

Introduction

- > 195 countries have signed the Paris Climate Agreement which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to keep temperature increase to below 2°C
- ESG goes further than greenhouse gasses: the 193 UN countries have signed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

230+ indicators to measure progress on poverty, education, equality, energy, climate, nature and peace.



Introduction

- Countries have committed themselves to KPIs and are implementing policies and regulations
- Most of the measurement is based on statistics and mathematical models

- It will take years for governments to enforce sustainability reporting on a large scale
- Some industries need more data already: the Financial Services Industry



Financial Services Industry

- Central banks across Europe and the world are urging financial institutions to express climate-related financial risks on their balance sheets.
- Banks should put a price on carbon-heavy industries to avoid "stranded assets"

- The Task Force on Climaterelated Financial Disclosures (TCFD) helps companies to enhance their disclosures of climate-related information.
- A number of frameworks help organizations to collect the required information, e.g. PCAF.





Example: PCAF

- In the Netherlands, the Dutch government, banks and the SBR governance are working together with the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF).
- PCAF is a reporting standard to measure emissions, which enable financial institutions to measure the impact of their investments.
- PCAF is adopted by dozens of financial institutions worldwide and growing fast. The methodology is actively used. However, they are currently not using computer-readable definitions and data exchange, which leads to manual processes and sub-optimal data quality.



Example: PCAF

- PCAF data could be the input for TCFD: "... where TCFD describes metrics to disclose impact and risk for sectors, PCAF allows harmonized accounting for the financial sector at the detailed level of asset classes."
- In cooperation with SBR, PCAF will set up a "structured data" working group, leading to a taxonomy and data exchange standards.
- > We aim to use international standards and taxonomy architecture.



Climate initiatives in the Financial Industry

B Bar	ks I Investors B I Banks & Investors Focus of Initiative	High-level Commitment to Act	Measuring Financed Emissions	Scenario Analysis	Target- setting	Enabling Action	Reporting
	UNEP FI Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB): Collective Commitment on Climate Action	•					
	Climate Action in Financial Institutions	+					
1	United Nations-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance	•					
1	Investor Agenda	+					
BI	Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)						•
ΒI	Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)		•				
	Poseidon Principles (for shipping sector only)			+			
ΒI	UNEP FI TCFD pilots			+			
BI	Paris Agreement Capital Transition Assessment (PACTA)			•			
1	IIGCC Paris Aligned Investment Initiative			+			
ΒI	Science Based Targets for Financial Institutions				•		
	Climate Safe Learning Lab					+	
	Banking Environment Initiative					•	
I	Climate Action 100+					•	
ΒI	CDP Financial Services Questionnaire						•

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