

# CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY

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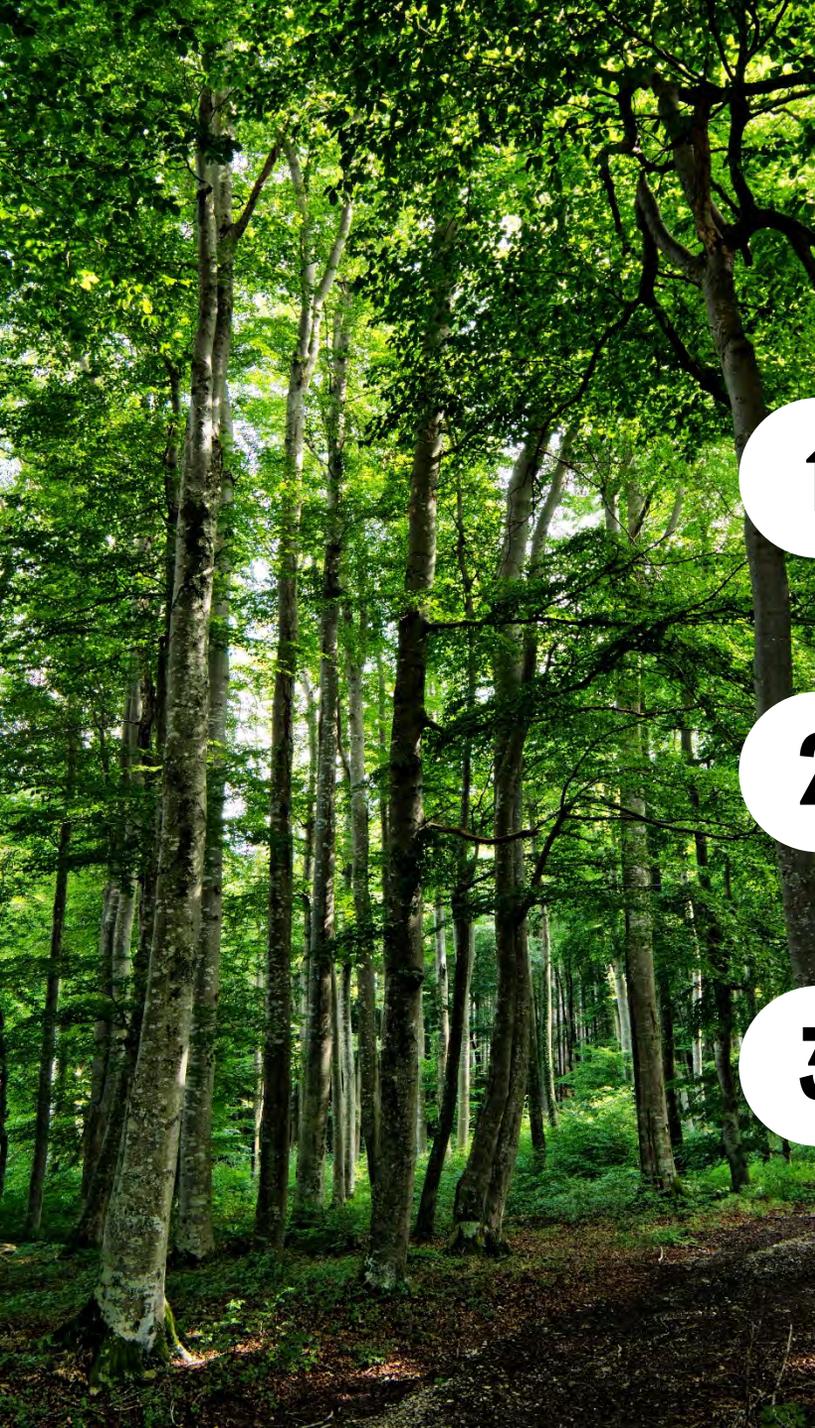
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# **AGENDA**

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A young fern sprout with several fronds is growing out of a mossy forest floor. The background is a blurred forest with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a bokeh effect. The overall scene is lush and green.

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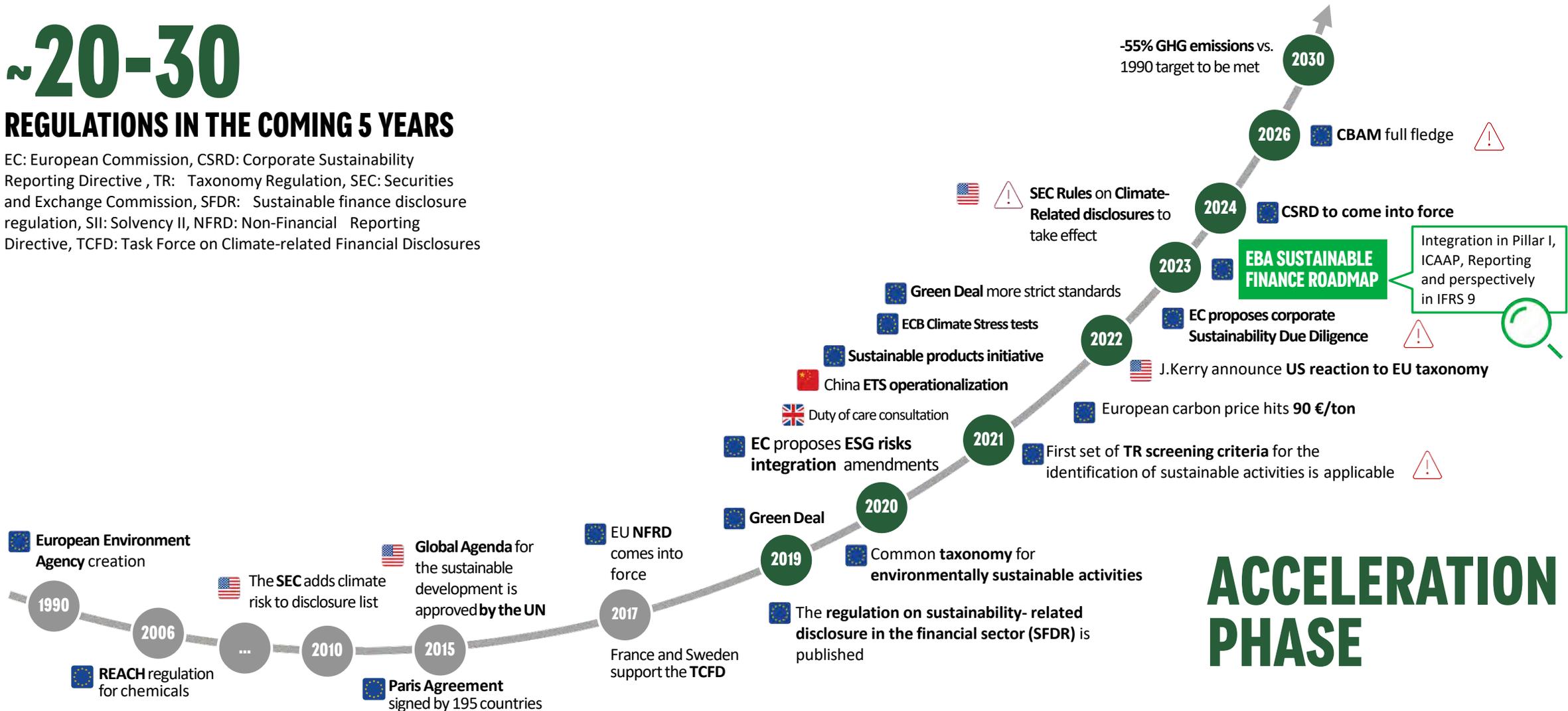
**REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

# ESG REQUIREMENTS WORLDWIDE AND ESPECIALLY IN THE EU ARE INCREASING RAPIDLY

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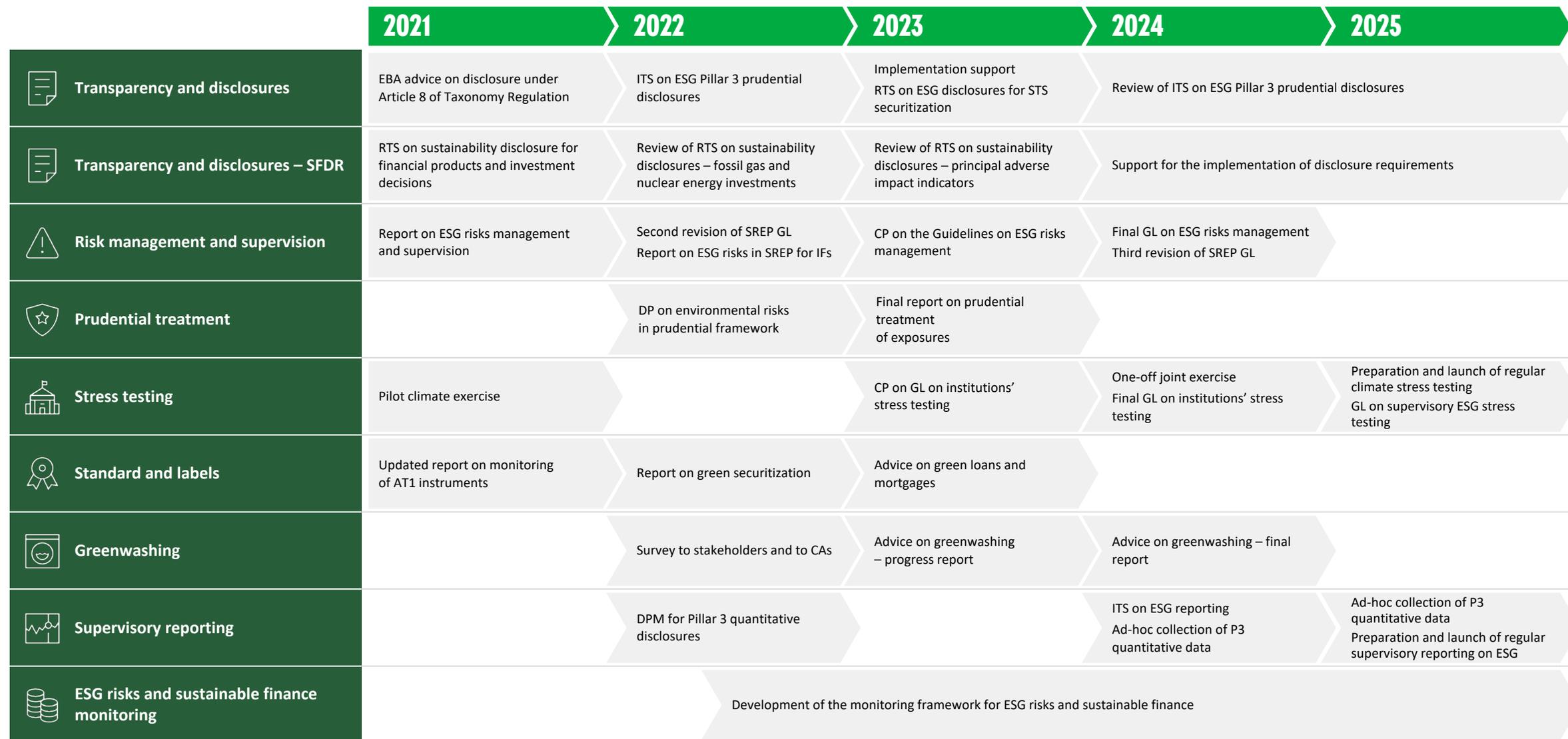
## REGULATIONS IN THE COMING 5 YEARS

EC: European Commission, CSRD: Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, TR: Taxonomy Regulation, SEC: Securities and Exchange Commission, SFDR: Sustainable finance disclosure regulation, SII: Solvency II, NFRD: Non-Financial Reporting Directive, TCFD: Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures



ACCELERATION PHASE

# THE EBA SUSTAINABLE FINANCE IS OVERARCHING SHOWING A CLEAR TREND OF INCORPORATING ESG IN THE ENTIRE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Source: EBA Roadmap on sustainable finance

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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a dense forest. The image captures the intricate network of tree trunks and branches, which are heavily laden with vibrant green leaves. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a dappled pattern of light and shadow. The sky is visible in small patches between the branches, appearing as a clear, bright blue. The overall atmosphere is one of a lush, healthy natural environment.

**2**

**OW GLOBAL NATURE STUDY**

# FROM THE ECB 2022 REPORT, EMERGING OR LEADING PRACTICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT SIGNIFICANTLY LAGS BEHIND CLIMATE

## SUMMARY OF WALKING THE TALK (ECB REPORT)



### State of environmental risk management

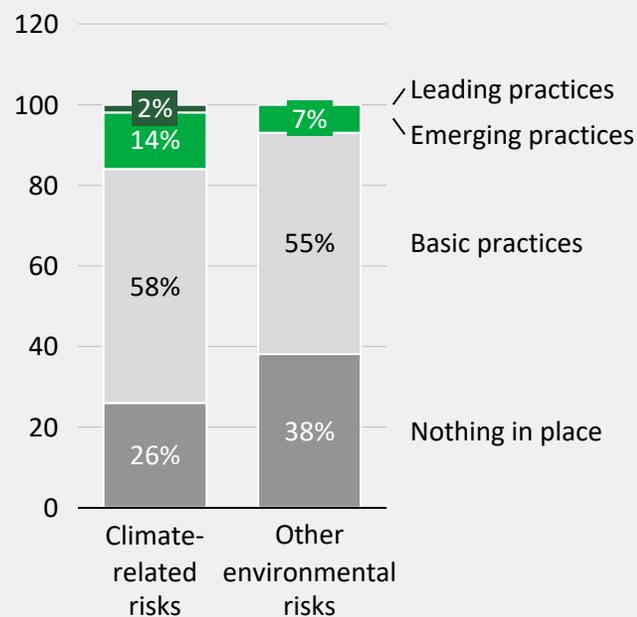
- Standard blueprint follows climate risk management
  - A. Assess high-level physical and transition risks
  - B. Develop inclusion and exclusion criteria
  - C. Build on foundation with heatmapping, due diligence, client-level impact assessments, etc.
- Environmental vs climate-related – *see chart at right*
  - Less than half as many financial institutions show **emerging or leading practices in environmental risk materiality assessment (7% vs 16%)**
  - Basic practices are comparable (55% vs 58%)

### Best practices for environmental risk management

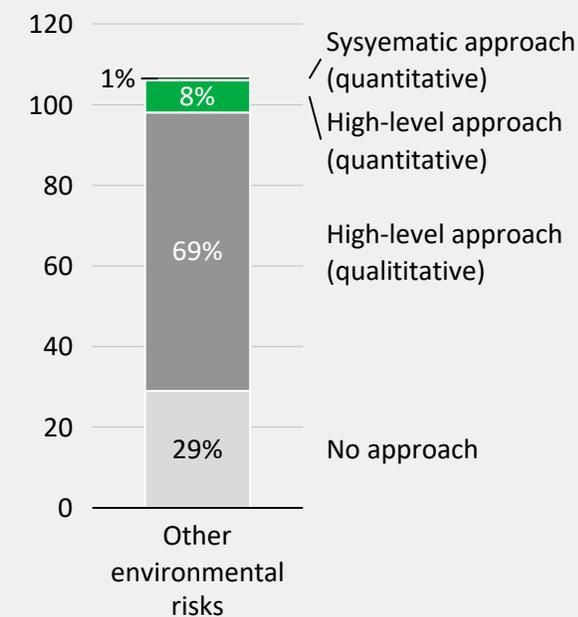
- For **exclusion approach**: use available treaties and certifications to set negative and positive criteria
- For **due diligence**: include both impacts and dependencies across environmental areas – biodiversity, pollution, water stress, etc.
- For **risk measurement**: strategic middle-term target of net positive biodiversity impact, monitored through avoidant and positive-impact targets

## Walking the Talk (ECB Report): Emerging or leading practices for environmental risk management significantly lags behind climate

**The assessment of materiality for climate risks and other environmental risks**  
% of institutions



**Approaches to managing other environmental risks**  
% of institutions



Source: Walking the Talk ECB report; Notes: Sample of 107 institutions that were within the scope of the 2022 thematic review on climate-related and environmental risks. For the assessment of the materiality of climate-related risks (left panel), the average is taken across all five risk types (credit, market, liquidity, operational and strategic risk).

# FROM THE BENCHMARKING EXERCISE, WE HAVE OBSERVED COMMON THEMES ACROSS FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS GLOBALLY



## Europe had a head start in nature

Similar to climate, European financial institutions are generally further along on environmental risk management.

We can likely attribute this to a stricter regulatory environment, especially the ECB requirement to conduct an initial environmental risk materiality assessment by year end 2022.



## Domestic/regional banks are leading the way

All of the European regional banks respondents have conducted/conducting an initial environmental risk materiality assessment. Most are also progressing with environmental policy updates and starting to leverage ERMA findings for risk management and corporate strategy.

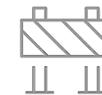
Overall, development banks showed more progress to nature-positive targets and have allocated a higher number of resources towards nature issues.



## The road to robust nature risk management is untraveled

75% of respondents have conducted or are conducting an initial nature risk materiality assessment. But there is still a long way to go with incorporating time horizon considerations, integration of environmental taxonomy, and bridging the data gap for location specificity.

Few have applied findings across TNFD pillars, leaving room for improvement on accountabilities and metrics used, to name a few



## Roadblocks for those behind the curve

For the remaining 25% of respondents without a well-progressed risk management vision, 3 foundational gaps stood out: allocating resources to nature/environment, understanding existing guidance (e.g. double materiality of nature) and defining a fit-for-purpose environmental risk taxonomy.

Without these early steps, it's difficult to assess environment/nature risk hotspots.

A lush green forest with a stream flowing through mossy rocks. The scene is filled with vibrant green foliage, including ferns and various trees, creating a serene and natural atmosphere. The stream is shallow and flows over large, moss-covered boulders.

**3**

**PRICING AND CREDIT DECISIONING**

# EMBEDDING ESG COMPONENTS INTO CREDIT DECISION MAKING

## NEW COMPONENTS EXISTING FRAMEWORK

### ESG COMPONENTS

Financial risk

*Expected and unexpected physical and transition risks*

Reputational risk

*Greenwashing and conduct*

Funding cost impact

*Use for green bonds, social-linked bonds, etc.*

## NEW COMPONENTS NEW FRAMEWORK

Net-Zero Targets contribution

*Contribution of credit to net-zero pathways*

Sustainability target contribution

*Contribution of credit to sustainable lending commitments*

Revenue

*New lending opportunity due to transition funding demand*

## EMBEDDING



**Incorporate into existing credit decision framework**

Risks will eventually be incorporated in ratings, provisions, stressed capital  
Funding cost impact incorporated via FTP  
Short term solutions will differ



**Requires new methodology**

E.g. “ESG charge”: Internal charging/benefit mechanism based on transition plan assessment and carbon intensity or ESG score

# EXPLAINING THE "ESG CHARGE": CLIENT ARCHETYPES

