

MONITORING ESG

Banking Sector – Green Investment – Taxonomy

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Sustainable investment is no longer a “nice to have” policy but has become an essential ingredient in most investor portfolios. Many institutional investors have started to materially reduce their exposures to fossil fuel energy producers and have redirected capital to more environmentally acceptable low-carbon alternatives.

ECB analysis shows that financial markets are increasingly serving as a corrective device. «

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Looking through higher energy prices?
Monetary policy and the green transition

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Business ESG in 2022: What to expect before COP27

“For all its relative failures, COP26 stressed that both private and public finance is required to fund technology for a low-carbon economy. Every financial decision, GlobalData argues, must take the climate into account. Central banks and regulators for example would be wise to ensure financial systems can withstand the impacts of climate change, and factor ESG into all investment decisions.”

11 January 2022 – Verdict [Link](#)

The Rise of ESG and the impact on the M&A Market

“Also known as environment, social, and governance, ESG has come to play a significant role in M&A transactions in recent years. According to a recent [survey](#), 60% of corporate and PE investors have dropped a potential investment after learning of ESG issues at the target. With shareholders and regulators ramping up scrutiny of ESG practises, this should come as no surprise.”

11 January 2022 – Global Banking & Finance review [Link](#)

How to bridge the gap between profit and responsibility

“Environmental, social and governance investment and regulation have grown exponentially in the US over the past few years, posing new challenges and opportunities for investors. How can financial institutions bridge the gap between fiduciary obligation and ESG responsibility? Can asset managers reconcile doing well with doing good?”

7 January 2022 – OMFIF [Link](#)

ESG investors urge regulators to create game plan for climate risk

“A leading U.S. nonprofit association for impact investors issued sweeping recommendations for federal agencies to address climate-related risks on banks and financial institutions, joining the chorus of progressive advocates and Democrats calling for such regulations.”

14 January 2022 – Roll Call [Link](#)

Overlapping Social and Climate Issues Shape Banks' ESG Efforts

“Chances are, if you've been in the banking compliance sector for any length of time, you know that ESG has nothing to do with having the power of corporate clairvoyance. In fact, when it comes to the relatively emergent field of environmental, social and governance issues—often called “sustainability”—it can be a challenge for even the most seasoned compliance professional to conjure a completely clear picture of what ESG means long term for the financial services sector.”

16 December 2021 – Banking Journal ABA [Link](#)

Moving forward from COP26 to mobilise finance

“The world's attention was recently focused on COP26, as global leaders took aim to tackle climate issues and work towards limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees. The goals and commitments carved out during the international summit will have implications across all industries and will transform the financial sector, too.”

5 January 2022 – IBS Intelligence [Link](#)

World Bank Prices First CAD Sustainable Development Bond of 2022 and Highlights Health and COVID-19 Response Efforts

“The 5-year benchmark transaction pays a semi-annual coupon of 1.800% p.a. and has an issue price of 99.829% and a final spread of 36.55 bps over the CAN 1.00% September 2026 reference bond, offering investors a yield of 1.836% (semi-annual). Joint lead managers for this transaction are BMO Capital Markets, National Bank Financial Markets, RBC Capital Markets and TD Securities.”

6 January 2022 – The World Bank [Link](#)

ESG Alert: As Sustainability Regulations Become Stricter, Can Banks Keep Up?

“Consumers are demanding that their banks conduct business with an eye toward social justice and ecological sustainability. Stakeholders increasingly expect investment decisions that weigh the impact on the environment. And new government regulations globally will extend to supplier compliance and visibility on ESG, reporting on climate risks, and social impact.”

6 January 2022 – Forbes [Link](#)

Knowledge Nugget: What are Green Banks?

“Across the globe, more and more countries are looking into the potential of green banks. There's heavy interest in these types of financial institutions across multiple countries in addition to countries with varying income levels.”

10 January 2022 – Altenergymag [Link](#)

EU Taxonomy Timeline

“The six environmental objectives are the basis of the EU taxonomy for a sustainability evaluation and are currently formulated by the EU. As shown in the following provisional overview, they are expected to be published at different times and therefore also differ according to their mandatory application deadline..”

EU Taxonomy Info [Link](#)

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Seven Keys to Financial Regulation in 2022

“The finalization of Basel III, post-COVID regulation, artificial intelligence and the crypto world, or international coordination in the supervision of sustainable finance are some of the trends that will mark the regulatory agenda in 2022. Santiago Fernández de Lis, Head of Regulation at BBVA, reviews the keys to financial regulation in the year that has just begun.”

5 January 2022 – BBVA
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Private investors are crucial to the future of ESG. Here's how they can find their voice

“As investors worldwide demand greater transparency and alignment of companies’ strategies with ESG policies, private investors have an increasingly important role to play in ensuring their investments are held to the same standards. Historically, agitating for change has largely been the preserve of large institutional investors, but it is now in the hands of private ones to become key influencers in a multistakeholder response to solving pressing ESG challenges.”

5 January 2022 – World Economic Forum
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Trends in FinTech in 2022: From artificial intelligence to financial wellness

“The financial services industry has been pivoting towards digital transformation for the last decade or so. The onset of COVID-19 pandemic has only heightened the importance of this transformation as the demand for digital solutions has rapidly grown. The rise of fintechs and brands has also fostered the maturing digital landscape and changed customer expectations.”

29 December 2021 – Global Banking & Finance review
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ESG to be done “properly” in 2022

“This year will see the financial services industry stops “playing” at ESG and start doing it properly, according to a senior figure at River & Mercantile. Portfolios will no longer profess to be green simply because they have low carbon emissions or because a third party data provider labels them AAA, said James Sym, head of European equities at the firm.”

1 January 2022 – Banking Exchange
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How innovation – and sustainability – will define tomorrow’s banking sector

“Banks’ unwavering dedication to innovation is hardly a new phenomenon. Financial institutions (FIs) have long turned to technology to transform their organisations and deliver enhanced solutions for clients. And, with the global pandemic adding significant momentum to the finance industry’s shift towards digitalisation, now more than ever, they are seeking out new innovative ways to adjust to new realities and position themselves and their clients for tomorrow’s opportunities.”

29 December 2021 – International Banker
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2022 Sustainable Finance Outlook: Investors have been driving change, now what?

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How ESG Is Impacting Portfolio Construction and Investment Outcomes

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