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Sustainable investment is on the rise

Investors and financial institutions have a major impact on the economy and societal events by steering capital flows. One of the ways in which they can contribute to sustainable development is by participating in or offering sustainable investment funds. These investment funds only invest in shares or bonds which meet a number of criteria in the areas of environmental policy, social policy and sustainability.

In 2007 the Belgian sustainable fund market grew by 46.9 % compared to 2006 to 8.98 billion euro. During that same period, the total Belgian investment fund market for publicly traded ICIs (Institutions for Collective Investment) shrank slightly to 172.64 billion euro. The share in the total fund market has thus increased considerably to nearly 5.2 %, still a European record.

In total, in 2007 there were 146 durable investment means (investment funds, notes, insurance products ...) present on the Belgian market. This is almost a doubling compared to 2006.