

# CLIMATE TRANSITION FINANCE

- moving carbon-intensive industries on to a sustainable path

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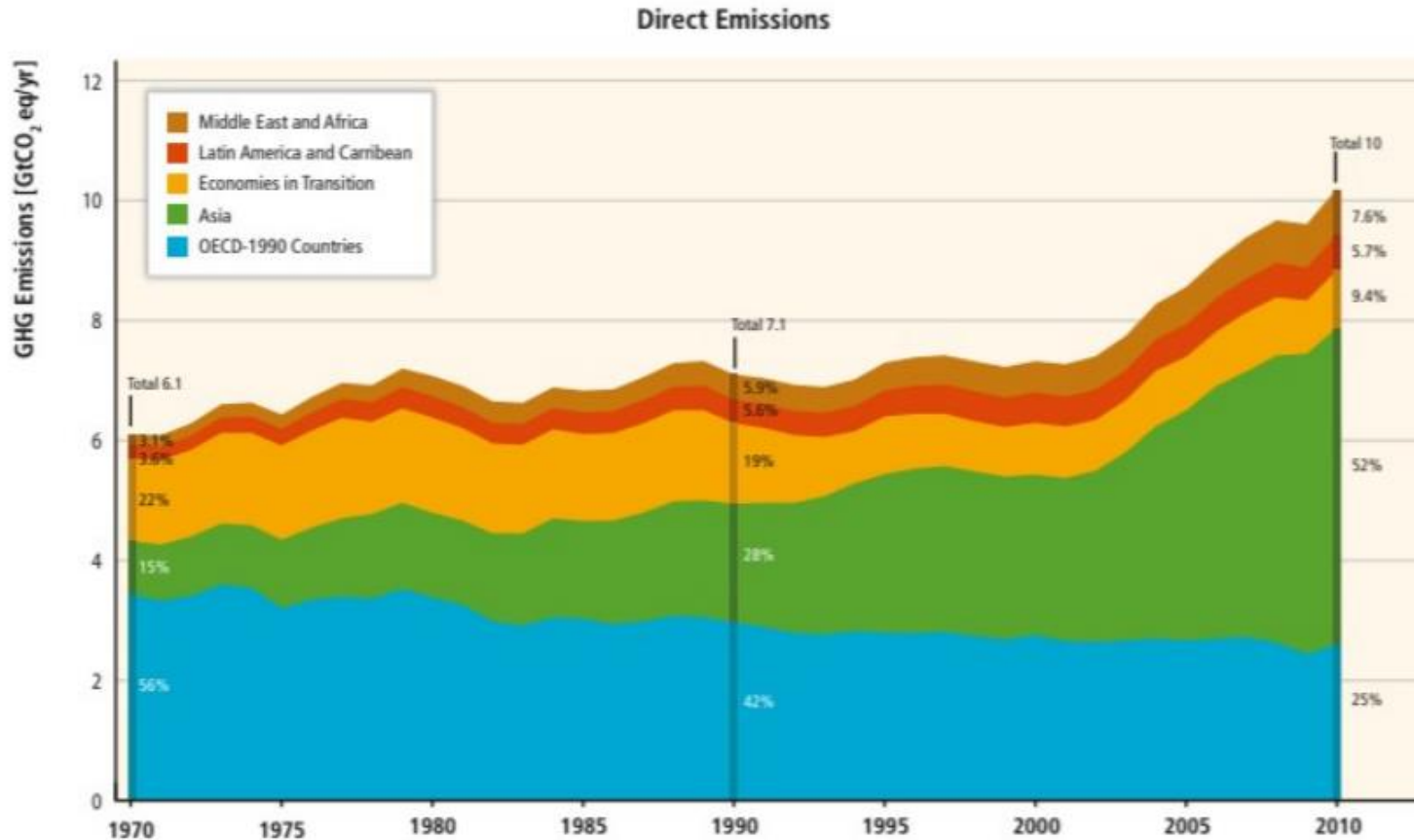
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# SUSTAINABLE FINANCE - THE FUTURE OF FINANCE



# WHY IS CLIMATE TRANSITION FINANCE IMPORTANT?

Limiting the global warming to 2° C will imply reducing GHG emissions by 80-95% of the 1990 level by 2050.



- Industry is one of the leading sources of increases in GHG emissions (accounting for about 28% in 2014) and is projected to represent the biggest share of GHG emissions by 2030.
- The 2° C target cannot be reached without decarbonizing industrial activities.
- Iron and steel, cement, chemicals and petrochemicals, aluminum, pulp and paper are among the high-emitting industries.
- The growth of industrial GHG emissions is expected to come from non-OECD countries.

# WHAT IS CLIMATE TRANSITION FINANCE? DIFFERENT ASPECTS

## Climate Bonds INITIATIVE



**1. In line with 1.5 degree trajectory**  
All goals and pathways need to align with zero carbon by 2050 and nearly halving emissions by 2030.



**2. Established by science**  
All goals and pathways must be led by scientific experts and be harmonised across countries.



**3. Offsets don't count**  
Credible transition goals and pathways don't count offsets, but should count upstream scope 3 emissions.



**4. Technological viability trumps economic competitiveness**  
Pathways must include an assessment of current and expected technologies. Where a viable technology exists, even if relatively expensive, it should be used to determine the decarbonisation pathway for that economic activity.



**5. Action not pledges**  
A credible transition is backed by operating metrics rather than a commitment/pledge to follow a transition pathway at some point in the future. In other words, this is NOT a transition to a transition.



Aimed at investors, TPI assesses companies' preparedness for the transition to a low-carbon economy, supporting efforts to address climate change.



SBTi provide companies with a clearly-defined path to reduce emissions in line with the Paris Agreement goals.



ACT develops sector-specific methodologies to assess company alignment with low-carbon transition and produce a rating reflecting the results.



## Net-Zero Company Benchmark

- 1. Ambition:** Whether the company has set an ambition to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 (or sooner);
- 2. Targets and goals:** If clear short-, medium- and long-term GHG reduction targets or goals covering all material scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions are in place and aligned to a 1.5°C global warming trajectory;
- 3. Decarbonisation strategy:** Whether the company has a robust decarbonisation strategy to deliver these GHG reduction targets, goals and ambitions;
- 4. Capital alignment:** Whether an assessment has been carried out of the extent to which a company's capital investment in carbon-intensive assets or business lines are consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement;
- 5. Climate policy support:** If a clear commitment and set of disclosures, clarifying intent to support climate policy, has been developed by the company, together with a demonstration of how direct and indirect lobbying is consistent with this intent;
- 6. Governance:** Whether the company has effective board oversight of, and remuneration linked to, delivery of GHG targets and goals (as described in point 2 above);
- 7. Just transition:** Whether the company has disclosed information on how a 'just transition' can be achieved – taking account of the impact on employees, communities and other stakeholders – and has been incorporated into the company's transition planning;
- 8. Reporting:** Whether the company's overall climate risk reporting is consistent with the recommendations of the TCFD.





# WHAT IS CLIMATE TRANSITION FINANCE? KEY ELEMENTS

**SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND TRANSITION PLAN WITH CLEAR TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS BEYOND BUSINESS AS USUAL**

**INTENTIONAL, MATERIAL TO BUSINESS, SCIENCE-BASED AND MEASUREABLE**

**REVIEWED BY INDEPENDENT PARTY**

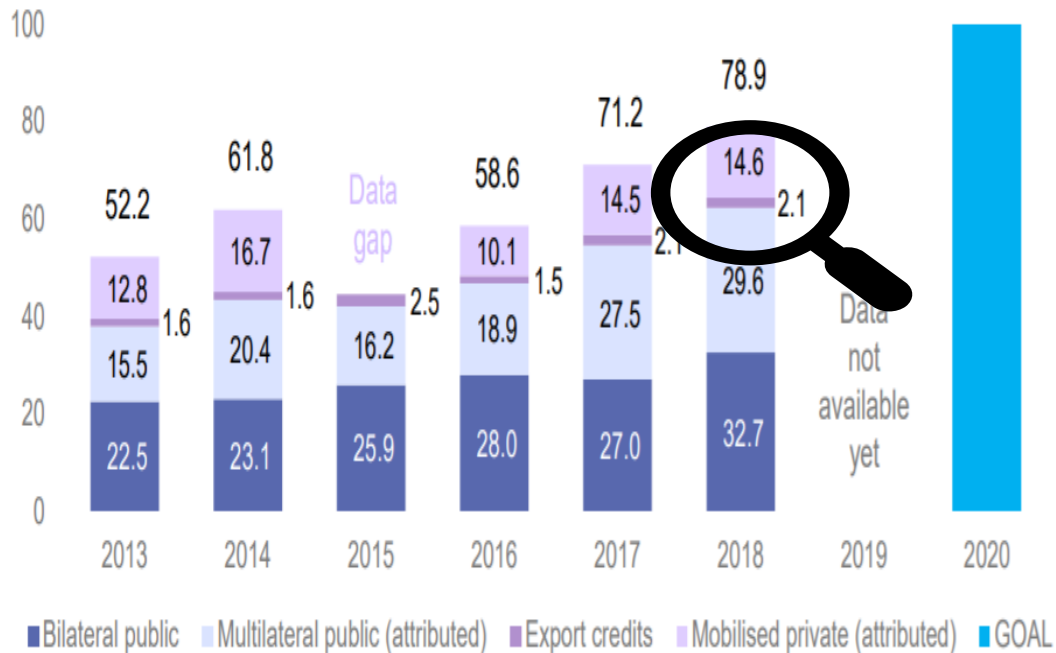
**ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS TRANSITION OBJECTIVES**

# THE GREEN SWAN IN TRADE FINANCE



**A climate event that is outside the normal range of expected events.**

Figure 1.1. Climate finance provided and mobilised (2013-18, USD billion)



**Should export credit be Paris-aligned?  
How can export credits help deliver on the commitments of the Paris Agreement?**

**How will climate change and sustainable finance change the way members co-finance/invest and re-insure?**

**How can export credit encourage and participate in new sustainable performance-linked financial structures?**

**Will the green swan change members' risk analysis and credit risk management?**

Source: OECD (2020): Climate Finance provided and mobilized by developed countries 2013-2018