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### Subscription Facilities Can Play a Part in ESG 'Authenticity' – Private Funds CFO

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“The use of subscription credit facilities is an excellent way to demonstrate a fund’s commitment to ESG, with asset managers putting their margins where their mouths are,” writes IQ-EQ’s Justin Partington in a recent guest column in *Private Funds CFO*. Subscription facilities with pricing linked to pre-specified ESG metrics have the potential to serve as a helpful incentive for sponsor ESG commitments, although such facilities so far have mostly gone to sponsors that are farther along in implementing an coherent ESG strategy, according to Partington. The column is available [here](#) (subject to registration). The Dutch firm Waterland Private Equity Investments closed on a €500 million ESG subscription facility from a European lender syndicate this week, adding to the list of data points illustrating the opportunity in ESG finance that has expanded meaningfully from even just a few months ago in 2020.