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# Integrazione dei rischi ESG e climate change nel sistema di valutazione e gestione dei rischi

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# What does ESG mean? Towards sustainable finance

- **ESG** means using **Environmental, Social and Governance** factors to evaluate companies and countries on how far advanced they are with sustainability
- In recent decades, both **supply and demand for sustainable products are rapidly increasing** on the part of institutional investors and private savers. Investing according to ESG criteria means making choices that are consistent not only with your own return and risk objectives, but also with your own values and moral convictions



## ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Climate change**
  - Greenhouse gas emissions
  - Resource depletion, including water
  - Waste and pollution
  - Deforestation



## SOCIAL

- Working conditions, including slavery and child labour
- Local communities, including indigenous communities
- Conflict and humanitarian crises
- Health and safety
- Employee relations and diversity



## GOVERNANCE

- Executive pay
- Bribery and corruption
- Board diversity and structure
- Fair tax strategy

# Global warming together with the transition to a low-carbon economy, generate climate-related risks and opportunities

IT IS CLEAR THAT WE NEED A TRANSFORMED AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY AND FINANCIAL PRACTICE... TO ACHIEVE THIS, **WE NEED TO JOIN FORCES WITH REGULATORS, SUPERVISORS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP COMMON STANDARDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

- WIM MIJS - CEO OF EUROPEAN BANKING FEDERATION

*Transition to a **low carbon economy** could have significant implications for global trade flows...*

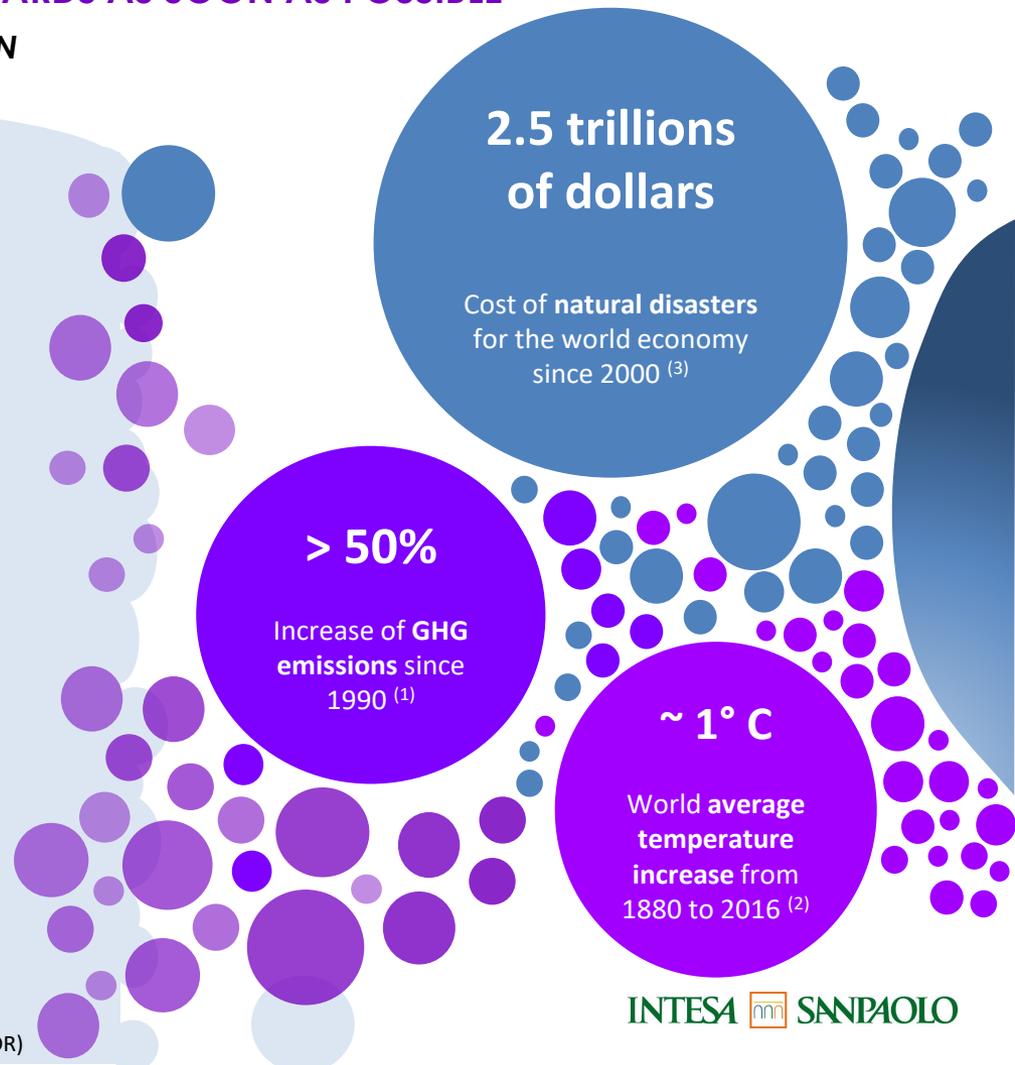
*... with consequences for the banks balance sheet in terms of new risks, but also opportunities*

Following the **recommendations of Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)**, financial institutions should integrate these risks into the overall **risk management framework**, enriching traditional approaches that focus on **Reputational Risk**, and sharing responsibility with the **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**

<sup>(1)</sup> 2018 - [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#), UN

<sup>(2)</sup> 2016 - [NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center Scientific Visualization Studio](#)

<sup>(3)</sup> 2013 - [Global Assessment Report \(GAR\)](#), UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)



# In this context, Intesa Sanpaolo has decided to support TCFD and undertake the journey towards a sustainable finance

Regulatory framework is changing... and banking system is adapting

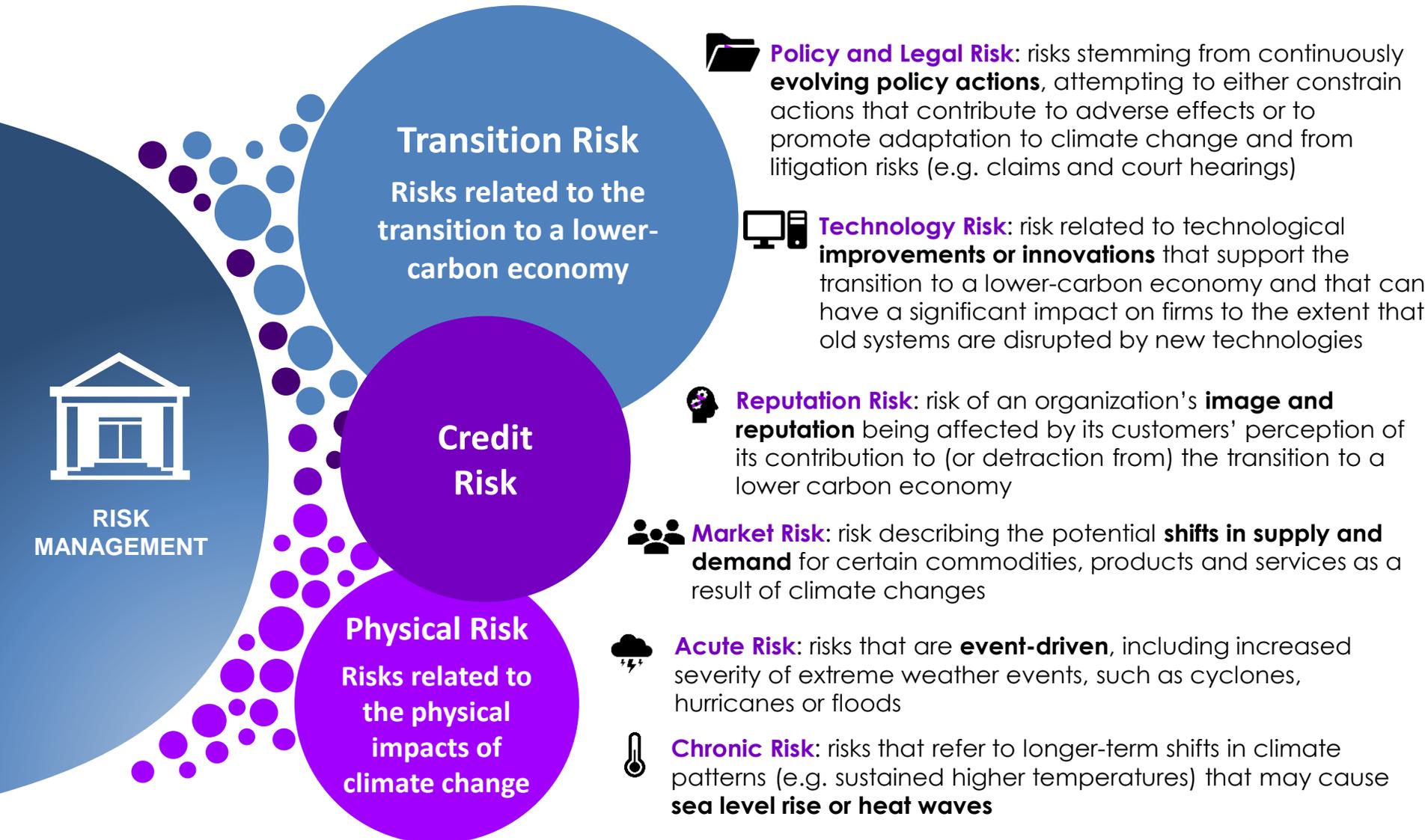


1. 180 Countries and EU; 2. More information available at: <https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/about/>

3. More information available at: <https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/tcfd-supporters/>

# Climate Change: which risks?

## Transition and Physical – TCFD Taxonomy



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# TCFD Banking Group – Phase I



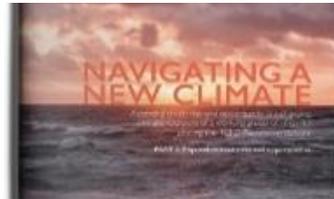
UNEP FI <sup>(1)</sup>, along with 16 of the world's leading banks, tried to implement **TCFD recommendations**. **Phase I** of the pilot project provided interesting results in terms of scenarios, models and metrics to enable a current and prospective assessment of risks and opportunities related to **Climate Change**



## Extending our Horizons

The **first report** of April 2018 describes a scenario estimation method linked to **Transition Risk**

Source: UNEP FI/Oliver Wyman



## Navigating a New Climate

The **second report** of July 2018 deals with the evaluation methods of **Physical Risk**

Source: UNEP FI/Acclimatise



## Climate Change: Managing a New Financial Risk

The **final report** of March 2019 includes a survey of **45 global financial players**

Source: Oliver Wyman

## Scenarios

- > **Transition Risk:** description of a coherent macroeconomic environment through time, sectors and geographical areas
- > **Physical Risk:** description of extreme weather events and incremental climate shifts

## Methodologies

- > Identify the most **climate sensitive** sectors
- > **Calibration sector/borrower level:**
  - specifies the relationship between economic scenarios and credit risk
  - proxy estimate of the scenario impact on individual borrowers

## Impacts on Portfolio

- > **Impacts on stressed PDs** compared to baseline projections, identifying consequences on **sectors** and **operating margins (revenues and COGS)**

<sup>(1)</sup> <http://www.unepfi.org/banking/tcfd>

# TCFD Banking Group – Phase II



UNEP FI, expanding the number of banks and starting from methodologies, evidences and recommendations emerged during Phase I, is promoting an improvement in the implementation of the **TCFD recommendations**

**Phase II** of the project aims to broaden and improve the results of the previous phase

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### ASSET DATA & SCENARIOS

- > **Partnership / coordination** with external companies that provide "**climate scenarios**" (e.g. IPCC, CICERO, IEA, IIEASA, PIK) and/or able to examine **aggregate asset-data** (e.g. Stanford, Oxford, CDP, WRI, 2di)

### METHODOLOGY

- > Deepening on the typology of **methodological framework**
- > Greater **awareness of analysis tools** and **governance processes**

### LEGAL

- > **Disclosure** of the impact estimations based on **high-level dataset aggregations** (e.g. **geographical** and/or **sectorial analysis**)

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# ISP positioning on climate change risk and what the bank is doing: different areas of intervention

- Intesa Sanpaolo is aware of having a **significant impact** on the social and environmental context, thus choosing to act **not only on the basis of profit**, but also with the aim of creating **long-term value** for the Bank, its employees, customers, community and the environment
- The management of **ESG/climate change risks** has been developed over the following streams:



# Management of Intesa Sanpaolo direct exposure to environmental and climate change risks



## What we have done

Intesa Sanpaolo considers environment and the more specific topic of climate change as a fundamental part of a wider management **model of social and environmental strategy**, therefore it has:

- ✓ issued a **specific policy** (Group's "Rules for the environmental and energy policy") in order to reduce its ecological footprint and that of its customers and suppliers
- ✓ adhered to important **international initiatives** such as UNEP FI, CDP, UNGC aimed at promoting dialogue among firms, international organisations and society in general and to pursue respect for the environment
- ✓ applied **technological innovations** for the modernisation of plants and introduced more energy-efficient systems

## What we are doing

1. We are working to fulfill the goal set by **Climate Change Action Plan** of a 37% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the 2012-2022 period (2018-2021 Intesa Sanpaolo Business Plan)
2. Implementing **TCFD - Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures recommendations**

# Assessment of business related environmental and climate change risks and involvement of Risk Management area



## What we have done

The Evaluation of ESG risks/climate change risks at present is performed mainly through:

- ✓ the **reputational risk management framework**, especially with reference to the reputational risk clearing process aimed at assessing potential reputational risks related to the most significant business transactions, main capital budget projects and Group's supplier/partner selection
- ✓ the adoption of **Equator Principles' guidelines** for the assessment of social and environmental risks for Project finance
- ✓ the inclusion of "Social" and "Environmental" information in the "qualitative and quantitative component" of the **Corporate rating model** (focus in the following slides)

## What we are doing

1. Participation to the **TCFD Banking Group Phase II** (coordinated by UNEP);
2. Further development of ESG risks evaluation within the **risk clearing process** and the **credit risk appetite/credit risk models**
3. Analysis and **monitoring** of credit exposures towards relevant sectors

# Evaluation of environmental and Climate change risks linked business opportunities



*Many Institutional investors regard sustainable finance as a way to manage long-term risk. Banks should tap this demand offering specific products*

## What we have done

- ✓ **Investment products** characterized by sustainability criteria and attention to environmental, social and good corporate governance (ESG) factors (e.g. Eurizon Sustainable Global Equity fund and the Eurizon ESG Target)
- ✓ Issuing of **green bonds** (e.g. Intesa Sanpaolo Green Bond, issued in 2017 for 500 million euro, fully allocated to 77 projects, which made it possible to avoid the generation of over 213,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually)
- ✓ **Green loans:** loans and mortgages for environmental purposes (retail customers), projects for renewable energy and energy efficiency works (for professionals and businesses). In 2018, the Group disbursed approximately 1,922 million euro to the green economy (3.2% of all Group loans)
- ✓ Allocation of a specific 5 billion euro credit plafond dedicated to the **Circular Economy**

## What we are doing

1. Participation to **EBF working group** on sustainable finance incentives
2. Further **development of sustainable products** in order to promote the transition towards a more sustainable economy

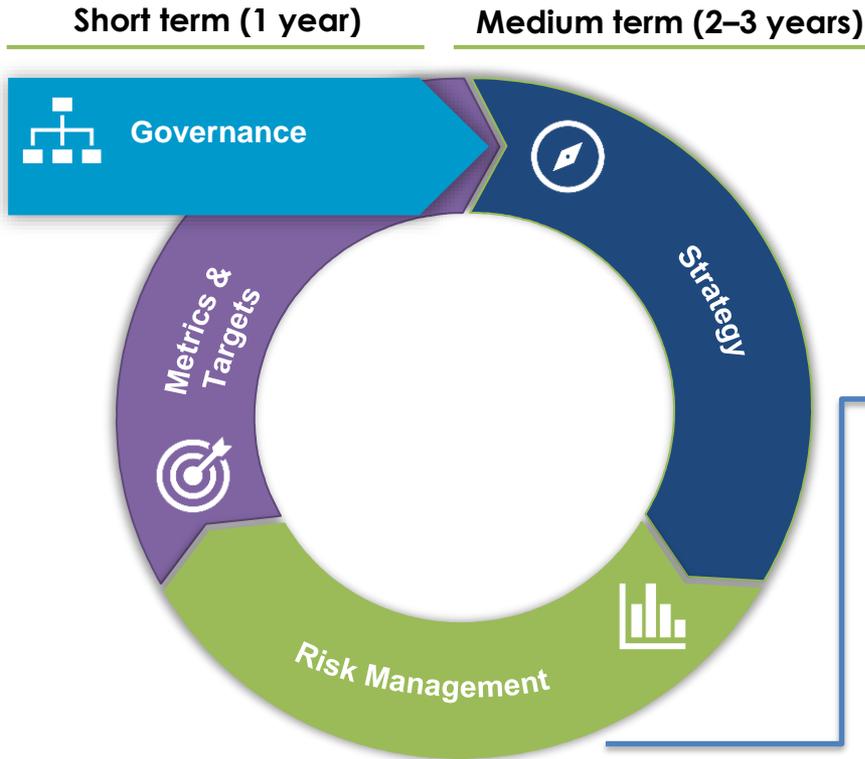
# Focus: TCFD has identified 4 areas impacted by climate change, encompassing all key aspects of bank activities

## Framework of recommended Climate-Related financial disclosure

Governance 	Strategy 	Risk Management 	Metrics and targets 
<p>Organization's governance around climate related risks and opportunities</p> <p><b>Board and management role</b></p>	<p><b>Risks and opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over the short, medium, and long term</li> <li>• on businesses, strategy, and financial planning</li> </ul>	<p>Organization processes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>identifying</b> and <b>assessing</b> climate-related risks;</li> <li>• <b>integrating</b> climate risk management into overall Risk Management Framework</li> </ul>	<p>Metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities</p>
<p>BoD Reporting </p>	<p>Stress test on climate-scenarios </p>	<p>Credit risk models </p>	<p>List of metrics and targets </p>
<p>Roles and Responsibilities </p>	<p>Specific strategies </p>	<p>Credit risk processes </p>	
<p>Risk Appetite Framework </p>	<p>Risk identification </p>	<p>Operative controls </p>	

Examples

# ISP is improving governance and addressing strategy & risk management in the medium term ...



## RISK FRAMEWORK

**Describe the role of top management** in defining climate risk exposure policies

**Identify the risk** and opportunities to which the bank is exposed

**Manage risk** within the already in place and fully consolidated modeling processes

**Monitor the risk** with the creation of dedicated metrics

Once the Governance is in place, the definition of the Strategy will drive the underlying **Risk Management** processes and Metrics & Targets definition through a **multi-step process**

## ... first steps to enhance climate change and to reach compliance with TCFD requirements

- Key enhancements to be implemented to fully **comply with TCFD** and to guarantee **risk control** on climate change issues therefore include:

1	<b>Enhance climate change taxonomy</b>	<b>Quick wins</b>  <b>Medium term activities</b>
2	<b>Improve governance (RAF, BoD reporting, responsibilities assignments)</b>	
3	<b>Design and implement a risk management framework on climate change</b>	
4	<b>Implement scenario analysis</b>	

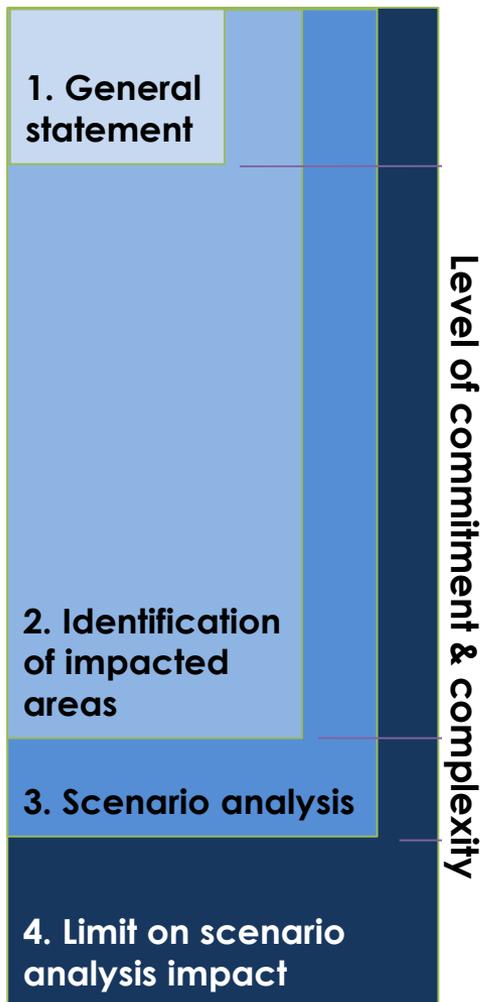
### Implications for RAF

Risk Appetite Framework, within the climate change workstream, should support the bank for developing the most urgent activities and to define a clear project set up

- In order to drive the **transition process** it is necessary to:

1. Define a clear **project governance** defining roles and responsibilities for every department
2. Design a **transition roadmap** identifying the target state and key activities to be implemented over the next 3-4 years

# Degree of sophistication of RAF statement and extensions of embedded climate considerations in internal processes



**Group commits to create a climate culture** and to invest in activities aimed at minimizing potential climate change impact in order to protect business, structures, image, customers and employees

In order to guarantee sound risk management practices on climate related issues and opportunities, **the Group should carry on an assessment to identify the impact of climate change across its key areas and processes**

In case of relevant impact, the bank can evaluate to adjust processes by including climate change considerations

Draft list of key processes to be scrutinized include:

- ✓ Rating attribution
- ✓ Credit strategies
- ✓ Credit Appetite Framework
- ✓ Operazioni di Maggior Rilievo (OMR)
- ✓ Credit granting

Moreover the Group is going to develop **scenario analysis** with the aim of quantifying the value at risk in a set of potential scenarios

As a last step, Intesa Sanpaolo will identify and **set a limit** in its Risk Appetite Framework, based on the desired level of the stress impact obtained in the scenario analysis



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# Climate Change - monitoring to sensitive sectors

ISP is committed to integrate climate change risk considerations in its risk management framework

Risk mgmt. Pillar	Actions
<b>Governance</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Included <b>climate change risk</b> into the <b>RAF</b> (see below)</li> <li>▪ Formalize <b>roles and responsibilities</b> on climate change risk monitoring and management</li> </ul>
<b>Quantification and monitoring</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a dashboard to <b>monitor exposure</b> to sectors mostly subject to climate change</li> <li>▪ Enrich/integrate available information on Companies/segmentation to better identify sectors sensitive to climate change</li> </ul>
<b>Processes</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Adopted Equator Principles'</b> guidelines for the assessment of social and environmental risks for <b>Project finance</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Identification of processes/rules</b> to be updated in line with the objectives of climate change monitoring and management</li> </ul>
<b>Methodologies</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analyze/develop methodologies aimed at identifying the aspects of credit risk induced by climate change, in order to carry out a comprehensive evaluation of creditworthiness</li> <li>▪ Deep-dive on <b>scenario analysis methodologies</b> in order to evaluate feasibility</li> </ul>

## Statement

### High Level Statement

«The Group is committed to enhance climate risk awareness and to guarantee sound risk management practices on climate related issues in order to reduce the potential impact of climate change implications and to protect its reputation, its business and its investors»

### Second Level Statement

ISP Group is committed to integrate climate change risk considerations in its risk management framework - with particular reference to credit risk and reputational risk - and to monitor the exposure of the part of credit portfolio more sensitive to climate change risk

# Climate Change - monitoring to sensitive sectors

## Objective & Monitoring approach

### Monitoring objective

Exposure monitoring allows to **quantify exposure to climate change both in terms of reputational and credit risk** – single name analysis would further enhance the monitoring of credit risk

### Monitoring approach

1

Portfolio analysis at the **sector and sub-sector level**

- **Portfolio analysis** - based on **counterparties sector and subsectors** - allows to identify the amount of exposure into sectors typically more sensitive to climate change risk

Sectors analysed in the dashboard<sup>1</sup>

2

Oil & Gas

Power & Utilities

Coal<sup>2</sup>

3

**Single name analysis** through external rating and stress testing

- For big tickets **counterparties moreover**:
  - the **sector** could be **not representative** of the whole counterparty business
  - the **company** could have decided to **manage/ mitigate climate change into its business strategy**
- A more focused analysis has been carried out on big tickets based on:

External ratings

**External environmental rating** from CDP<sup>3</sup>

### Reporting

Monitoring **has been reported to Board of Directors** through the Tableau de Bord of Group risks, on a quarterly basis

1. Here presented a sample of the sectors exposed to climate change risk

2. Coal mining: exploration and extraction of coal from the ground

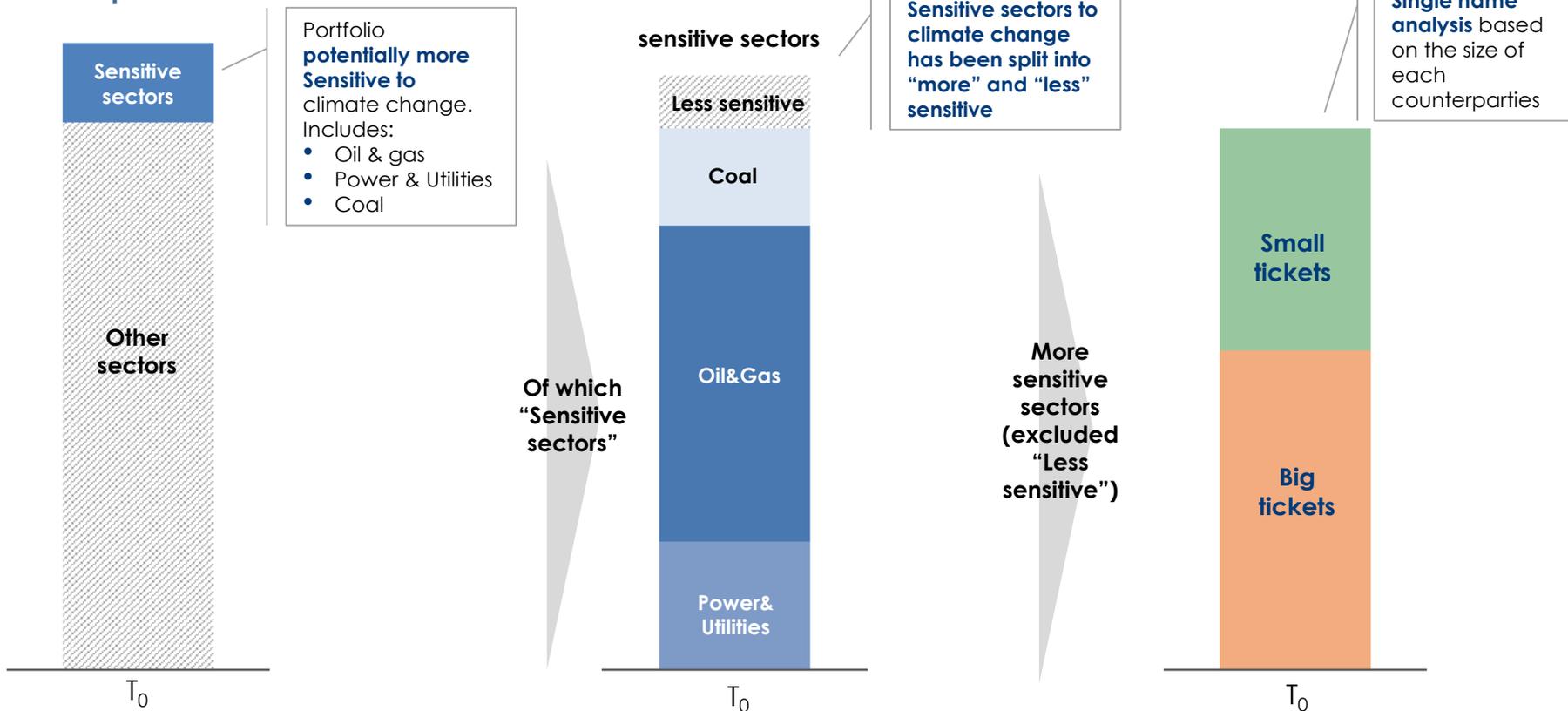
3. Carbon Disclosure Project

# Climate Change - monitoring to sensitive sectors

Monitoring allows to quantify exposure to climate change both in terms of reputational and credit risk



## Portfolio exposure



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## ESG Profile (as-is situation)

- ❖ **At the beginning of 2009, with the introduction of FIRB Corporate rating model, “Social” and “Environmental” information are taken into account in the “qualitative component” of the model** (complementary component to the economic-financial section of the rating model in order to improve the companies assessment), through a question included in a qualitative questionnaire filled by the Analyst. Other questions related to **“Social” and “Governance” items** are included in the qualitative questionnaire. Next releases of the model, occurred in the 2010 (transition to AIRB approach) and 2014, confirm the same treatment of this information in the rating model.
- ❖ With the last Model Change of the Corporate model, occurred in the April 2017, in addition to this information, **other social and environmental information are taken into account in the “quantitative component” of the model**. In detail, **information about the presence/not presence of certification** (such as quality, environmental, occupational health, information security, ..), **trademarks and patents is collected**.
  - The analysis of this information (coming from external provider as Accredia) has been made on the time series used for the new model estimation where, for each counterparty, the number of certifications obtained at each observation point is collected.

# ESG assessment in the Credit Risk - Internal rating model for Corporate portfolio

## ESG Profile (as-is situation)

<b>"E" Profile</b> <i>Environmental information</i>	<b>"S" Profile</b> <i>Social information</i>	<b>"G" Profile</b> <i>Governance information</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Qualitative questions about:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ exposure of the company to environmental risks (harmful substances, pollution, job safety, respect for human rights, etc.)</li> <li>✓ presence of insurance coverage for operating risks (business interruption) and/or credit risks</li> <li>✓ <b>Information about presence of Environmental certification</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Qualitative questions about:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ exposure of the company to environmental risks (harmful substances, pollution, job safety, respect for human rights, etc.)</li> <li>✓ presence of risks linked to pending trials on fiscal disagreement and/or social security</li> <li>✓ recourse to debt restructuring</li> <li>✓ recourse to the C.I.G. or to other forms of wage to protect employment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Qualitative questions about:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ information level shared by the management relating the results achieved by the company</li> <li>✓ evidence of problematic/internal conflict (management/ownership )</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Possibility of override of the rating in order to consider these aspects</b></li> </ul>		

Focus in the next slide



# ESG assessment in the Credit Risk - Internal rating model for Corporate portfolio

## ESG Profile (as-is situation)

### ❖ Focus on Environmental Certification:

- **Certification ISO 14000:** Specific certification tool about environmental management that considers all aspects of the company activity (energy efficiency, efficiency in the use of materials and water, correct management of waste, emissions etc.)
- **EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme - environmental efficiency):** European Commission regulation (substantially similar to ISO 14000) and considered by some analysts to be more rigorous than the previous one
- **FSC (Forest Stewardship Council):** certification concerning the purchase of forest products of which we know the origin and good management on an environmental level. It is used by companies in the wood / paper / furniture industry.
- **Organic certification:** specific certifications on cultivation methods (in the case of farms) or the origin of the raw material (in the case of food companies).

❖ Overall, these four type of information cover most of the aspects of the Supply Chain Environment of the graph.

❖ In particular, ISO and EMAS have an impact mainly on water management, climate change, pollution and resource management, while FSC and Organic certification have also impact on biodiversity area.



# ESG assessment in the Credit Risk - Internal rating model for Corporate portfolio

## ESG Profile (as-is situation)

### ❖ Focus on “Environmental” items - Analysis on Corporate portfolio

➤ Below, an analysis of the answers to the question about “Social and Environmental Risk” and of the different types of Environmental certifications collected on the overall time series, both in term of distribution and riskiness (default rates).

Question - Social/Environmental Risks	Distribution %	Default Rate
<b>a - No</b>	59%	96%
<b>b) Yes, but the company operates in compliance with the regulations by adopting forms of protection</b>	39%	104%
<b>c) Yes, potential environmental risk</b>	2%	132%
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%

➤ The answers “b” and “c” (Yes risks) show an higher riskiness than the average of the portfolio.

Sectors	Social and Environmental Risks			b+c
	a	b	c	
<b>Oil &amp; gas</b>	28%	70%	3%	<b>72%</b>
<b>Power &amp; utilities</b>	27%	70%	3%	<b>73%</b>

➤ Analyzing the answers to the question in combination with the “sensitive sectors” to the environmental risks, it’s note that the answers “b” and “c” (yes risks) are the most used in these sectors.

# ESG assessment in the Credit Risk - Internal rating model for Corporate portfolio

## ESG Profile (as-is situation)

- Below, the analysis of Environmental certification in term of distribution and riskiness (default rates).

Environmental Certification	Distribution %	Default Rate
No	97%	101%
Yes	3%	62%
Total	100%	100%

EMAS	Distribution %	Default Rate
No	99.7%	100%
Yes	0.3%	71%
Total	100%	100%

FSC	Distribution %	Default Rate
No	99.2%	100%
Yes	0.8%	64%
Total	100%	100%

Organic Certification	Distribution %	Default Rate
No	98%	101%
Yes	2%	63%
Total	100%	100%

The analysis shows that:

- the presence of the each type of certification is associated to a lower riskiness
- the presence of *environmental certifications* increases in the more “sensitive sectors” (9%), confirming the same results in terms of riskiness.

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ISP has the aim to create a climate-conscious culture to minimize the potential impact of climate change

2H 2019

- **Inclusion** of climate change considerations in the **Risk Appetite Framework statement**
- **Monitoring of most sensitive sectors** to climate change in terms of credit risk
- **Identification of the relevant ESG drivers** in line with industry best practices.
- **Assessment of ESG drivers** to evaluate the related correlation with credit risk

New ESG risk drivers will have to take into account, for example:

- **Environmental:** greenhouse gas emissions, waste and pollution, deforestation
- **Social:** working conditions, conflict and humanitarian crises, health and safety
- **Governance:** executive pay, board diversity and structure, fair tax strategy

1H 2020

*In order to guarantee sound risk management practices on climate related issues and opportunities and on the basis of the analysis results:*

- Possible **introduction of a dedicated limit within Credit Risk Appetite** (Risk Appetite Framework), in order to control the riskier operations **or** introduction of a **ESG component as a risk/resilience driver within Credit Risk Appetite**
- Possible evaluation on Green Bond
- Coverage of physical risk among insurance agreement
- Bond **Collection of documentation and data (both “Environmental” and “Social”)** on the portfolio **to evaluate a scorecard model** based on ESG risk drivers, from the statistical point of view

2H 2020

- On the basis of statistical evidence, possible **introduction of a scorecard model based on ESG risk drivers or qualitative integration in the rating model** within the Corporate model change expected for the end of 2020
- Possible **introduction of a sustainable finance supporting factor** through the pricing model, according to the evolution of Regulator decision.

# ANNEX

## ESG assessment – Latest news by EBA

## EBA: Draft Guidelines on loan origination and monitoring – 19 June 2019

- “Institutions should include environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors as well as risks and opportunities related to ESG in their risk management policies, credit risk policies and procedures. Institutions should adopt a holistic approach, and incorporate ESG considerations in their credit risk policies and procedures”;
- “The action plan on sustainable finance adopted by the European Commission mandates the EBA to assess the incorporation of ESG risks into the supervisory process (CRD Art. 98 amendment) and to assess the prudential treatment of assets associated with environmental or social objectives (CRR Article 50da amendment)”;
- “Financial institutions are expected to benefit from the adoption of ESG factors into their loan origination practices as including and monitoring environmental factors will help them to streamline the processes develop and to ensure that environmental and social due diligence are incorporated in credit decisions”;
- “This will help to take those risks adequately into account and thereby avoid or mitigate financial losses, reputational risk, and social and environmental harm”;
- “Further, the disclosure by financial institutions and borrowers of green performance information, including total green lending flows, and the degree of adoption and implementation of core practices, is expected to support system-level monitoring and encourage a level playing field”;
- “As these Guidelines reflect the forthcoming EU policy actions to stimulate sustainable finance, compliance with these Guidelines is expected to support institutions’ prudent treatment of ESG related loans throughout the life cycle of the loan by implementing adequate standards at the initial stage of the loan origination”.