

## Introduction

> 195 countries have signed the Paris Climate Agreement which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to keep temperature increase to below 2°C  ESG goes further than greenhouse gasses: the 193 UN countries have signed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

230+ indicators to measure progress on poverty, education, equality, energy, climate, nature and peace.



## Introduction

- Countries have committed themselves to KPIs and are implementing policies and regulations
- Most of the measurement is based on statistics and mathematical models

- It will take years for governments to enforce sustainability reporting on a large scale
- Some industries need more data already: the Financial Services Industry



## Financial Services Industry

- Central banks across Europe and the world are urging financial institutions to express climate-related financial risks on their balance sheets.
- Banks should put a price on carbon-heavy industries to avoid "stranded assets"

- The Task Force on Climaterelated Financial Disclosures (TCFD) helps companies to enhance their disclosures of climate-related information.
- A number of frameworks help organizations to collect the required information, e.g. PCAF.

#### **Supra-national**

**Policies** 

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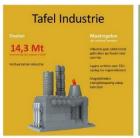
National climate policies

# National / public sector















Reporting













standards-based digital reporting (Standard Business Reporting)

**Private sector** 









## Example: PCAF

- > In the Netherlands, the Dutch government, banks and the SBR governance are working together with the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF).
- PCAF is a reporting standard to measure emissions, which enable financial institutions to measure the impact of their investments.

PCAF is adopted by dozens of financial institutions worldwide and growing fast. The methodology is actively used. However, they are currently not using computer-readable definitions and data exchange, which leads to manual processes and sub-optimal data quality.

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# Example: PCAF

PCAF data could be the input for TCFD: "... where TCFD describes metrics to disclose impact and risk for sectors, PCAF allows harmonized accounting for the financial sector at the detailed level of asset classes."

- In cooperation with SBR, PCAF will set up a "structured data" working group, leading to a taxonomy and data exchange standards.
- We aim to use international standards and taxonomy architecture.



# Climate initiatives in the Financial Industry

