The role of financial regulators in Natural Capital

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Why Does it Matter to the Finance Industry? The Tragedy of the Horizons



"Shifts in our climate bring potentially profound implications for insurers, financial stability & the economy" (Carney 2015)



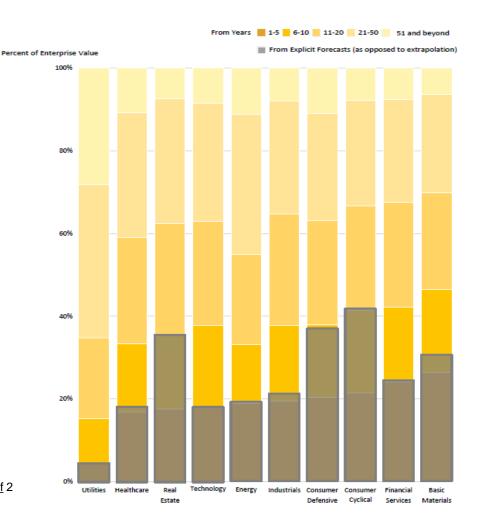
Breaking the tragedy of the horizon: climate change & financial stability
Sept. 2015 speech to Lloyds of London

"The past is not prologue and the catastrophic norms of the future can be seen in the tail risks of today....Risks to financial stability will be minimised if the transition begins early and follows a predictable path, thereby helping the market anticipate the transition to a 2 degree world".

Long Term Perspectives Needed

Enterprise Value Attributable to Time Period and Explicit Cash Flow Forecasts:

- Value is primarily based on the growth and discount rate assumptions used to calculate terminal value--not on Explicit Forecasts.
- More than 50% of the value of an oil and gas company resides in the value of cash flows to be generated in year 11 onwards (McKinsey and the Carbon Trust)



Source: http://www.tragedyofthehorizon.com/All-Swans-Are-Black-in-the-Dark.pdf 2 degree investing initiative 2017

FSB Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures

The Task Force developed **four widely-adoptable recommendations** on climate-related financial disclosures that are applicable to organizations across sectors and jurisdictions.

The recommendations are structured around four thematic areas that represent core elements of how organizations operate:



Governance

The organization's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities

Strategy

The actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organization's businesses, strategy, and financial planning

Risk Management

The processes used by the organization to identify, assess, and manage climate-related risks

Metrics and Targets

The metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities

Source: Final Report: Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (June 2017), https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/TCFD-Recommendations-Overview-062717.pdf.





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Towards a sustainable financial system



A financial system that serves the sustainable development of the EU is one that:

- 1. Is **productive**, financing job creation, education, innovation, infrastructures and other real economic needs
- Considers the full value of financial assets
- Demonstrates alignment between the preferences of its users and the outcomes along the lending and investment chain
- 4. Takes a **long-term** perspective, overcoming the 'tragedy of the horizon'.
- 5. Is **resilient** against a wide range of shocks

Source: Interim Report of the EU High Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance July 2017, https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/170718-sustainable-finance-presentation-christian-thimann-en.pdf.



- 1. A classification system for sustainable assets [stp]
- 2. A European standard and label for green bonds and other sustainable assets, as well as labels for sustainable funds [1]
- 3. Fiduciary duty that encompasses sustainability
- 4. Disclosures for Sustainability
- 5. A sustainability test in financial legislation
- 6. Create 'Sustainable Infrastructure Europe'
- 7. Position the European Supervisory Agencies on sustainability
- 8. Accounting standards for energy efficiency [SEP]

Source: Interim Report of the EU High Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance July 2017, https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/170713-sustainable-finance-report_en.

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