

IX Meeting on Financial Stability

Climate change and the financial system

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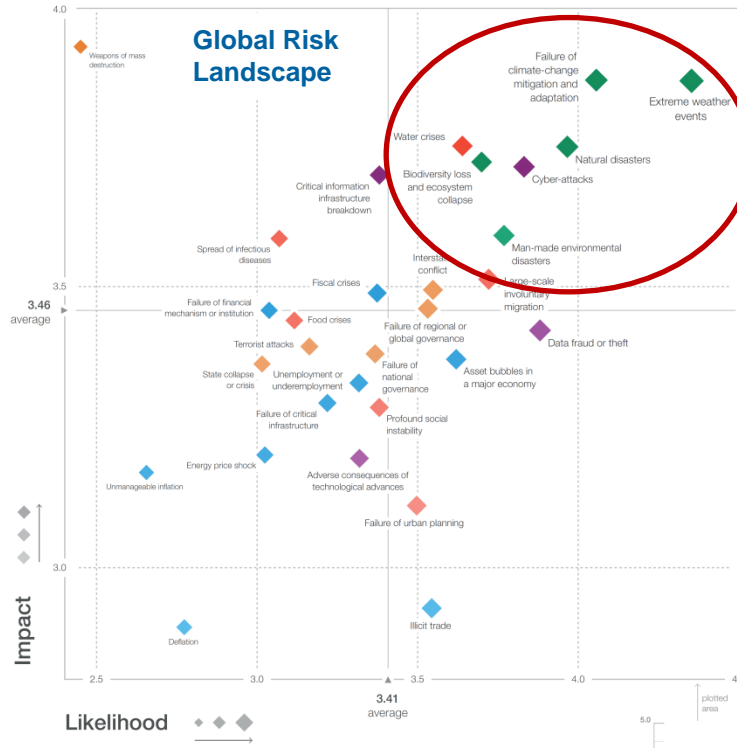
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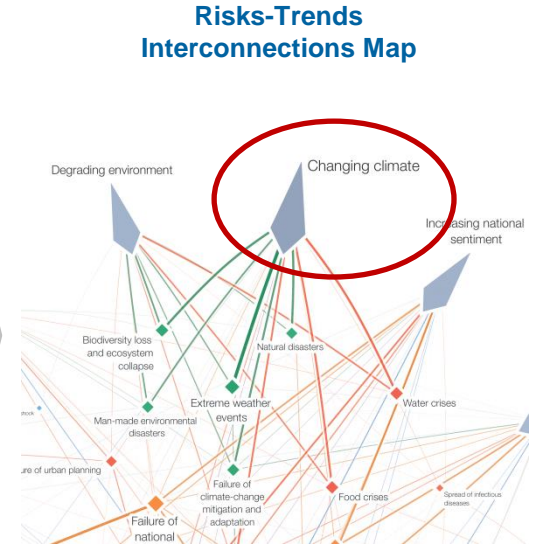
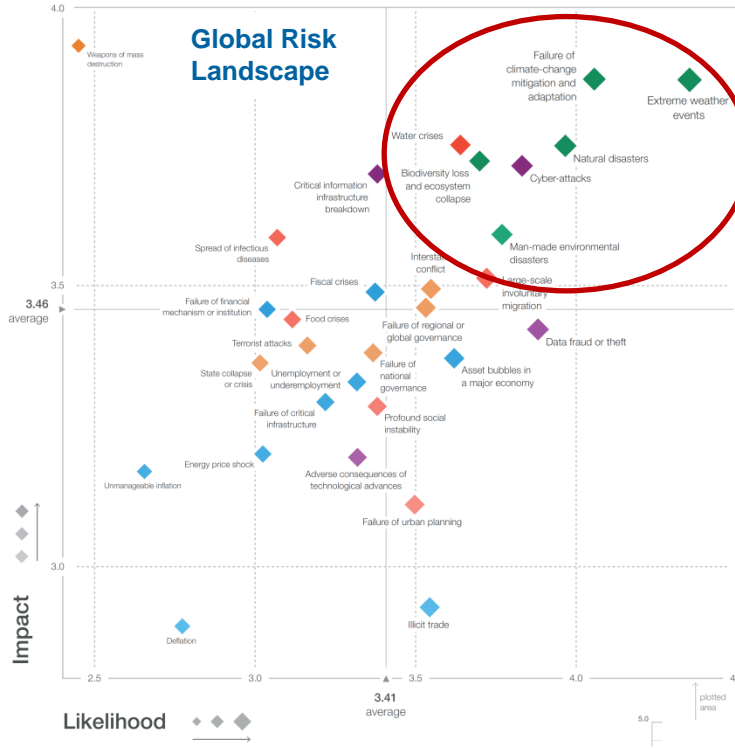


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Distinguishing between environment-related and climate risks

Environment-related risks

Refers to risks (credit, market, operational and legal risks, etc.) posed by the exposure of financial firms and/or the financial sector to activities that may potentially cause or be affected by environmental degradation.

Examples:

- Air pollution
- Water pollution and scarcity of fresh water
- Land contamination
- Reduced biodiversity and deforestation

Climate risks



Refers to risks posed by the exposure of financial firms and/or the financial sector to physical or transition risks caused by or related to climate change.

Examples:

- Damage caused by extreme weather events
- Decline of asset value in carbon-intensive sectors

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Network for Greening the Financial System

- Network of Central Banks and Supervisors
- Established by **8 central banks** (including Deutsche Bundesbank) in 2017
- Grown to **36 members** and 6 observers, representing 5 continents
- The NGFS is a coalition of the willing
- The NGFS issues recommendations

Mission

- Sharing of experience and identification of best practices on the supervisory and macrofinancial dimensions of climate-related and environmental risks



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Climate change may result in physical and transition risks

Physical risks

Physical impacts include the economic costs and financial losses resulting from the increasing severity and frequency of

- **extreme climate change-related weather events** (such as heat waves, landslides, floods, wildfires and storms) as well as
- **longer term progressive shifts** of the climate (such as changes in precipitation, extreme weather variability, ocean acidification, and rising sea levels and average temperatures).



Transition risks

- Transition impacts relate to the process of adjustment towards a low-carbon economy.
- Emissions must eventually reach “net zero” to prevent further climate change.
- The process of reducing emissions is likely to have significant impact on all sectors of the economy affecting financial assets values.
- While urgent action is desirable, an abrupt transition could also have an impact on financial stability and the economy more broadly.



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Physical and transition risks drive established risk categories

	Credit Risk	Market Risk	Op. Risk
Physical risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood risk leads to lower collateral valuations and/or unavailability of insurance• Droughts increase PD in agricultural sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe weather events... ...shift market expectations and increase volatility• ...put pressure on sovereign ratings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business continuity threatened by damage to banks' data centres, branches, ...
Transition risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate policy (energy standards, carbon tax)... ...devalue collateral (mortgage portfolio?) ...increase PD (energy? automotive?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New climate policy or disruptive technology devalue assets in „old“ industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carbon-intensive business models no longer sustainable

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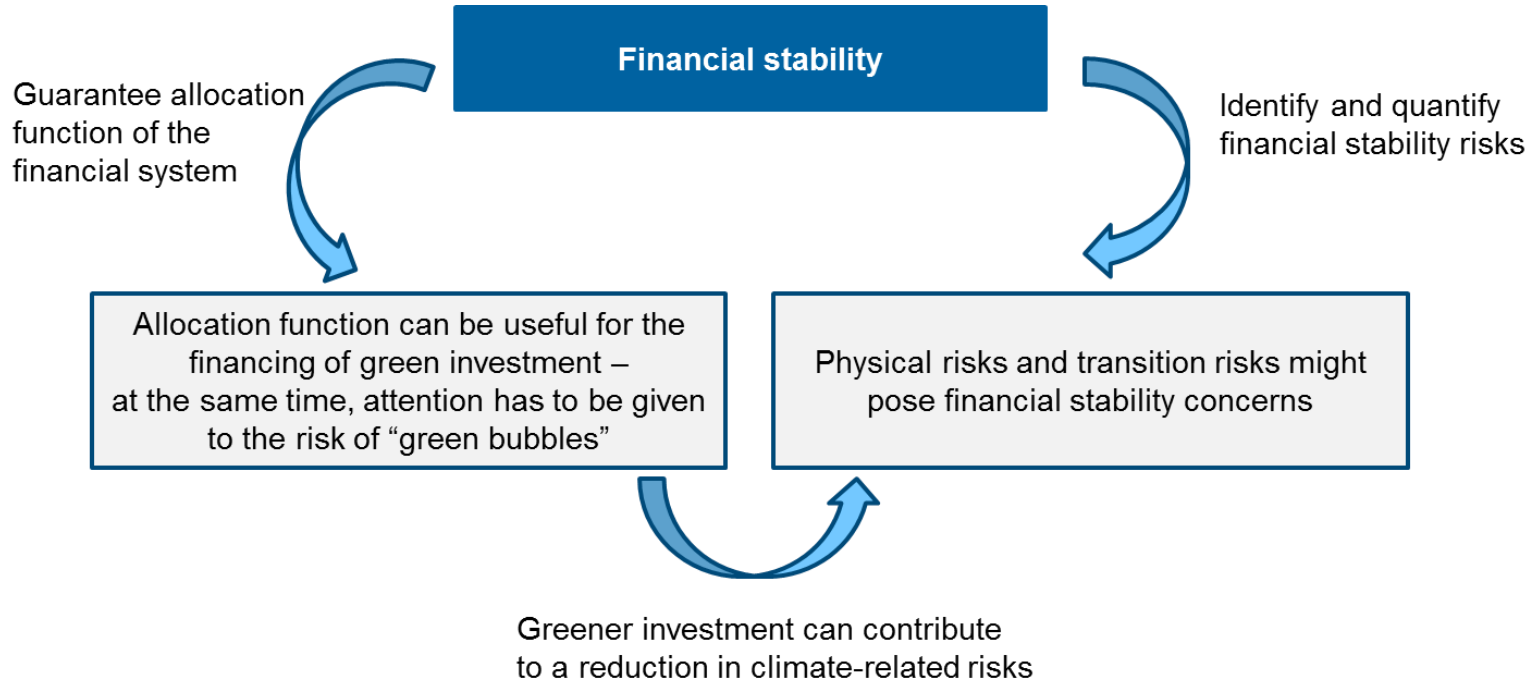
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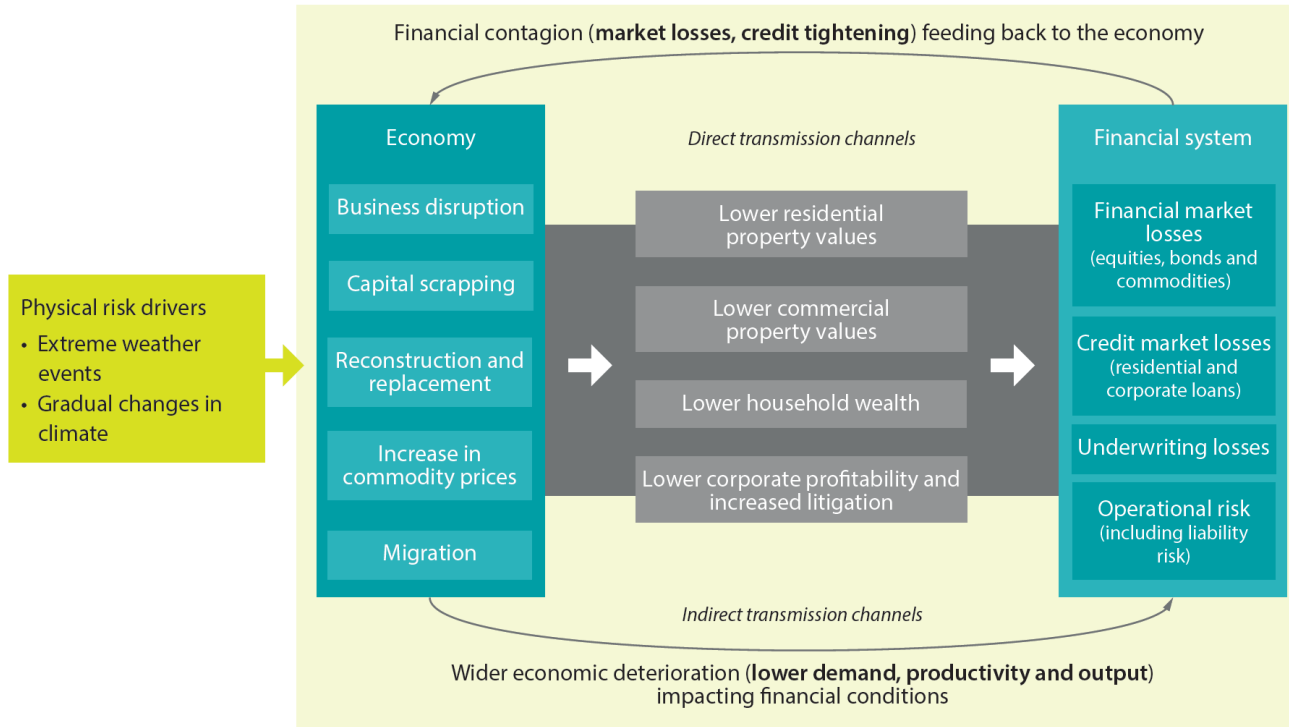
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Transmission channels related to physical risk



Physical events translate into economic losses, e.g.:

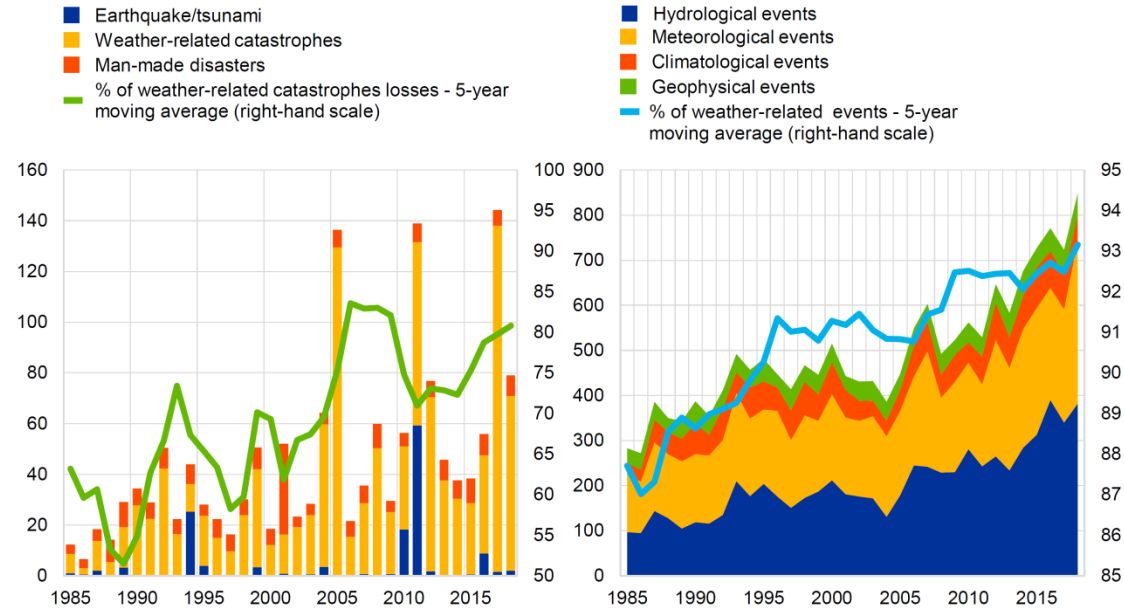
- Business disruption at suppliers caused by floodings
- Reconstruction costs for (uninsured/underinsured) damages from storms
- Declining human work performance due to heat
- Crop failures due to water stress

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Physical risk: weather-related insured losses and the number of natural loss events are increasing

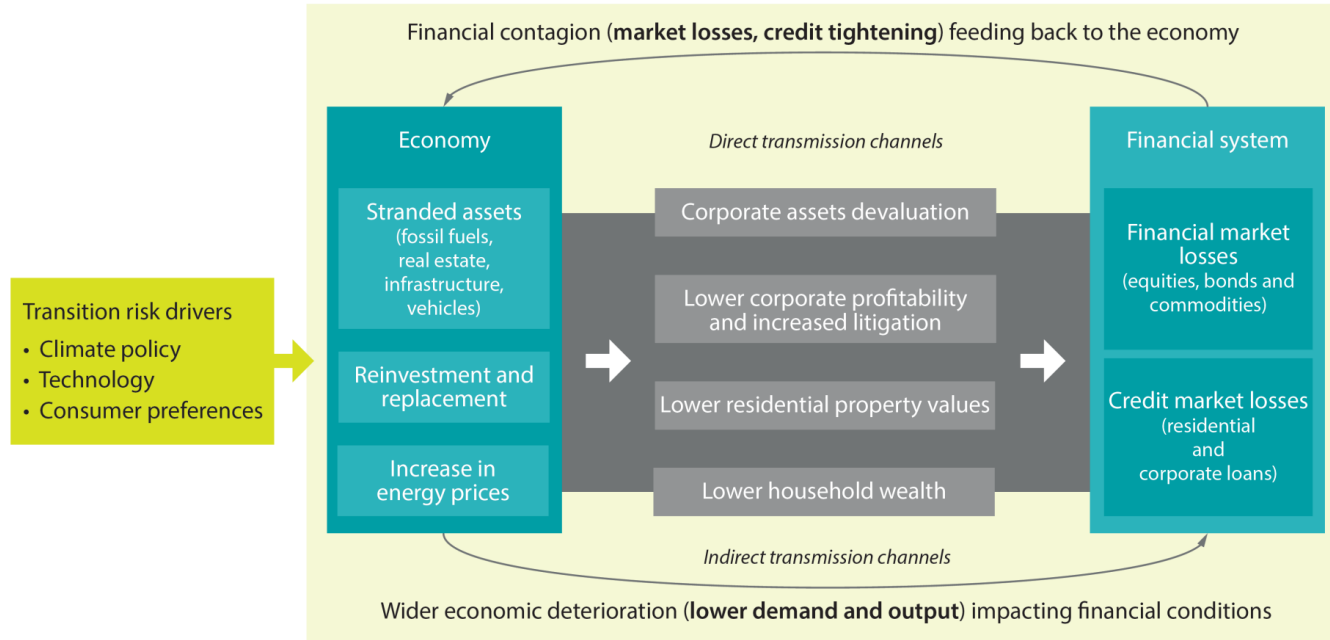
Global insured catastrophe losses (left panel) and number of relevant natural loss events worldwide (right panel)

(1985-2018; left panel: left-hand scale: USD billions; right-hand scale: percentages; right panel: left-hand scale: number of events; right-hand scale: percentages)



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Transmission channels related to transition risk



Transition events translate into economic losses, e.g.:

- Coal-fired power plants may be forced to shut down before amortisation
- Costs for adjusting production facilities, e.g. from combustion engines to electric cars
- Increasing (fossil fuel) energy prices reduce profitability of energy-intensive sectors
- Real estate value declines if not complying with latest energy efficiency standards

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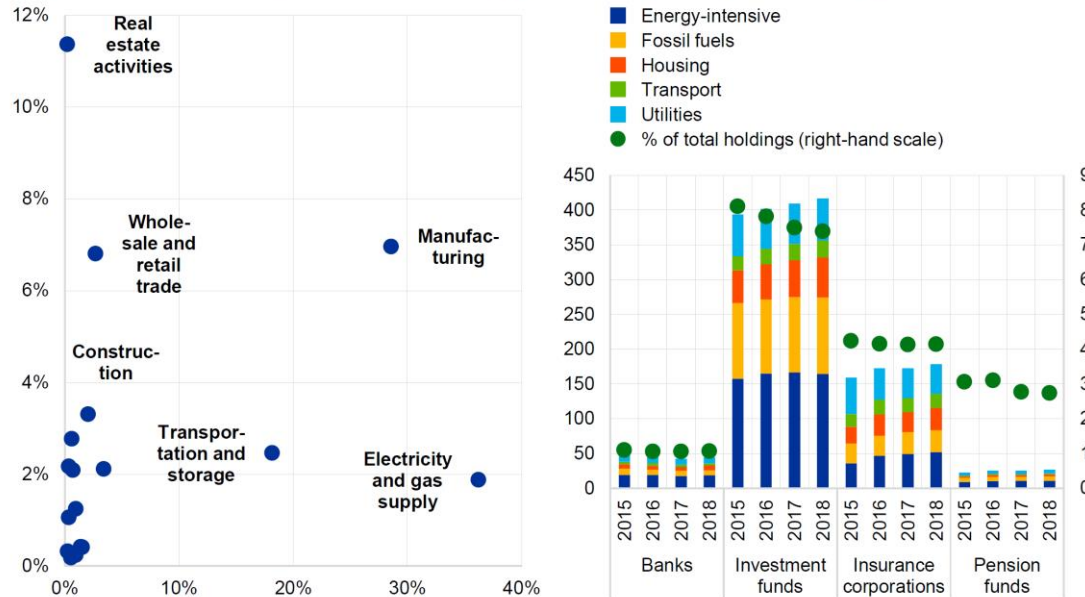
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Sectoral exposure statistics can provide a first comprehensive approximation of transition risk

Euro area banks' exposures and sectoral contributions to carbon emissions (left panel); evolution of investment exposures to climate-sensitive sectors (by issuer sector) (right panel)

(left panel: percentages; x-axis: sectoral contributions to total carbon emissions; y-axis: bank exposures (as a share of total exposures); right panel: Dec. 2015-Dec. 2018; left-hand scale: € billions; right-hand scale: percentage of total holdings)

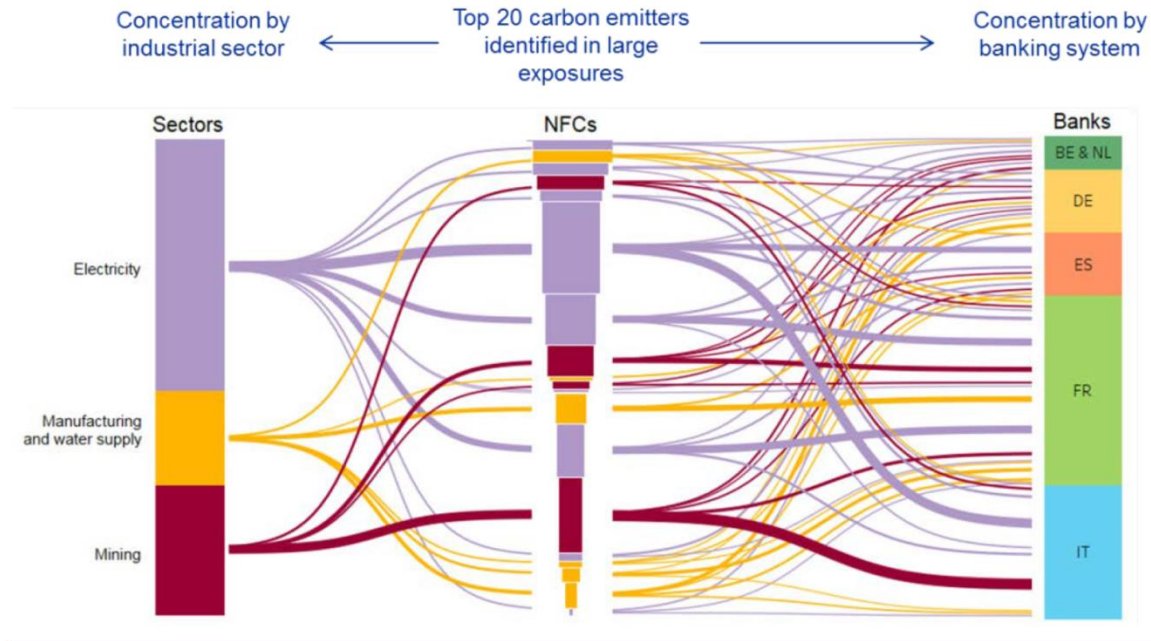


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Large exposures to reporting firms with the highest emissions

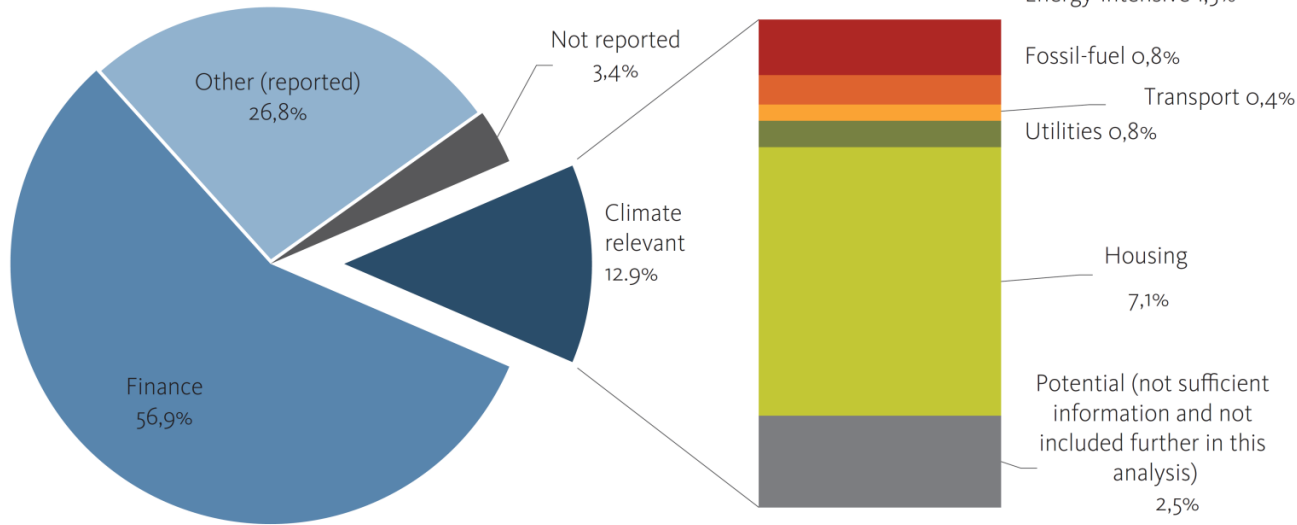
Euro area banks' large exposures to reporting firms with the highest carbon emissions

(share of total loans)



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EIOPA: Climate related asset exposures of the European insurance sector



Glossary

EIOPA European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority

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EIOPA: Holders of climate relevant exposures and location of investment

Location of investor	Location of investment														Location of investment														Total climate-relevant													
	AT	BE	BG	HR	CY	CZ	DK	EE	FI	FR	DE	GR	HU	IS	IE	IT	LV	LI	LT	LU	MT	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO	SK	SI		ES	SE	UK	CH	AU	US	CA	JP	Other				
AT	7.8	0.1				0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2		0.1								0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1						1.4	7%					
BE	0.1	4.3				0.1	0.1		0.1	2.0	0.6				0.0	0.4													0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	4.6	15%				
BG	0.1		4.6			2.6			0.2	0.1	0.3		0.2																						0.8		9%					
HR	0.0			13.5		0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0																									2.1		16%					
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GR	0.1				0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	3.1					0.2														0.0	0.1			0.2			1.4		6%			
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IS													25.0																						0.8		26%					
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UK	0.0	0.0			0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2					0.2	0.0														0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.1	0.4	1.9		12%		

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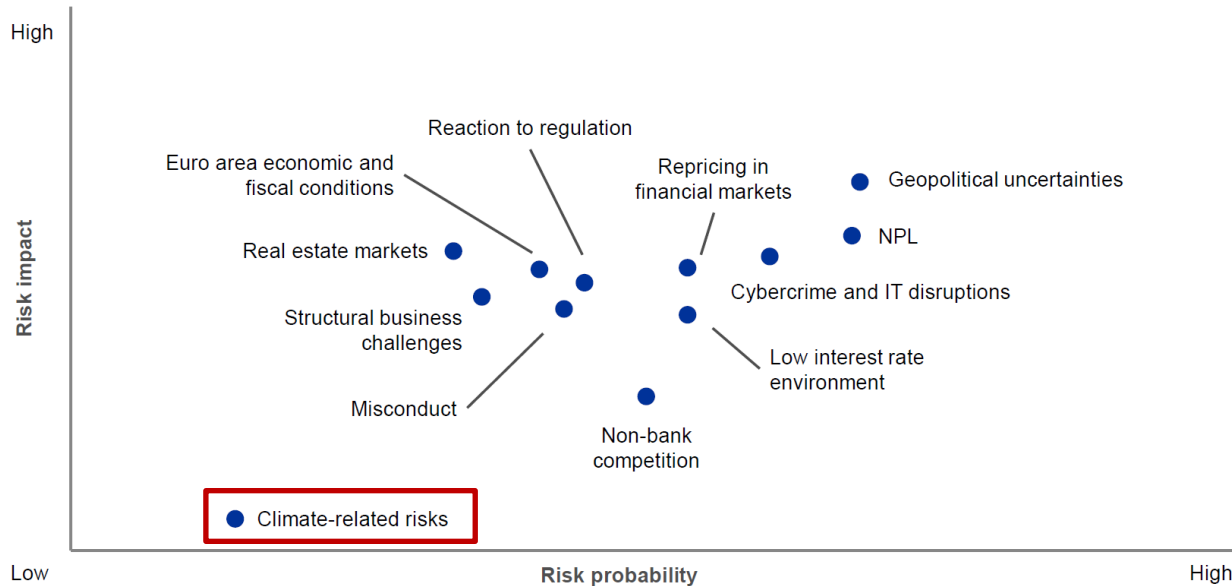
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NGFS First comprehensive report 2019: Recommendations

- N°1: Integrating climate-related risks into financial stability monitoring and micro-supervision.
- N°2: Integrating sustainability factors into own-portfolio management.
- N°3: Bridging the data gaps.
- N°4: Building awareness and intellectual capacity and encouraging technical assistance and knowledge sharing.
- N°5: Achieving robust and internationally consistent climate and environment-related disclosure.
- N°6: Supporting the development of a taxonomy of economic activities.

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Banking supervision: first consideration in the SSM Risk Map for 2019



Glossary	
SSM	Single Supervisory Mechanism within the Euro Area (19 countries)

Sources: ECB and national supervisory authorities.

Notes: The probability and impact of risk drivers are based on the outcome of a qualitative assessment. The assessment identifies the key developments that might materialise and adversely affect the euro area banking system in the short to medium term (two to three years).

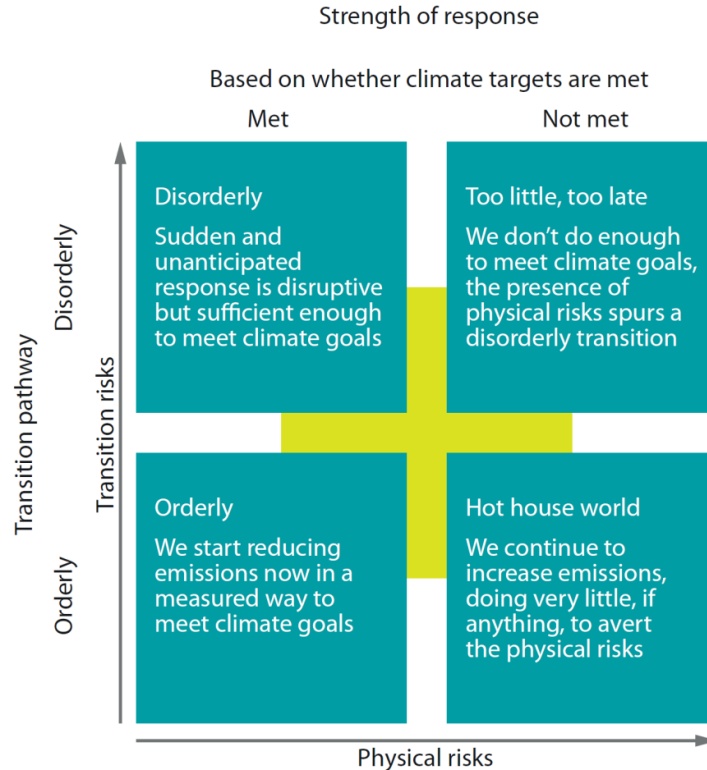
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Designing a scenario analysis framework for central banks and supervisors



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Recommendations by the NGFS and European initiatives with a focus on financial stability

	2019 NGFS Recommendations	2018 EU Action Plan and regulatory proposals & ESRB proposals
Monitoring climate-related risks	Central banks and supervisors are encouraged to develop methodologies for measuring climate-related risks, including forward-looking scenario analysis and stress tests	The ESRB has proposed that the European Supervisory Authorities include climate risk scenarios in stress-test exercises, and is conducting analytical work on data and methodologies
Developing taxonomies	Regulators should develop taxonomies that aim to facilitate (i) financial institutions' climate risk management, (ii) assessment of the potential risk differentials between green and brown assets, and (iii) mobilisation of capital for green investments	The Commission has proposed a regulation for an EU classification system of sustainable economic activity (taxonomy) , which aims to help investors redirect capital towards green activities. This feeds into a Green Bond Standard and disclosure requirements, and could potentially be used in the context of low-carbon benchmarks and a "green supporting factor"
Promoting disclosures	Non-financial and financial institutions should adopt the FSB TCFD disclosure recommendations	The Commission has proposed a disclosure regulation and a regulation for a low-carbon benchmark and a positive carbon impact benchmark
Incorporating climate-related risks into prudential frameworks	Central banks and supervisors are encouraged to integrate climate-related risks into supervision, among other things, by (i) raising awareness and promoting climate risk assessment among institutions, (ii) setting supervisory expectations regarding governance and risk management, and (iii) potentially considering integrating climate risk into the prudential framework	In its Action Plan, the Commission states that it will explore the feasibility of the inclusion of climate risks in institutions' risk management policies and the potential calibration of capital requirements for banks as part of the CRR/CRD.

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Bundesbank activities on green finance and climate-related financial risks

- Membership in NGFS and leading WS 3: “Scaling up green finance”
- Building awareness: e.g. by hosting conferences or informal meetings with financial sector
- Managing reserves increasingly under ESG principles (Environment – Social – Governance)
- Aiming for CO2 neutrality in all activities of the bank
- Internal platform for mutual exchange of information
- Economic and financial analyses on the implications for monetary policy and financial stability

Thank you very much for your attention!



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