# A DEEP-DIVE INTO CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTORS

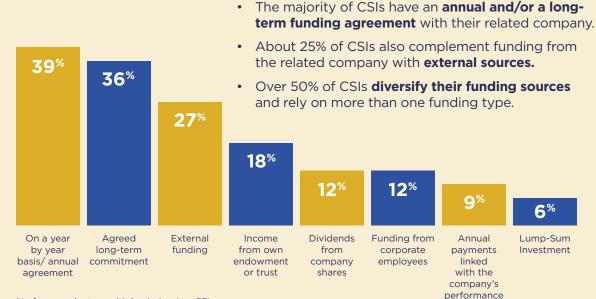


#### WHO ARE CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTORS?

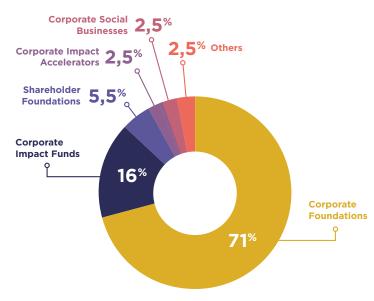
Corporate social investors **support innovative solutions** to pressing societal issues. They do so by **providing social purpose organisations** (e.g. NGOs, social enterprises) **with capital** in the form of grants, debt and equity, alongside **expertise and nonfinancial support.** Corporate social investors are legal or organisational structures **related to a company** (e.g. by name, funding, structure and/or governance) with the final goal of generating **intentional**, **additional**, **and measurable societal impact**.



### **HOW ARE CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTORS FUNDED?**



### WHO IS WITHIN OUR SAMPLE?



% of respondents (n = 38)

## WHERE ARE THEY BASED?

Switzerland 6 Spain 3

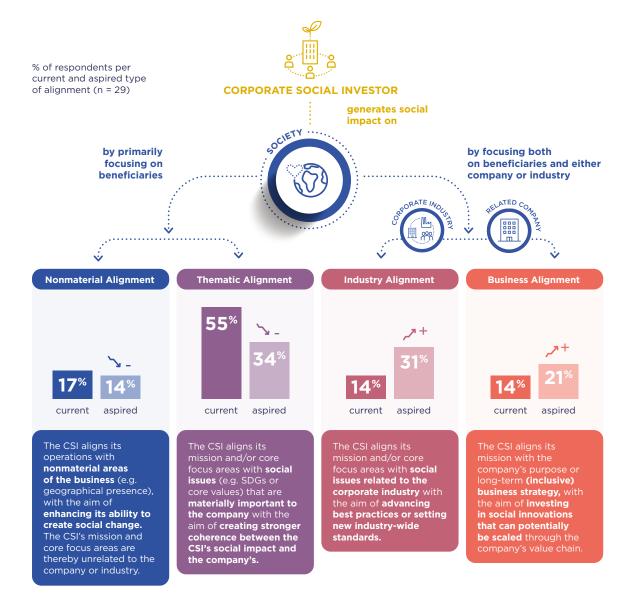
Italy 2 France 8 Portugal 3

Germany 3 The Netherlands 7

United Kingdom 4 Norway 1

#### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT WITH THE RELATED COMPANY

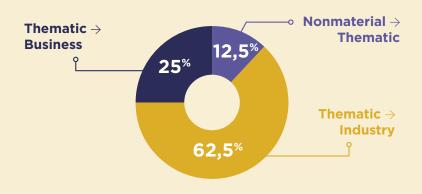
The most common type\* of <u>strategic alignment</u> between a corporate social investor and its related company is **thematic alignment (55%)**, followed by **nonmaterial alignment (17%).** 



<sup>\*</sup>Three corporate social investor from our sample did not pursue any type of alignment with its related company.

## A CHANGING LANDSCAPE?

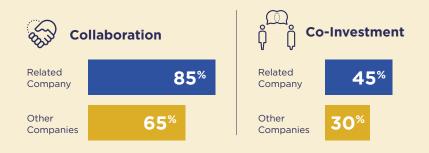
Around 25% of CSIs, all of which are foundations, would pursue a different alignment type in an ideal case scenario. In particular, there is an aspiration to move from thematic towards industry or business alignment.



% of respondents that aspire to a different type of alignment (n = 8)

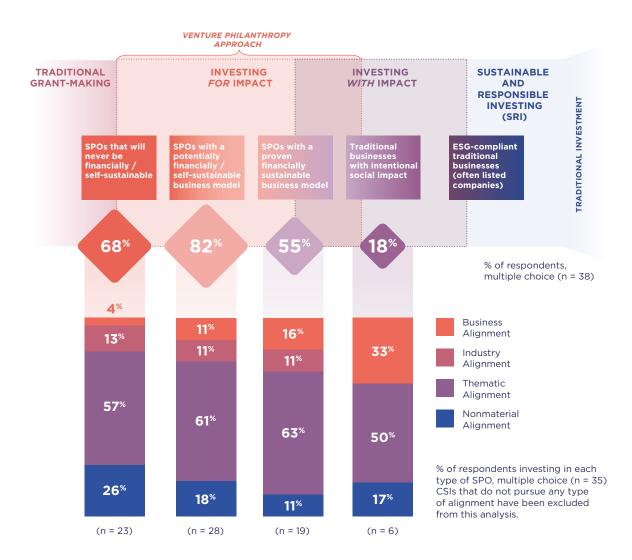
## **COLLABORATION & CO-INVESTMENT**

85% of CSIs in our sample have collaborated with companies in the past. 50% also engaged in co-investment with the private sector.



#### WHO CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTORS SUPPORT

More than 80% of CSIs support SPOs with a potentially financially / self-sustainable business model, followed by SPOs that will never be financially / self-sustainable.



- The more developed the business model of the SPO is, the more likely they are to attract supported from business aligned CSIs.
- Nonmaterial aligned CSIs support all types of SPOs, but are relatively more important for SPOs that will never be financially / self-sustainable.

### **SOCIAL SECTORS**

The **four most common social sectors** support are:



Top 4 sectors supported, % of respondents, multiple choice (n = 34)

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Top 6 SDGs, % of respondents, multiple choice (n = 39)

In comparison to other investors *for* impact, CSIs seem to have a more targeted approach with regards to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Investors *for* impact target on average 8 SDGs, while CSIs only target 5.

#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

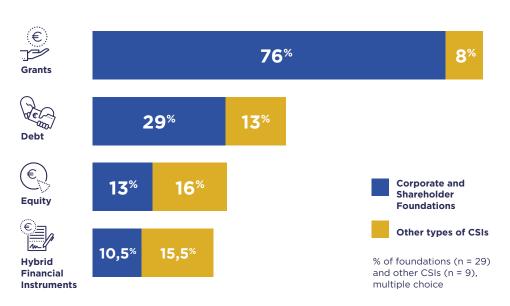
CSIs invested on average € 9.9 million in 2019.



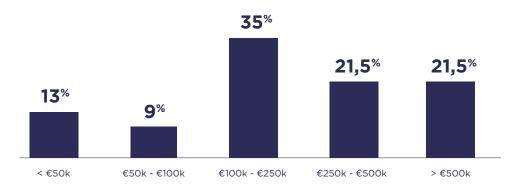
The **median of** 

% of CSIs (n = 39) and other Investors for Impact (n = 83)

The most common financial instruments deployed by CSIs are grants. Around 45% of CSIs use more than one financial instrument.



CSIs support social purpose organisations (e.g. NGOs, social enterprises) with an average of € 335,000 over the entire duration of their investment.



% of respondents (n = 23)

### **NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The three most common types of non-financial support are:



% of respondents, multiple choice (n = 37)

measurement and management

CSIs provide significantly more technical assistance in specialist areas than other investors for impact (52%). This high percentage might indicate that CSIs are more likely to leverage the expertise and insights of corporate employees in the provision of technical support.

# **Employee Engagement**

of CSIs engage corporate employees through corporate volunteering or giving programmes. **53%** of CSIs do so to a **(very) great extent.** 

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