# **CLIMATE RISK SUMMIT**

Making the most of the green and sustainable assets market





The asset manager for a changing world

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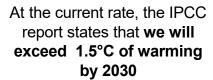
#### Climate emergency: Why do we need to act now?

2030

99%

# 200 million







99% of coral reefs disappear under a 2°C scenario.

1 billion people have some dependence on coral reefs



Forecasts of climate change-induced migration vary from 25 million to 1 billion environmental migrants by 2050

Source: OECD Development Co-operation report 2018, BNP Paribas Asset Management, November 2019.



#### Climate emergency: Why do Central Banks have a role to play?

- ☐ Financial system stability: Central banks are crucial to determine climate-related financial risks in the financial system and to integrate them into prudential supervision.
- Asset owners with reserves totaling \$13trn: Central bank integration of sustainability factors can contribute to market standardization, improvement of ESG data and more sophisticated solutions such as climate scenarios.
- □ Preservation of monetary policy instruments: The climate emergency is a threat that can erode conventional monetary policy effectiveness.
- ☐ Central banks are independent and less subject to political changes.



## Are Central Banks in a position to lead by example?



Central Banks potentially manage 3 types of portfolios: FX reserves, pension funds and a portfolio of own funds.

EUROSYSTEEM



DNB is the first central bank to integrate ESG criteria across its own funds and FX reserves and to become a PRI signatory.

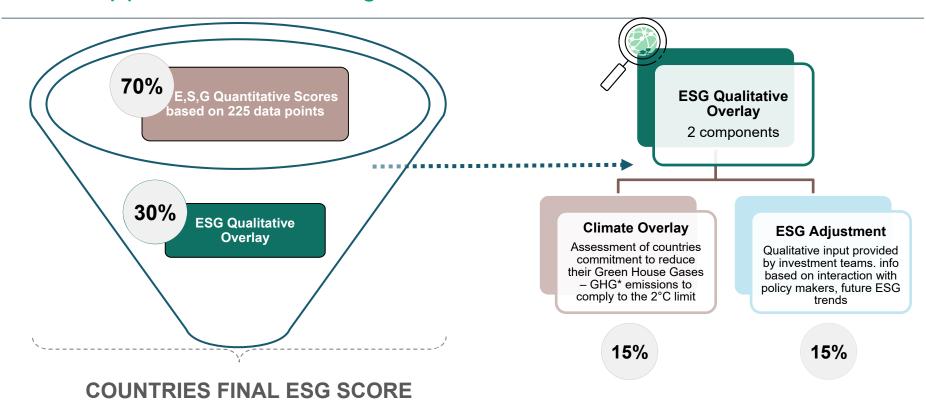
Riksbank recently divested from highly carbon intensive bonds from Queensland and Alberta.

#### Challenges:

- 1. Reserve management traditionally aims to optimize 3 targets, liquidity, safety and return. Including sustainable goals could involve additional tradeoffs.
- 2. In the absence of comprehensive ESG disclosures it is difficult to ensure well informed investment decisions,
- 3. A vast majority of reserves are invested in sovereign bonds. There is a mismatch between the time horizon of the ESG factors for a country, and the speed at which bond markets price ESG data.



#### ESG approach to sovereign debt



**ESG** in sovereign debt benefits from the investment team's in-depth knowledge and from the dialogue with regulators and policymakers, hence helping to integrate a view on each country's perceived evolution to the static ESG performance quantitative assessment and taking into account very unique characteristics.



## Climate scenarios for sovereign issuers

BNPP AM Climate model aims to assess the commitment of each country to the goals of the Paris Agreement, comparing 2°C compatible emissions budget for each country by

2030 and their expected emissions given their

Nationally Determined Contributions.

ILLUSTRATION – The Case of India					
India emissions in 2030* (MtCO <sub>2</sub> eq) for the below +2°C scenario given its population forecast**		India's expected emissions in 2030 given its NDCs & population forecast (MtCO <sub>2</sub> eq)	NDC Country ambition		
6996.13		6950.80	-0.6%		
CLAIM TRANSLATION					
India's NDC* Temperature: +1.9°C. i.e. if all countries were to emit in 2030 0.6% less than their carbon emissions budget estimated with the CLAIM model, we would be on the path to have a global warming of +1.9°C by 2100, which is compliant with the below 2°C target.					

<sup>\*</sup>CLAIM output; \*\*Population forecast for India in 2030:1.51bn inhabitants vs 1.37bn in 2019 - Source: United Nations Medium Variant scenario population forecast.

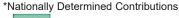
Source: Beyond Ratings, BNP Paribas Asset Management, November 2018

Illustration – applying countries temperatures to a sovereign benchmark

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Country	weight	t°C	t°C / portfolio	
Italy	22.6	2.5	0.557	
Germany	16.8	3.0	0.497	
France	24.7	1.9	0.480	
Spain	14.2	2.5	0.359	
Austria	3.6	6.2	0.223	
Belgium	6	3.1	0.189	
Netherlands	5	3.3	0.167	
Ireland	1.9	4.0	0.077	
Portugal	2.2	2.6	0.057	
Finland	1.6	1.3	0.022	
Slovakia	0.5	3.1	0.015	
Slovenia	0.4	2.4	0.010	
Luxembourg	0.1	4.5	0.005	
Latvia	0.1	2.9	0.003	
Lithuania	0.1	2.3	0.002	
Cyprus	0.1	2.2	0.002	
Sum	100%			
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Source: BNP Paribas Asset Management - As of

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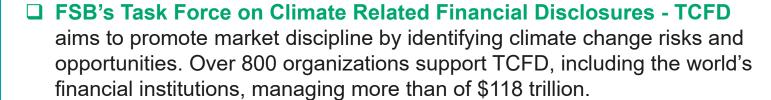




## Prudential regulation at the heart of financial stability



Microprudential regulation



- Disclosures are underdeveloped.
- Brown penalizing factor across capital adequacy rules is the preferred tool to reflect climate change risks not sufficiently priced by the market.
  - Incorporating climate into international capital requirement rules requires political consensus at G20 level.

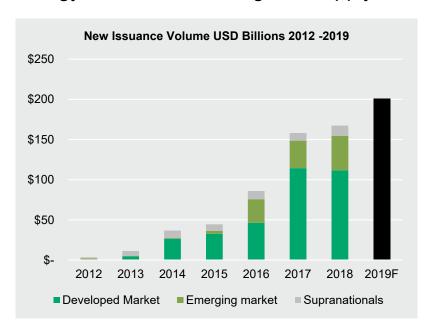


Macroprudential regulation

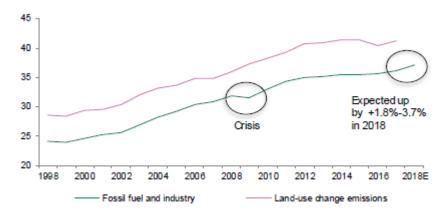
- Stress testing is the adequate process to understand how climate risk affects financial institutions. Bank of England Insurance Stress Test (June 2019) and Climate Biennial Exploratory Scenario BES (2021)
  - The challenge is to conceive long term climate driven macro economic models based on current data and trends.

#### A Green Bond Revolution

Between now and 2030, USD 6.9 trillion a year will be required to support the energy transition towards a low-carbon economy\*. The global fixed-income market exceeds USD 100 trillion of outstanding securities\*. Green bonds are the missing link between the need for energy transition financing and supply from debt capital markets.



Global fossil CO2 emissions up in 2018 (GtCO2)



Source: Global Carbon Project

\*Source: IEA, March 2019 (via Reuters)

Source: Climate Bonds Initiative & BNPP AM Sustainability Centre, March 2019



#### Debate: What should central banks do to scale up green finance?

Central bank and supervisors group - Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) - recent publications outline how to translate commitments into action to monitor climate financial risks. Central Banks action on climate change is becoming the new normal on climate policy.



Changing prudential rules will deliver a timely response to the climate emergency?



Would a preference for green assets come at the cost of price stability?

How to interpret the principle of market neutrality?



"Should policy be neutral relative to the current market, which is subject to pervasive market failures, or relative to a sustainable market in which externalities are priced?" (Robins and Dikau, 2019)\*

\*Source: Robins, N., Dikau, S., Tager, M., 2019. Building a Sustainable Financial System: The State of Practice and Future Priorities. Financial Stability Review Magazine, Autumn 2019, Banco de España

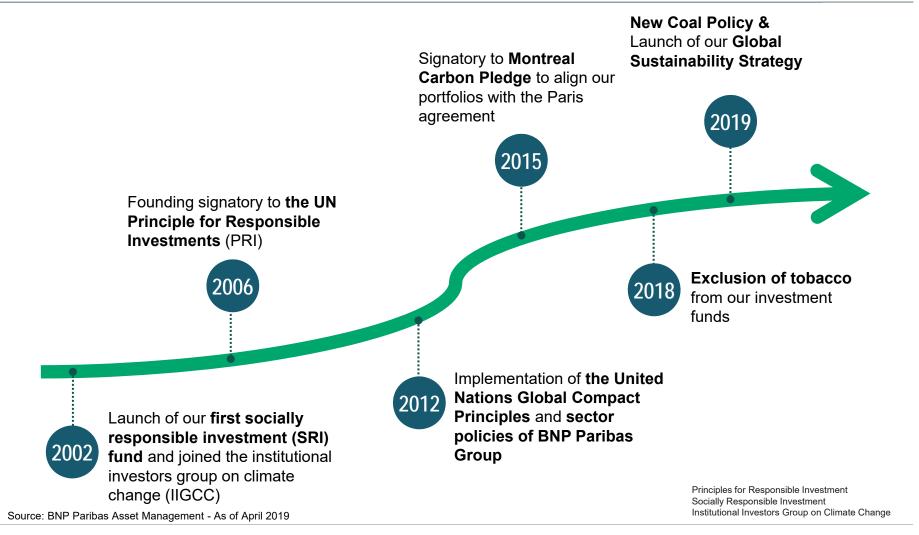






# A long term commitment toward sustainability since 2002







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