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Dear SFL Newsletter subscriber,

Until now, Sustainable Finance Lab's leading digital communication channels have been our website and our presence on LinkedIn. Today, we are happy to send you our first SFL Newsletter.

The aim is to share our research and activities and highlight events that are taking place within the field of sustainable finance.

We hope you'll enjoy it, and if you have suggestions for future content in this newsletter, please reach out!

Best regards,
The SFL team

Report from SFL's steering group meeting

We discussed two major upcoming research projects at SFL's last steering group meeting on 7th September. Vinnova funds the projects with 5.2 million, and SFL is also looking for strategic partners from the financial industry to support them.

In the first project, SFL's Lin Lerpold and colleagues will look into whether women in leading roles have had a more significant impact on companies' climate efforts compared to men in corresponding positions. The second project will draw on both natural and social science to develop the next generation of science-based metrics for sustainable finance. Instead of starting from commercial or political dynamics, a science-based approach starts from a theory of change, i.e., a roadmap of our best available knowledge of how financial markets can facilitate the transition to a more sustainable economy. The project is looking for strategic partners for support. [Read](#)

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At the meeting, Jennie Ahren, chair at SWESIF (Sveriges forum för hållbara investeringar) and also partner at Tundra Fonder, participated to discuss a potential SFL-SWESIF partnership.

"We would be happy to welcome SWESIF as partners to the SFL, because that would make it easier for the SFL to cooperate with Swedish funds to create sustainability." says Kent Eriksson at SFL.

New policy brief on the financial challenge to bring BECCS credits to voluntary carbon markets

In a new policy brief, SFL-affiliated researchers Kenneth Möllersten and Lars Zetterberg at IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute present the financial challenge to scale bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS), including by selling credits to voluntary carbon markets. The policy brief is commented upon by Tomas Thyblad, Vice President and Head of ESG Solutions, European markets at Nasdaq.

[Read more and download policy brief >](#)



"Diversity and inclusion in financial markets", a fireside chat with Malin Malmström and SFL Center Vice-Director Lin Lerpold, Eva Halvarson at Andra AP-fonden, Johanna Raynal at Swefund, and Benedicte Faivre-Tavignot at HEC. Photo: SFL.

Voices from the SFL Partner Day

In April this year, participants from the SFL partner organizations, potential partners, and SFL-affiliated researchers met for a full-day event at Nasdaq in Stockholm. The program included presentations, fire-chat conversations, and structured discussions in smaller groups. One of the goals was to collect thoughts and views concerning future SFL research initiatives.

“The discussions benefitted from different perspectives from private industry, civil society, researchers, and regulators. Many good ideas on the potential scope for future research were brought to the table,” said Johanna Fager Wettergren, Head of Sustainable Finance at Finansinspektionen.

[Read the article here >](#)

Conference together with Sveriges Riksbank

In May, SFL and Sveriges Riksbank joined forces and arranged the conference “Climate change and the financial system: Challenges and opportunities for central banks”. During two days, participants listened and interacted with scholars from different parts of Europe, the US, and Canada. Ulf Söderström at Sveriges Riksbank chaired the first day, and SFL’s Mark Sanctuary chaired the second.

“We received over 120 very relevant, high quality academic papers but had time for only a handful of presentations, and selected 6 to be presented at the conference. The conference covered important topics related to risks, as well as opportunities related to climate change and the financial system and I hope it has given the conference participants some new insights on the issues.” says Mark Sanctuary.

[See full conference program here >](#)

[Read an interview with Ulf Söderström here >](#)

About us

Sustainable Finance Lab SWEDEN is a transdisciplinary research center established to transform financial markets and to enhance the sustainable development of society. Our aim is to deliver scientific insights that strengthen practice.

The SFL Consortium consists of KTH Royal Institute of Technology, University of Gothenburg, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, Luleå University of Technology, Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University, and Global Economic Dynamics and the Biosphere at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

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