EU Environmental Reporting Handbook

What does environmental reporting look like in line with the EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive?
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We do this by offering companies a framework for reporting environment- and social-related information with the same rigour as financial information. In turn this helps them to provide investors with decision-useful environmental information via the mainstream corporate report, enhancing the efficient allocation of capital. Regulators have also benefited from CDSB’s compliance-ready materials. Recognising that information about natural, social and financial capital is equally essential for an understanding of corporate performance, our work builds trust and transparency needed to foster resilient capital markets. Collectively, we aim to contribute to more sustainable economic, social and environmental systems.

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Recent years have seen an increased appreciation of the need for decision-useful ESG information to help drive sustainable financial markets. As we obtain a better understanding of the potential risks associated with climate change and environmental degradation, companies are expected to provide evidence of how they are responding to strengthen decision-making by investors, lenders, and insurers in allocating capital and in underwriting risks.

A large number of initiatives have emerged, many with the shared intention to improve the quality and consistency of corporate reporting. In Europe, one of the most significant developments has been the adoption of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFR Directive), and its transposition in Member State legislation. This Handbook seeks to facilitate the disclosure of “relevant, useful and comparable information by undertakings”.

Although the NFR Directive still applies to this day, it is currently under review and once finally adopted, will be replaced by the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSR Directive). This new Proposal for a Directive was introduced by the European Commission in April 2021 and is now under discussions until final approval by the European co-legislators (the European Parliament and Member States within the Council of the European Union). Until the updated CSR Directive is transposed into Member State legislation, the NFR Directive remains in force. For this reason, this Handbook still focuses on the current requirements.

Companies within scope of the Directive started to disclose such information in 2018 in a non-financial statement within the management report (or consolidated management report) or in a separate report if allowed at national level for the financial years commencing on or after 1 January 2017.

This Handbook follows on from CDSB’s review of corporate climate and environmental disclosure under the EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive, and is an update to the EU environmental reporting handbook published in 2016 and 2019. To demonstrate how companies have responded to the NFR Directive, this Handbook contains annotated examples of disclosures on environmental matters from annual reports of select European companies.

The examples are drawn from different business sectors and across the five content categories of the NFR Directive to assist companies in understanding what reporting looks like in line with the NFR Directive, and how they can enhance their own disclosures. Suggestions made throughout the Handbook provide additional tips and offer examples of decision-useful information.

1. About the EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive

1.1 Where to report?

Companies required to disclose under the NFR Directive are expected to include a non-financial statement in the management report or the consolidated management report i.e. annual report for corporate groups. This shall also, where appropriate, include references to, and additional explanations of, amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

Companies are encouraged to report non-financial information in their annual reports, as this allows investors to assess the relationship between specific non-financial matters and an organisation’s overall strategy, performance and prospects, thereby providing a more holistic picture of the inter-relationships between factors that affect their ability to create value.

It should be noted that, the NFR Directive allows Member States, when transposing the Directive, to exempt the undertaking from reporting this information in their annual report as long as they publish a separate report for the same financial year within a reasonable period of time, not exceeding six months. Additionally, there is no specific requirement on where information should be disclosed in the annual report, i.e. whether a separate section in, or throughout, the annual report.

1.2 Which companies are required to disclose matters stated in the NFR Directive?

The NFR Directive applies to “large undertakings or parent undertakings of a group exceeding on their balance sheet … an … average number of 500 employees during the financial year”. NFR Directive Article 19(a) applies to large undertakings and NFR Directive Article 29(a) corresponds to parent undertakings of large groups. Public-interest entities are “entities governed by the law of a Member State whose transferable securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market of any Member State.”

However, the NFR Directive states that this categorisation should not prevent additional companies that are not subject to this Directive from voluntarily disclosing information for such matters.

1.3 What to report?

Under NFR Directive Article 19(a) and Article 29(a), companies are expected to disclose the following information under five content categories (specified in a) to e) below):

Information to the extent necessary for an understanding of the group’s development, performance, position and impact of its activity relating to these matters,

(a) the outcome of those policies;
(b) the principal risks related to those matters linked to the group’s operations including, where relevant and proportionate, its business relationships, products or services which are likely to cause adverse impacts in those areas, and how the group manages those risks;
(c) non-financial key performance indicators relevant to the particular business.

Where the undertaking/group does not pursue policies in relation to one or more of those matters, the [consolidated] non-financial statement shall provide a clear and reasoned explanation for not doing so.

1.4 Which companies are required to disclose matters stated in the NFR Directive?
1.4 Related corporate reporting developments

Since the requirements of the NFR Directive were introduced into national legislation across EU Member States, a number of new initiatives have emerged intended to support and evolve corporate reporting. Some of these initiatives are mutually reinforcing with the NFR Directive:

• The recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD): In June 2017, the TCFD’s Final Report outlined eleven recommended disclosures and seven principles for effective disclosure, designed to solicit consistent, comparable, decision-useful and forward-looking information on the financial impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities.

• Updated Guidelines on Climate Reporting: In June 2019, the European Commission published a supplement to the non-binding Guidelines on Non-Financial Reporting to help companies report climate-related information.

• Fitness check on public information disclosed by companies: The European Commission published in November 2019 the results of a fitness check on the EU framework for public reporting by companies, including against the NFR Directive, to inform future corporate reporting policy developments in Europe.

• Other related reporting requirements and legislations:

Since the launch of the first EU sustainable finance action plan (“Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth”) in March 2018, a number of reporting requirements and legislations have been introduced in Europe, including the Taxonomy Regulation and the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation. Following the launch of the European Green Deal in 2019, a second sustainable finance strategy (“Strategy for financing the transition to a sustainable economy”) was released in July 2021.

• Technical expert group on sustainable finance (TEG) and the Platform on Sustainable Finance: The TEG, set up by the European Commission in July 2018, aims to assist in the development of sustainable finance policies, and more specifically on the development of an EU taxonomy for sustainable investments, the creation of an EU Green Bond Standard, the adoption of climate disclosure benchmarks rules and the strengthening of corporate disclosure requirements. Following the work of the TEG and the final adoption of the Taxonomy Regulation, the Platform on Sustainable Finance was set up in May 2020 to keep advising the European Commission on sustainable finance.

• EFRAG European Corporate Reporting Lab: The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) was asked by the European Commission to set up the European Corporate Reporting Lab to stimulate innovations in the field of corporate reporting by identifying and sharing good practices. The Lab has set up several project task forces, one of which produced in February 2020 its report on examples of good practice and scenario analysis in relation to climate change reporting under the NFR Directive and the TCFD recommendations.

1.5 The ongoing review of the NFR Directive

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This review aims to address a number of shortcomings of the NFR Directive highlighted by a number of studies, showing that the current Directive is not reaching its intended purpose with a lack of quality, consistency and comparability of the information provided by companies. Improving corporate reporting is seen as a necessary condition to make the European Green Deal and the sustainable agenda a success based on further transparency on sustainability risks and impacts.

The CSR Directive may include significant changes compared to the NFRD, including:

• Mandatory location of the sustainability information in the annual report;
• Extension of the scope of companies covered by the Directive to all large companies and all listed companies, including SMEs, as well as listed subsidiaries of non-EU companies (covering close to 50,000 companies);
• Introduction of new and more granular reporting requirements covering the TCFD recommendations;
• Reporting against a set of EU reporting standards to be developed by EFRAG;
• Clarification of the double materiality concept;
• Requirement to provide sustainability information in a digitalised format; and
• Requirement to perform a limited assurance on the annual report.

Timeline for adoption and entry into force of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive requirements:

- 21 April 2021: Release by the European Commission of the proposed CSR Directive
- Q1 2022: (expected) Final agreement on the new CSR Directive
- 1 January 2023: Entry into force of the new CSR Directive requirements
- 2024: First reports against CSR Directive, including EU reporting
Examples of Disclosures on Environmental Matters

1. Background

The CDSB Framework sets out an approach for reporting environmental and climate information through mainstream reporting channels, such as the management report (i.e. annual report) referenced in the NFR Directive. The CDSB Framework’s reporting requirements and principles have been used as criteria for identifying appropriate examples of reporting practice that satisfy the environmental requirements of the NFR Directive.

1.1. Coverage of annual reports

This guidance includes extracts from the annual reports of the following companies.

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The following examples are for illustrative purposes only. They are designed to help companies consider their own reporting practices in line with the expectations of the NFR Directive. However, local implementation of the NFR Directive may have introduced variations at the national level. In all instances, companies must comply with applicable legislation.

The following examples of good practice and recommendations for companies are presented in five sections. Each section corresponds to one of the five content categories outlined in NFR Directive Article 19(a) and its equivalent in Article 29(a). The content categories are also mapped to the corresponding requirements of the CDSB Framework, the TCFD recommendations, and the relevant questions of the CDP Climate Change Questionnaire to demonstrate commonalities and synergies across the reporting frameworks and standards.

Annual reports analysed: BBVA, BMW Group, Generali Group, Heineken, Investor AB, Kerry Group, LPP SA, MOL Group, Mondi Group, SAP, Société Générale, Solvay.
(a) Brief description of the undertaking’s business model

The following examples illustrate the way in which some companies communicate their business model. Many of these descriptions are in line with the International Integrated Reporting (IR) Framework’s model (i.e., input, business activities, output, outcome) by describing how various capitals are transformed by the business.26

As outlined in the EC’s Guidelines on non-financial reporting, the business model should describe “an overview of how a company operates and the rationale of its structure, by describing how it transforms inputs into outputs through its business activities. In more simple terms, what a company does, how and why it does it.”27

For further guidance on business model, companies are also encouraged to refer to the relevant sections of the CDSB Framework, CDP Climate Change Questionnaire and Guidance, and relevant core element(s) of the TCFD recommendations as shown in the table below.

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Recommendations for companies to enhance business model disclosures

- Apply the guidance and structure of the IR Framework to demonstrate how value is created using the different capitals as inputs and outputs. The input, business activities, output, outcomes model from the IR Framework provides a clear and understandable structure for this information. Many reports include a diagrammatic representation of this business model.
- Where separate and secondary disclosure on environmental aspects of the business model is made, companies should clearly cross-reference this information to the main business model description.
- Link the business model to the company’s strategy and policies to provide a broad understanding of how the company operates.
- Describe the contextual information about the main trends and facts that could affect the business, as it is helpful and can be used to explain the company’s policies and strategies.
- Present the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as part of the business model to explain the links between organisational strategy, policy outcomes and performance.
- Avoid generic statements by including company-specific information, which may include referencing specific business activities and environmental matters that are relevant.

As part of their business model section and alongside information about the company’s structure and strategy, BMW provide contextual information about how sustainability is incorporated in the business model. In particular, they mention innovative low-emissions technology and resource-efficient value creation. Sustainability is described as being integral to the Group’s business model and viability.

BMW Group
Annual Report 2020

General information on the BMW Group is provided below. There have been no significant changes in the Group’s structure compared to the previous year. Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft (BMW AG), based in Munich, Germany, is the parent company of the BMW Group.

The starting point for the BMW Group’s corporate strategy is to act in a consistent manner on a customer-oriented and sustainable basis. Products, brands and services are currently being developed with a clear focus on innovative technologies such as low-emissions drivetrains, digitalisation, connectivity and autonomous driving.

The BMW Group is one of the most successful manufacturers of automobiles and motorcycles in the premium segment worldwide. With BMW, MINI and Rolls-Royce, the BMW Group owns three of the best-known premium brands in the automotive industry. It also holds a strong market position in the premium segment of the motorcycle business. The Group sets itself clear goals in terms of sustainable, individual mobility, resource-efficient value creation, the continued development of its workforce potential and its contribution to society. Sustainability is an integral part of the Group’s business model and plays a vital role in ensuring its viability going forward.

Generali use the six capitals, as defined by the Integrated Reporting Framework, to indicate the inputs and outputs of the business model.

The business model also links to the company’s overall strategy and governance structure.

This diagram provides a good overview of how the company creates value by describing the inputs, activities and outcomes, which are connected to the strategy, governance and business model.

Rather than providing large quantities of information in this diagram, Generali refer to further information that is disclosed throughout the report. These sections are clearly referenced with page numbers which makes the report easier to navigate, and also demonstrates clear connectivity of the disclosures.

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(b) A description of the policies pursued in relation to those matters, including due diligence processes implemented

Policies are defined by the European Commission as those related to the company’s approach, objectives and plans to address the key non-financial aspects. Specifically, due diligence is defined as the processes a company takes related to policies and risk management to ensure that they are able to deliver against the defined objective.

For further guidance on environmental policy disclosures, companies are also encouraged to see the relevant sections of the CDSB Framework and Guidance, and core elements of the TCFD recommendations as shown in the table below.

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**Recommendations for companies to enhance policy disclosures**

- Outline the policies clearly from the outset so that they inform and connect to the overall narrative of the non-financial statement.
- Use materiality assessments and stakeholder engagement to provide a rationale for the policies.
- Link the company’s policies to the strategy, including the processes and actions the company plans to take (due diligence). For example, GHG emissions reduction policies should be accompanied by a clear strategy and action plan that outlines how the company intends to meet the ambitions of this policy.
- Clearly explain how these policies and strategies relate to, or support, the overall company-wide policies and strategies.
- Link the policies to relevant targets, which should also have a time frame and associated KPI’s. This demonstrates how the company plans to measure and monitor the policies to track progress.
- Consider providing a forward-looking statement which looks at the future impact of these policies and strategies. This might include trends and factors that might affect the company’s future performance.
- Consider the use of scenario analysis to convey the resilience of the company’s policies and strategies to future climate-related risks, as outlined by the TCFD.

4.3. BIODIVERSITY

4.3.1. Definition

The calculation of the Solvay Group’s pressure on biodiversity combines three factors:

1. The first factor, Components / Indicators of the environmental footprint of each Solvay product, is derived from the Eco-profile database we use for Sustainable Portfolio Management (SPM) assessments. This product environmental footprint is calculated using the Life Cycle Assessment methodology and metrics, and it covers the “cradle-to-grave” scope for each product.
2. The second factor, biodiversity loss, which stems from the release of components, molecules, etc. into the air, water, and soil, is given by the ReCiPe method, based on scientific studies made in 2000-2010. In summary, this method determines the pressure each component released into the air, water, and soil puts on the ecosystem, and then converts those pressures into “biodiversity loss” or “Ecosystem Quality”.
3. The third factor is the product sales volume during the year in question, which is used to assess the annual impact on biodiversity.

ReCiPe is a method for impact assessment in a Life Cycle Assessment. Life cycle impact assessment converts emissions and resource extractions into a limited number of environmental impact scores, with harmonized characterization factors at the midpoint and endpoint level. The ReCiPe method was first developed in 2005 and updated in 2016.

4.3.2. Management approach

Local biodiversity

We conducted a screening of all our sites and their potential impact on protected areas according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) management categories. We prioritized sites for risk assessment according to their proximity with protected areas and the IUCN management category.

This led to working with local administrations in charge of the protected areas to track and analyze the actions needed to alleviate those impacts, depending on the type of biodiversity being protected. This is work in progress.

Global biodiversity

Pressure on biodiversity means all the different ways in which humanity alters the environment that in turn harm the organisms living in it. There are about 15 different pressures, each one individually quantifiable. Using the increasingly precise environmental profiles of our products, and looking at their entire life cycle from raw material to distribution, we were able to identify the pressures to which our portfolio are the greatest contributors.

Greenhouse gas emissions, freshwater eutrophication, marine eutrophication, and soil acidification represent 90% of our emissions and effluents potentially affecting biodiversity. As part of Solvay ONE Planet, we have committed to reducing our pressure on biodiversity by 30% by 2030 compared to 2018.

Solvay joined the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations’ B4 En (Business for Biodiversity+) interest group, working on an International Global Biodiversity Score (GBS) as part of a European initiative.

Solvay also joined CIR’s Europe’s collaborative platform, Biodiversity and Industry, to develop a holistic approach to environmental issues in the business strategy.

Heineken have a number of policies in relation to environmental matters, including policies specifically related to water. This commitment is summarised in a clear and concise manner, alongside an indication of the process towards this target.

Our commitment: Reduce average water consumption in our breweries to 3.3 hl/hl in water-stressed areas and to 3.5 hl/hl in all our breweries.

Our 2020 result: Achieved.

Our contribution to the SDGs:

6.4 Substantially increase water-use efficiency.

Heineken have included graphs that present the outcomes. This disclosure demonstrates how the content categories of the NFR Directive can interconnect and form a holistic view of the company’s policy, strategy, and performance.

Alongside a summary of the commitment, Heineken provide significant information about the actions taken towards meeting the target, including investment in technology and activities undertaken in specific locations.

Investing in technology to reclaim and recycle water from production processes is a high priority, especially in water-stressed areas.

- Our brewery in Spain (Jaén), reduced the water consumption by 12% through redesigning its water network and by addressing leakages.
- In Indonesia (Tangerang), a newly constructed Water Reclamation Plant uses water recycling technology to reclaim wastewater at drinking water quality. It has enabled production of soft-water for the secondary utilities, such as bottle washer, pasteurizer, boiler feed water and general cleaning, which resulted in a water consumption reduction of 35%.

Water consumption (water-stressed areas) (hl/hl beer, cider, soft drinks and water)

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33% decrease in water consumption in our breweries since 2008.

16,100 Olympic-sized pools – the equivalent volume of water we saved since 2008.

€15m saved through water efficiency since 2009.

The initiative will support breweries around the world to optimise water consumption and reuse as much water as possible, in a sustainable way.

Looking ahead:

In the coming years, we will channel investments through the Water Good Practices Management initiatives to drive progress on water consumption and recycling.

(c) Outcome of Policies

The outcomes should present the performance of the company against the policies that were outlined in content category (b). This information should be presented using qualitative or quantitative information, as appropriate, to provide the reader with a clear indication of the company’s performance.  

For further guidance on outcomes of environmental policy disclosures, companies are also encouraged to see the relevant sections of the CDSB Framework, CDP Climate Change Questionnaire and Guidance, and core elements of the TCFD recommendations as shown in the table below.

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Recommendations for companies to enhance outcome disclosures:
- Present the outcomes alongside policies, strategies and targets.
- Explain how the outcomes will influence future plans and strategies.
- Describe the actions taken in line with the policies, including the outcomes of these actions.
- As appropriate, present the outcomes as a narrative and/or as quantitative data using KPIs.
- Provide quantitative performance data for multiple years to allow for comparative analysis.
- Where quantitative data is presented, provide accompanying narrative to ensure the outcomes can be identified and explained.
- Provide explanations for any significant changes in the results, both positive and negative, and justify any missing data.
- State the underlying methodologies where quantitative data is used, detailing any changes to the methodology between reporting periods which may affect the results.
- Make the information clear and concise, using visuals, i.e. graphs, charts, diagrams.

Portfolio companies’ greenhouse gas emissions

As an owner, we acknowledge our broader role to accelerate the transition to a sustainable low carbon economy. It is Investor’s ambition to reduce the portfolio’s carbon footprint by impacting companies to reduce their carbon emissions in line with the Paris Agreement. Investor aims to strengthen the portfolio’s resilience and has committed to reduce absolute GHG emissions from portfolio companies by 50 percent between 2016 and 2030.

The target includes the portfolio companies’ total scope 1 and 2 emissions and is set for the overall portfolio (not an equity approach). Investor has set targets on the total level in order to contribute to an actual reduction of carbon emissions. The baseline is 2016 as this is the first year we measured its companies’ emissions and is aligned with the Agenda 2030. The emissions from portfolio companies’ exclude Financial Investments and EOT funds.

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1) Emissions from our portfolio companies’ total scope 1 and 2 emissions. The figures for emissions have been restated compared to Annual Report 2019 due to updated data from portfolio companies.

In 2020, greenhouse gas emissions from our overall portfolio decreased by 40 percent compared to 2016. Investor works through its representation on the boards to drive the companies to set targets and strategies to develop resource efficient processes and to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. In the yearly sustainability questionnaire Investor tracked that 78 percent of our companies had targets to reduce its scope 1 and 2 emissions (50).

By the end of 2020, 57 percent of our portfolio companies had aligned their climate strategies to the Paris Agreement and set measurable targets to decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent or more by 2030 (23). By the end of 2020, the portfolio companies that represent more than 77 percent of the total emissions from the portfolio had set reduction targets that were aligned with the Paris Agreement.

The reduction of emissions is both in absolute terms and in relation to revenues, i.e. decoupling (lower carbon impact and higher revenues and economic results). The diagram shows the emissions from the total portfolio in relations to the revenue from all the portfolio companies.

Within their integrated report, SAP describe their policy and governance structure in relation to energy and emissions. Included within this disclosure is a description of SAP’s targets, which are approved by the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi).

The performance of the company is first described, which includes an explanation of events and activities that have impacted the results. The performance is then presented in a graph that visually represents the year-on-year changes since 2016.

The outcomes in 2020 are presented in graphic visuals, which makes the information clear and concise. An explanation for the changes in the results from 2019 to 2020 are also briefly described in the narrative above the graphs.

Kerry Group describe their approach to water risks, including the tools used to identify priority locations that are monitored.
(d) Principal risks
related to those matters linked to the undertaking’s operations including, where relevant and proportionate, its business relationships, products or services which are likely to cause adverse impacts in those areas, and how the undertaking manages those risks.

Companies are required to disclose the principal risks, including how the company intends to manage and mitigate them.\(^4\) The environmental risks that may be disclosed, as listed in the CDSB Framework, could consider the potential implications for the company in terms of operations, supply chain, financial results or ability of the company to achieve the strategic objectives.\(^4\) Companies should also consider specific climate-related physical and transition risks, as categorised in the TCFD recommendations and CDP questionnaire.

For further guidance on principal risk disclosures, companies are also encouraged to see the relevant sections of the CDSB Framework, CDP Climate Change Questionnaire and Guidance, and core elements of the TCFD recommendations as shown in the table below.

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<th>CDSB Framework requirements</th>
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<th>TCFD recommendations</th>
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<td>REQ-03 Risk and opportunities</td>
<td>Risks and Opportunities (C.2)</td>
<td>Risk Management</td>
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<td>REQ-06 Outlook</td>
<td>Business Strategy (C3)</td>
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Recommendations for companies to enhance principal risks disclosures

- Give an overview of the company’s approach to risk management, therein providing the context about how the company defines and manages risks.
- State the assessment used to understand how the company identifies and prioritises risks.
- Specify how environmental risks are integrated into overall risk management processes, and whether specialised processes are used.
- Refer to the TCFD recommendations which provide further guidance on how to disclose information about the process used to identify and manage climate-related risks and opportunities.
- Consider a range of environmental risks, including those outlined in the CDSB Framework and CDP’s Questionnaires and Guidance.
- Explain how the risks identified may impact on operations, supply chain, the business model and/or financial performance.
- Avoid generic descriptions of environmental risks by articulating specifically how these risks are likely to impact the business. This might also include a description of the causes and sources of the risks.
- Consider and disclose information about the time horizons over which the risks are likely to materialise. The time horizons, including short, medium and long term, should be clearly defined.
- The risks should be accompanied by mitigation strategies in place or planned. These strategies may inform the environmental policies and strategies outlined in content category (b).

Société Générale describe their three step E&S risk policy that includes the identification, assessment and mitigation of E&S risks. This also includes a summary of the controls being implemented within the company.

The approach to identifying climate-related risk is outlined in the risk section, with further information about assessing environmental and social (E&S) risk is outlined in the corporate social responsibility section.

Environmental and Social (E&S) risk factors inherent in its activities

Environmental, social or human rights risk factors may trigger or aggravate compliance, reputational and credit risks. The risk of non-compliance with E&S laws or the Group’s E&S commitments may result from an inadequate system that does not sufficiently cover the inherent E&S risks, or from a system that is not properly implemented.

Reputational risk may result from operational risks, such as the risk of non-compliance with E&S laws or commitments, or may arise from a negative perception of E&S issues by stakeholders, particularly external stakeholders.

Lastly, E&S issues may affect the Group’s credit risk, especially with respect to the climate transition risks and physical risks.

The policies and procedures established to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with E&S laws or E&S reputational risk are based on the E&S risk management framework as set out in the transactional and customer processes described below.

E&S risk management is based on three main steps:

- **E&S risk identification**: This step consists in identifying whether the customer’s activities or the transaction present a potential E&S risk. In particular, it is based on an analysis aimed at verifying whether the counterparty or underlying activities are on the E&S exclusion list or the E&S identification list (see below, page 390), whether they are subject to a sector-specific policy or whether they are the subject of E&S controversies. This process makes it possible to review compliance with the exclusion criteria of the various sector-specific policies.

- **E&S assessment (of counterparties or transactions identified as presenting an E&S risk)**: When an E&S risk has been identified, an E&S risk assessment (focusing on E&S credit risk, E&S reputational risk and the risk of non-alignment with E&S policy criteria) is performed by the business lines. The following are analysed: compliance with the criteria of the applicable E&S policy(ies), the severity of E&S controversies and, where applicable, the CSR maturity of the counterparties.

- **E&S actions**: the E&S assessment can result in a positive, conditional (contractual conditions, action plans, actions) or negative E&S opinion. Mitigation actions are proposed in proportion to the residual risk identified. Opinions that are not positive and proposed action plans are reviewed by the second line of defence, i.e. the Risk or Compliance Departments, and may be mediated by the heads of the business lines if necessary.

Monitoring and controls are also gradually being implemented in E&S risk management processes within the business lines.

In addition to facilitating the identification, assessment and appropriate management of potentially negative E&S impacts, these procedures also enable the identification of transactions and customers having a positive impact in terms of sustainable development. Sustainable finance with a positive impact is underlined by this dual approach (see A Bank committed to sustainable and responsible finance, page 385).
Mondi Group
Integrated Report 2020

Mondi describe the materiality assessment they conducted to establish their principal risks, with the results summarized in this materiality matrix. This matrix also indicates the year-on-year changes to the principal risks.

Each principal risk is described in more detail using corresponding numbers to easily navigate the section. The risk disclosures including the potential risk to the company, and ways in which they are monitored and mitigated.

LPP SA
Integrated Report 2020

LPP SA’s report outlines all relevant non-financial risks, including weather, climate and environmental risks.

The table includes a description of the risks and how the company is managing them. This includes whether the risk is applicable to LPP SA and/or the wider LPP Group.
**Non-financial key performance indicators relevant to the particular business**

Companies are required to disclose environmental information, which can be done through material narratives and inclusion of key performance indicators (KPIs), necessary to understand the company’s development, performance and impact of its activities. The KPIs may also refer to the company’s policies and outcomes as defined through content categories (b) and (c) of NFR Directive.

For further guidance on non-financial KPIs, companies are also encouraged to see the relevant sections of the CDSB Framework, CDP Climate Change Questionnaire and Guidance, and core elements of the TCFD recommendations as shown in the table below.

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### Goals and level of progress of the material issues for BBVA, 2020.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Material issue</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Goal</th>
<th>2020 Progress</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Sustainable finance mobilisation</strong></td>
<td>Alignment by sectors</td>
<td>Universal alignment with Paris Agreement</td>
<td>Defined methodologies and indicators and pilot assignment in sensitive sectors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Climate change</strong></td>
<td>Energy obtained from renewable sources</td>
<td>70% in 2025 and 100% in 2030</td>
<td>61%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CO₂ emissions (scope 1 and 2)**</td>
<td>58% reduction in 2015-2025 period</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>TCFD recommendations in 2020</td>
<td>Implementation of TCFD recommendations in 2020</td>
<td>Publication of TCFD report in November 2020</td>
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### Solvency and financial results

- CEEI fully-loaded ratio: 2020: 205-2075; base points over an 8.59% requirement 2019: 11.52% - 11.93% (33.3%)
- % customers using digital channels (2011 + 10%) 2020: 33.3%

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### Recommendations for companies to non-financial KPI disclosures

- Use indicators that are material and reflect the business’ activities, policies and strategies.
- Link KPIs to targets, that include a baseline and a timeline, to help demonstrate how progress is measured and monitored.
- Differentiate KPIs from other performance indicators to highlight priority metrics that are connected to the company’s policy and strategy. These KPIs should articulate the company’s progress, performance and position.
- Provide at least two years of prior data to demonstrate performance trends.
- Present the KPIs in a table or graphic to ensure the information is clear and concise.
- Where appropriate, use the indicators defined by CDP, the other recognised reporting standards and frameworks.

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BBVA summarises the KPIs in a table on page 22 of the annual report. These KPIs are directly connected to the material topic and associated targets.

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Each environmental KPI is further detailed on page 89-90, alongside relevant global targets. The KPIs are then explained with accompanying narrative to justify why they have been included and the management approach taken by the company.

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### Global Efficiency Plan Goals 2019-2020

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<th>Vector</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Global target</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Environmental, Management and Sustainable Construction</strong></td>
<td>% Occupancies in CERT buildings</td>
<td>46%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Consumption per occupant (kWh/occupant)</td>
<td>-5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Energy and Climate Change</strong></td>
<td>Energy from renewable sources</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>CO₂ emissions per occupant (tCO₂eq/occupant)</td>
<td>-5%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Water</strong></td>
<td>Consumption per occupant (m³/occupant)</td>
<td>-5%</td>
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<tr>
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<td>% Occupancies in buildings with alternative water sources</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Paper and Waste</strong></td>
<td>Paper consumption per occupant (kg/occupant)</td>
<td>-5%</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>% Occupancies in buildings with separate waste collection</td>
<td>30%</td>
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3. **Water**

Water, which is one of the resources that has a major impact, is another priority indicator for BBVA. In order to reduce this impact, the headquarters of Spain and Mexico are equipped with grey water recycling systems and rainwater recycling for irrigation.

4. **Paper and Waste**

Waste generation is becoming a major global problem. BBVA has spent many years working to reduce this impact as much as possible through sustainable construction standards or through implementing ISO 14001-certified Environmental Management Systems. In order to ensure the proper separation and subsequent recycling of waste, facilities feature clearly designated and signposted areas in order to minimize the amount of waste that ends up in landfills.
CONSOLIDATED SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE DATA

Selected Group-level key sustainability indicators highlighted below based on the materiality assessment (refer to Materiality Matrix on page 5 for list material issues). When selecting indicators, MOL Group used the SASB Materiality Map, IPIECA Sustainability Reporting Guidance and GRI as reference. Disclosure of 600+ ESG data points for the 2016-2020 period can be obtained from the Data Library.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CLIMATE CHANGE &amp; ENVIRONMENT</th>
<th>UNIT OF MEASURE</th>
<th>2020</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>SASB</th>
<th>IPIECA</th>
<th>GRI</th>
<th>PAGE</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Direct GHG (Scope 1)</td>
<td>Mr. tonnes CO2eq</td>
<td>0.81</td>
<td>0.94</td>
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<td>Total Direct GHG (Scope 1) under ETF</td>
<td>Mr. tonnes CO2eq</td>
<td>0.68</td>
<td>0.62</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Indirect GHG (Scope 2) - Location-based</td>
<td>Mr. tonnes CO2eq</td>
<td>0.86</td>
<td>0.90</td>
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<td>Total Indirect GHG (Scope 2) - Market-based</td>
<td>Mr. tonnes CO2eq</td>
<td>0.85</td>
<td>1.02</td>
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<tr>
<td>Methane (CH4) - 2019 basis-adjusted</td>
<td>tonnes</td>
<td>213</td>
<td>108</td>
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<td>Total direct energy consumption</td>
<td>Mtoe</td>
<td>94.1</td>
<td>90.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total indirect energy consumption</td>
<td>Mtoe</td>
<td>11.17</td>
<td>11.01</td>
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<td>Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)</td>
<td>tonnes</td>
<td>8,077</td>
<td>5,662</td>
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<td>Nitrogen Oxides (NOX)</td>
<td>tonnes</td>
<td>512</td>
<td>62</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of spills (&gt;100L)</td>
<td>number</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>62</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Volume of Spills (&gt;100L) - NEC content</td>
<td>m³</td>
<td>194.8</td>
<td>302.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Water Withdrawal - 2019 figure-adjusted</td>
<td>thousand m³</td>
<td>95,102</td>
<td>87,221</td>
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<td>% natural regions w/ High or Extremely High-Baseline Water Stress</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Water Discharged</td>
<td>m³</td>
<td>10,515</td>
<td>10,461</td>
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<td>Total Waste Generated</td>
<td>tonnes</td>
<td>175,110</td>
<td>310,708</td>
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<tr>
<td>%/h Hazardous Waste</td>
<td>tonnes</td>
<td>73,708</td>
<td>96,957</td>
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Sector specific metrics are used, including the number and volume of spills. The metrics are mapped to the relevant SASB, IPIECA and GRI standard.
Tips for making effective disclosures of environmental matters under the EU NFRD

1. Ensure your disclosures are connected and coherent, linking information on environmental matters to overall corporate strategy, performance and prospects

Coherent and connected reporting demonstrates the relationships between a company’s vision, mission, risks, policies, strategies, targets and KPIs. The five content categories of the NFR Directive should be disclosed in a clear, concise and connected way to provide report users with a holistic picture of the company’s impacts and dependencies on environmental matters. For example, environmental policies, that may be informed by specific risks, should be connected to relevant targets and KPIs that demonstrate the outcomes and progress of a company.

Additionally, the relationship between environmental matters and a company’s overall strategy, performance and prospects should be described. Applying the concept of connectivity helps to show a complete picture of the factors and relationships that affect an organisation’s ability to create value over time.

2. Ensure that your report is clear and concise

Ensuring your reporting is easy to navigate, read and search is important to aid user understanding. To achieve this, reports should be clear and straightforward, using plain language and consistent terminology, avoiding jargon and boilerplate text and, where necessary, defining technical terms. Data and narrative should be presented clearly and concisely in an easy-to-follow structure, using appropriate signposts and labelling. Illustrations, graphs and charts also make reports easy to read.

3. Go beyond climate change — environmental reporting is more than emissions reporting

Under the requirements for reporting environmental matters, the NFR Directive refers to “details of the current and foreseeable impacts of the undertaking’s operations on the environment... the use of renewable and/or non-renewable energy, greenhouse gas emissions, water use and air pollution.” Therefore, disclosures should include environmental issues beyond climate change.

Significant progress has been made in reporting climate-related information, identifying emissions, methodologies, boundaries, omissions, but there are gaps in disclosures relating to other environmental matters. CDSB’s 2020 analysis of European company reports found that most large EU companies now provide some disclosures against all core categories of the NFR Directive. In particular, the review found that companies are continuing to enhance their disclosures on climate change, with less focus on other environmental matters. To further support companies, CDSB has produced application guidance on water and biodiversity to help companies disclose these topics in the mainstream report. For many years, CDP has provided structured questionnaires for water and forest disclosure, including detailed reporting guidance documents. These documents are a wealthy resource for companies aiming to report on water forests matters and can be used to inform and structure disclosure in the mainstream report.

4. Apply CDSB’s guiding principles for effective disclosure of environmental information

CDSB’s guiding principles are designed to ensure that environmental information in the mainstream annual report is decision-useful, accurate and complete and based on criteria that are suitable for conducting assurance activities, where appropriate. The guiding principles should be applied in determining, preparing and presenting environmental information. The CDSB Framework introduces the following guiding principles which are aligned to the TCFD’s seven principles for effective disclosure:

1. Relevant and material – environmental information shall be prepared applying the principles of relevance and materiality.
2. Faithfully represented – to ensure that information is complete, neutral and free from error in order to be useful.
3. Connected with other information – to explain the links between the organisation’s governance, strategy, risk management and environmental performance.
4. Consistent and comparable – to elicit information of value to investors in a way that is consistent so as to enable a level of comparability between similar organisations, reporting periods and sectors.
5. Clear and understandable – to aid understanding by ensuring that disclosures are easy to navigate, read and research.
6. Verifiable – to ensure information that forms the basis for disclosures is verifiable.
7. Forward looking – to ensure that historic information in the mainstream report is complemented with narrative on the future impact of environmental information.
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