



We are very pleased to announce the signature of a **partnership between the University of Montpellier, CEE-M (CNRS) and Mirova**, a pure player and one of the pioneer of green and sustainable finance with €12.5 billion in assets under management¹, affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers. Mirova invests 100% of its assets into socially responsible assets and all its portfolios have a 2°C trajectory, in line with the goals set out in the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

This research partnership offers the University of Montpellier and Mirova the opportunity to better understand the dynamics of green assets in financial markets, investor behaviour and preferences, in order to help expand the field of finance associated with the low-carbon transition and the reduction of CO2 emissions.

A first team is composed of Adrien Nguyen-Huu (team leader), Olga Tatarnikova, Sébastien Duchene, Patrick Sentis and Marc Willinger. This team will deal with the stability of asset portfolios based, among other things, on ESG criteria.

A second team is composed of Patrick Sentis (team leader), Rassul Kalfane, Sébastien Duchene, Adrien Nguyen-Huu, and Marc Willinger. This team will address the connection between ESG ratings and the return/risk of the assets in a very broad way.

As the ESG market is going through strong growth and transformation, this collaboration will be mutually beneficial. At the University of Montpellier, research teams will have the opportunity to access to real-world market data and practices. For Mirova, the exchanges with the University's research teams will bring technical expertise and an external point of view at the links between financial performance and Mirova's specific ESG analyses.

These two projects are coordinated by Sébastien Duchêne.

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About Mirova

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Mirova is an investment manager dedicated to sustainable investment and an affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers. Through a conviction-driven investment approach, Mirova's goal is to combine value creation over the long term with sustainable development. Mirova's talents have been pioneers in many areas of sustainable finance. Their ambition is to keep innovating to propose the best tailored and most impactful solutions to their clients.

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