

ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARDS ARTICLE 2.1(C) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

Considerations relating to scope, approaches and metrics

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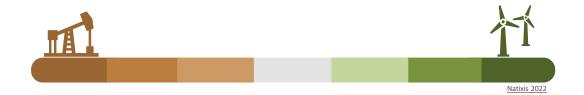
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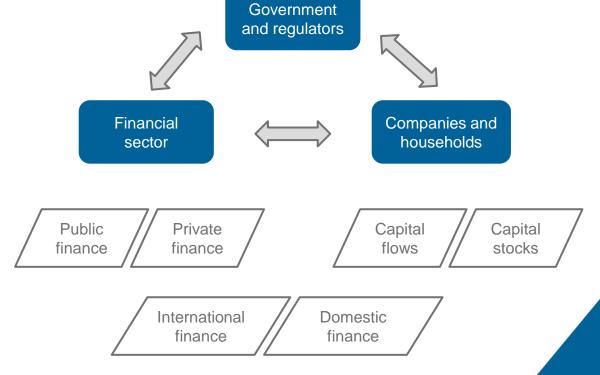
The all-encompassing scope of Article 2.1(c)

Alignment and misalignment of both finance and public policy instruments



Economy-wide perspective of the financial sector and real economy

All aspects and types of investments and financing activities





Key areas of OECD work on policies and levers to support alignment with 2.1(c)

Enhancing the credibility, accountability and integrity of financial sector climate commitments

- Guidance to improve the comparability, transparency and integrity of climate-related assessments and data
- Guidance on transition plans and finance
- Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct

Improving domestic enabling conditions for climate-consistent investments

- Enabling environment conducive to investment in general
- Specific enabling conditions for low-carbon and climate-resilient investment
- Ambitious and stable climate policies
- Coherent and consistent signals across different policy areas

Aligning development co-operation and climate action

Modernising export credit rules to better support the climate transition

Embedding climate considerations in international investment treaties



Metrics are needed at different levels of aggregation

Financial centres

Financial institutions

Financial portfolios

Financial assets, across asset classes

Real-economy assets and investments



Need for comprehensive asset class coverage

But current coverage is incomplete despite growing efforts

Listed equity

Private equity

Corporate debt

Co

Covered

Developing

Real estate

Infrastructure Sovereign bonds

Emerging



Different complementary metrics can provide a more holistic assessment

Examples of climate performance metrics

Absolute emissions metric

Applicable to all asset classes, but could disincentivise business growth

Sectoral decarbonisation metric

Independent of entity size, but challenging to apply to all sectors and asset classes

Economic Intensity metric

Applicable to all sectors, but volatile and may not reflect actual emissions reductions

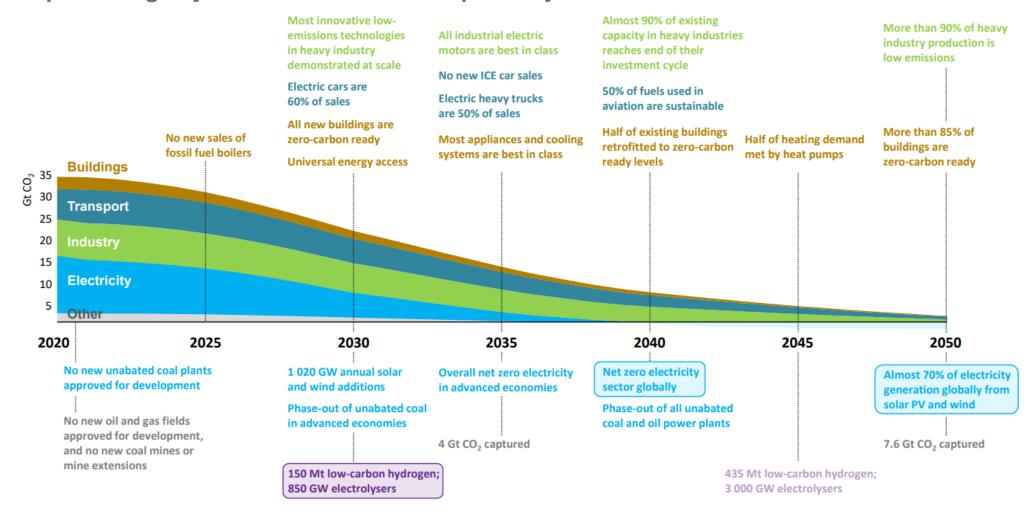
Non-GHG based climate performance metrics

More closely linked to realeconomy impacts



Relevance and difficulties in using scenarios as reference point for alignment assessments

Example: using key milestones in the IEA pathway to net zero





Lack of comparability in metrics and disclosure

Climate-alignment assessment results for 24 listed corporate equity assets

Across 8 emissions-intensive sectors

Company	Provider 1	Provider 2	Provider 3	Provider 5	Provider 4
Company A	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not available	2 Degrees	Not aligned
Company B	Not aligned	Not aligned	1.5 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company C	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned	2 Degrees
Company D	1.5 Degrees	2 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company E	1.5 Degrees	2 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company G	1.5 Degrees	2 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company F	Not aligned	1.5 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company H	Not aligned	Not available	Not available	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company I	Not aligned	1.5 Degrees	Not available	Not aligned	Not available
Company J	Not aligned	2 Degrees	Not available	2 Degrees	Not available
Company K	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not available	2 Degrees	Not aligned
Company L	Not aligned	2 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not aligned
Company M	Not aligned	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not aligned
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Company U	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not available	Not aligned	Not available
Company V	2 Degrees	Not aligned	2 Degrees	Not available	Not aligned
Company W	Not aligned	1.5 Degrees	Not aligned	Not available	2 Degrees
Company X	2 Degrees	Not aligned	Not aligned	Not available	Not aligned



Significant conceptual and technical challenges to assess the climate resilience of finance

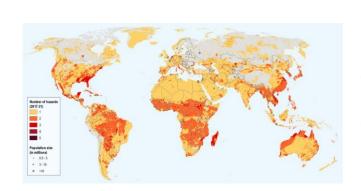
Explore possible methods and data that could be used for assessing progress towards the resilience-related provision of Article 2.1(c)

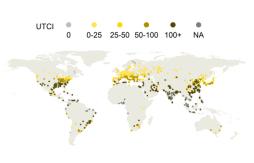
Geospatial distributions of climate hazards

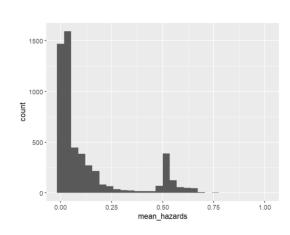
Entity-level data on climate exposure

Risks to company investments and financial holdings

Proxies for corporate resilience alignment











Potential steps forward and opportunities to measure progress related to Article 2.1(c)

Cross-cutting

- Cover real-economy investments, sources of finance, and financial markets
- Cover all financial asset classes, with asset-class specific methods and metrics as relevant
- Develop transparent and comparable metrics and underlying data

Mitigation

- Complement GHG-based metrics with non-GHG metrics to assess realeconomy impacts and transition plans
- Use complementary reference points to capture uncertainty
- Reflect national and sectoral circumstances while maintaining global environmental integrity

Resilience

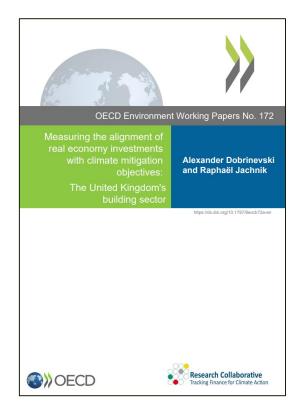
- Develop relevant resilience-related policy reference points
- Move beyond risk and exposure analyses to consistency and alignment metrics



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Published pilot studies on measuring the alignment of real-economy investments

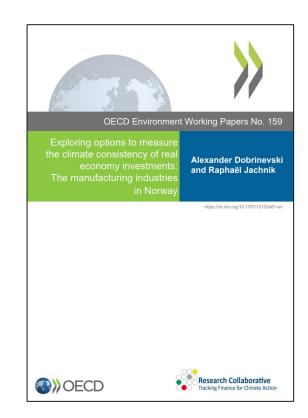


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Measuring the alignment of real
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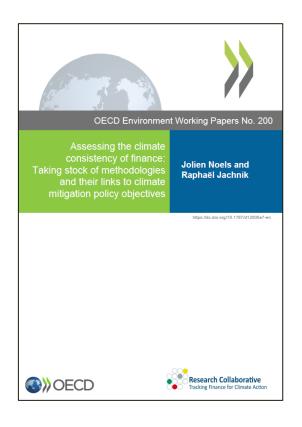


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Published and forthcoming work on assessing the climate-alignment of finance



Noels and Jachnik (2022) Assessing the climate consistency of finance:
Taking stock of methodologies and their links to climate mitigation policy objectives

Forthcoming work

- Use of climate change mitigation scenarios for financial sector target setting and alignment assessment
- Characteristics and coverage of metrics put forward by framework providers to support the monitoring of net-zero commitments by financial institutions
- Testing data and approaches to assess the climate resilience of finance and investments