

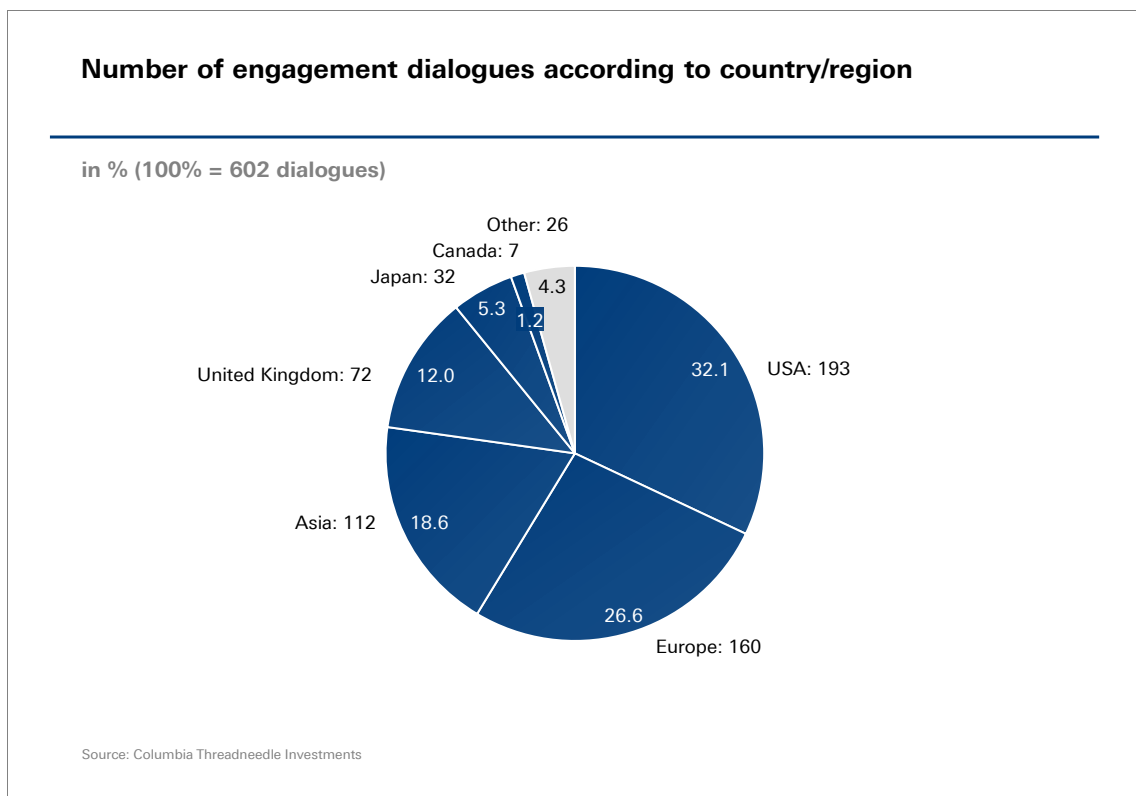
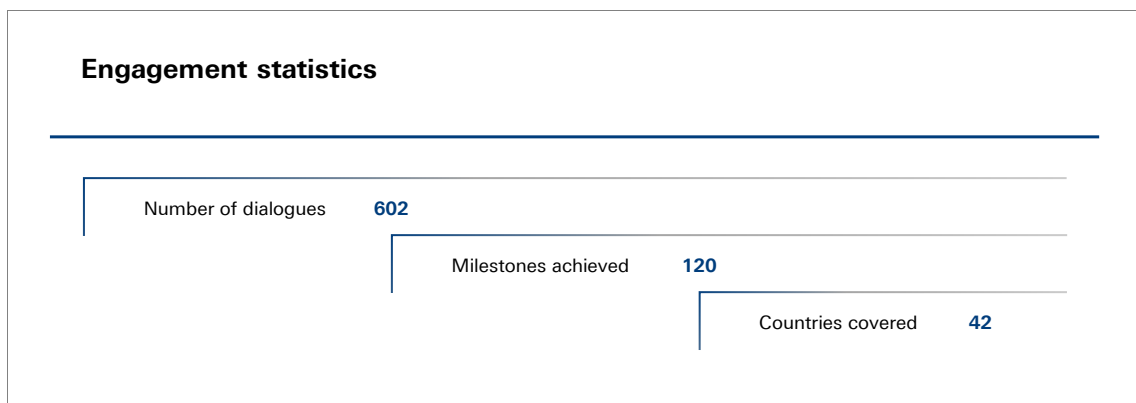
Metzler Asset Management: Engagement Summary 2024

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1. Engagement results

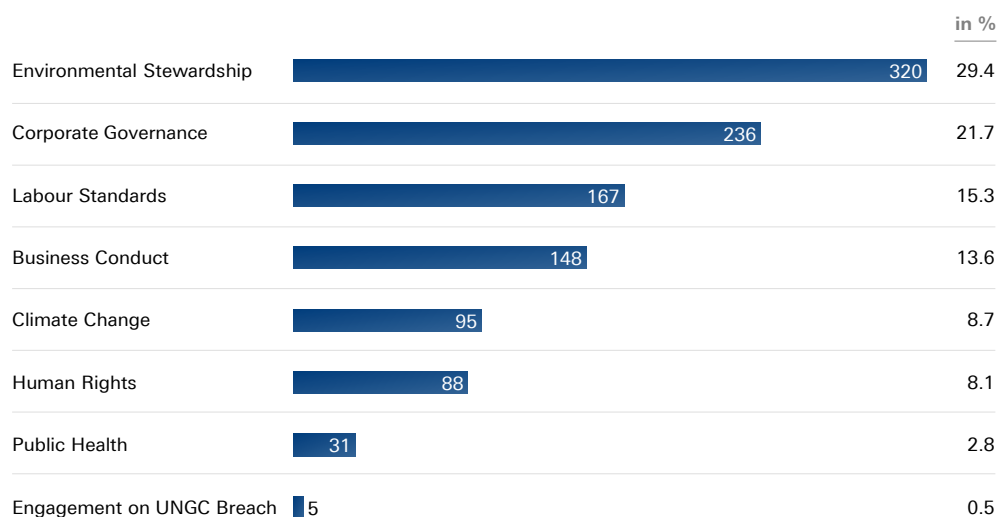
Metzler Asset Management GmbH works with Columbia Threadneedle Investments, which we have specifically mandated for this task, to ensure that business-relevant ESG challenges are discussed with the companies represented in our portfolios in a process known as "**engagement**". Columbia Threadneedle Investments was also appointed to exercise **voting rights** and prepare reports on its voting as well as on the engagement milestones reached, sections of which we include in the ESG reporting for our clients.

The current principles of ownership responsibility and details of the engagement procedure are available at all times on our website.



Number of engagement dialogues according to topic

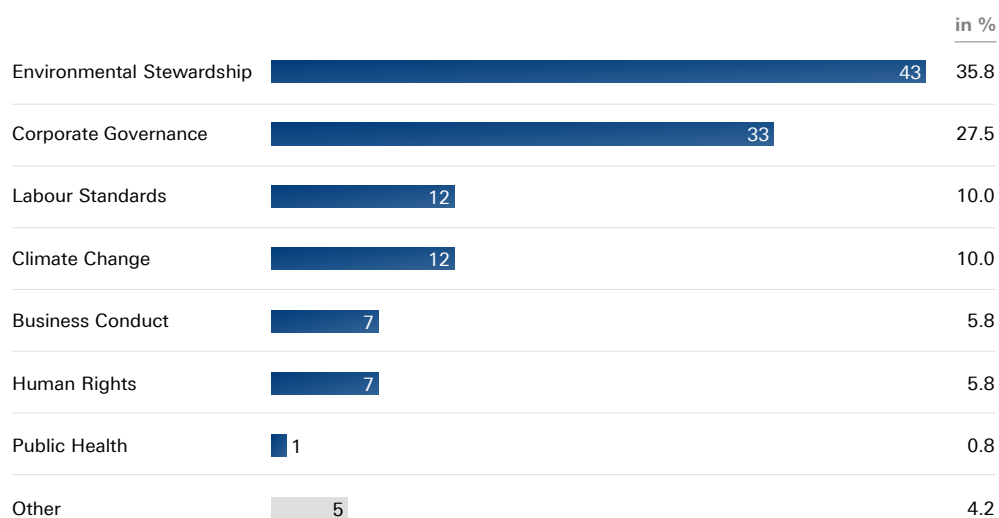
100% = 1,090 topics



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Milestones achieved according to topic

100% = 120 topics



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments

Escalation strategy

If an active dialogue (engagement) has not been successful, Metzler Asset Management GmbH aims to conduct a company meeting to discuss the matter. If the company has not been able to resolve the ESG challenge, Metzler Asset Management GmbH will discuss a potential divestment with the ESG board. Discussion will take both financial and sustainability considerations into account.

2. Public documents

Transparency and publications

Transparency of ESG topics is important for Metzler Asset Management GmbH. The following documents are publicly accessible:

- The fund price is published daily. The composition of our mutual funds is published monthly (including master data, investment strategy, risk profile, performance, fund structure, industry composition, top ten equities, top ten industries, key figures, costs and fees) at www.metzler.com/download-fonds-en
- Columbia Threadneedle Investments' voting results from the shareholder meetings of companies held in our funds are accessible at www.metzler.com/esg-en (Dialogue and voting rights)
- The PRI Assessment Report for Metzler Asset Management is accessible at www.metzler.com/esg-en (Downloads)
- Columbia Threadneedle Investments' International Corporate Governance Guidelines are accessible at www.metzler.com/esg-en (Dialogue and voting rights)
- Columbia Threadneedle Investments' Principles and Guidelines for Ownership Responsibility are also accessible at www.metzler.com/esg-en (Dialogue and voting rights)
- Columbia Threadneedle Investments' information about engagement are accessible at <https://www.columbiathreadneedle.de>

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