27	24	33	21
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	33	29	25	34	23
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	32	30	26	37	24
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• Private	31	31	26	39	26
<ul> <li>high school/university 18-29yrs</li> </ul>	32	32	29	36	27
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	31	33	30	40	31
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	48	29	21	36	27





Knowledge of socially responsible investments: in France, Germany and the UK the most correct definition (return on investment + social + environment)





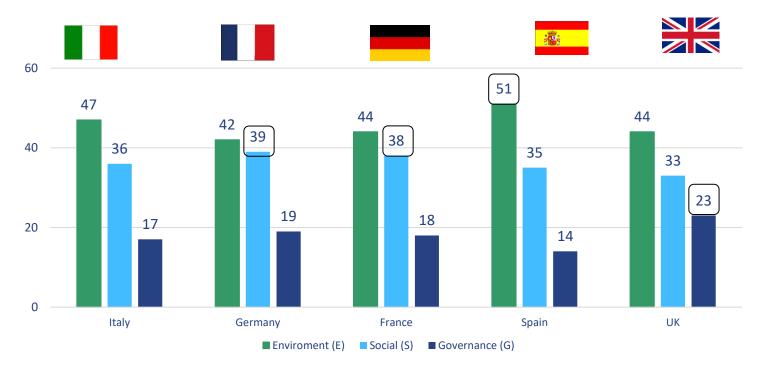
Q13 If I talk to you about socially responsible investments, you think about an investment.... which focuses.... ? Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %





# Importance of the three ESG factors: environment first (+ Spain), society follows (+ France and Germany), governance last (+ in UK)





Q14 The so-called sustainable ESG investments focus on three factors: E = environment (climate change, pollution and scarcity of resources), S = social (human rights, equal opportunities, health and safety at work), G = governance (business ethics, respect for rules and transparency). Which one would you put first ? Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %





#### Importance of the E factors : sub-sample analysis



Value: % put Environment as first	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
• Total sample	47	42	44	51	44
• Women	48	45	46	53	46
• Men	46	40	42	49	42
• Boomer (1940-1964)	43	39	41	47	40
• Gen. X (1965-1980)	46	40	45	49	43
• Gen. Y (1981-1996)	49	42	46	50	46
• Gen. Z (1997-2006)	51	49	47	56	49
<ul> <li>Mass market</li> </ul>	49	39	40	47	41
• Affluent	45	42	44	49	44
• Private	41	43	47	52	46
high school/university 18-29yrs	47	44	46	56	47
<ul> <li>middle school 16-18yrs</li> </ul>	46	45	45	57	48
<ul> <li>savers (over 30) not investors</li> </ul>	49	37	39	43	39





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	Italy	France	Germany	Spain	UK
	%	%	%	%	%
<ul> <li>help understand the impact aspects of each investment</li> </ul>	31	34	34	30	35
<ul> <li>to restore value to the community by engaging personally in philanthropic and environmental initiatives</li> </ul>	20	26	25	21	27
<ul> <li>help identify companies worthy of investment</li> </ul>	17	12	11	18	10
<ul> <li>to give back value to the community, engaging in the first person and also giving the opportunity to its customers to contribute</li> </ul>	12	6	4	13	2
• help companies for the practices that focus on sustainability	11	24	20	10	19
• push to invest in companies that have a positive impact	9	2	6	8	7

Q15 what should be the role of institutions and operators of the financial system in relation to investment sustainability? Sample: 9,000 interviews, 4.500 to investors and 4,500 to non investors – values %



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- Interest in finance: Italy, France and Germany aligned, Spain below average, UK above; Knowledge of finance (self-assessment): in the UK on average more educated, in Spain less, the desire to learn is high in Germany, France and Italy
- Knowledge of finance (self-assessment): in the UK on average more educated, in Spain less, the desire to learn is high in Germany, France and Italy; Channels for finance knowledge: mainly social networks, then webinars; television (+ Spain), newspapers (+ UK), video tutorials (+ Germany); Social networks used to update with experts: WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn among the most used
- Time dedicated to economics and finance: on average one third reserves space on a regular and periodic basis, more engaged in Germany and the UK; To whom the task of educating? state and regulators (+ Italy and Spain), University / school (+ France and Germany), Financial Advisor (+ UK); Public-private collaboration: synergy desirable for all, + state (Germany and France) distinct roles (+ in Spain), + private in UK
- What obstacles to learning: a complex and difficult subject to understand (especially for Italians and Spanish) but also due to a lack of content / references; Low trust in blogs and influencers (except in UK), friends and people known more reliable
- Knowledge of socially responsible investments: best known in France, Germany and the UK; Knowledge of socially responsible investments: in France, Germany and the UK the most correct definition (return on investment + social + environment); Importance of the three ESG factors: environment first (+ Spain), society follows (+ France and Germany), governance last (+ in UK)
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