

# The role of private investors in the transition towards a low emission economy:

lock-in risks for emission-intensive investments

Destination 2050: developing long term climate strategy for Poland

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### Paris Agreement Objectives



- (a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels (...);
- (b) Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production;
- (c) Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climateresilient development.

#### Mark Carney, Tragedy on the Horizon





Speech by Mark Carney, Governor, given at Lloyd's of London on 29 September 2015, Bank of England 2015

#### Threats to financial stability



- Physical risks: the impacts today on insurance liabilities and the value of financial assets that arise from climate- and weather-related events, such as floods and storms that damage property or disrupt trade;
- Liability risks: the impacts that could arise tomorrow if parties who have suffered loss or damage from the effects of climate change seek compensation from those they hold responsible. Such claims could come decades in the future, but have the potential to hit carbon extractors and emitters and, if they have liability cover, their insurers the hardest;
- Transition risks: the financial risks which could result from the process of adjustment towards a lower-carbon economy. Changes in policy, technology and physical risks could prompt a reassessment of the value of a large range of assets as costs and opportunities become apparent.

#### Transition risk 1





#### INTERNATIONAL

# Nearly half of US coal is produced by companies that have declared bankruptcy — and Trump won't fix that

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#### **Transition Risk 2**



Politics

#### FINANCIAL TIMES

# **GE and Siemens: power pioneers** flying too far from the sun

The two industrial titans are struggling to cope with the disruption to their business models

from wind and solar



Ed Crooks in New York and Patrick McGee in Frankfurt NOVEMBER 12, 2017

BUSINESS NEWS JUNE 18, 2019 / 3:28 PM / 6 DAYS AGO

Siemens to cut 2,700 jobs at gas and power unit

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# The World Will Get Half Its Power From Wind, Solar by 2050

**Bloomberg** 

By Millicent Dent and Chris Martin

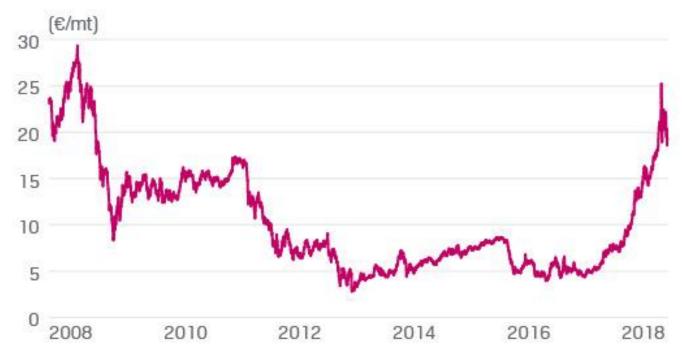
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#### **Transition Risk 3**



#### EU CARBON PRICES RECOVER AS LEGISLATION TIGHTENS SUPPLY



Graph shows EU Allowance (EUA) carbon prices under EU Emissions Trading System. Source: S&P Global Platts, European Energy Exchange

> S&P Global Platts



#### Public and Private Initiatives















32 Trillion USD

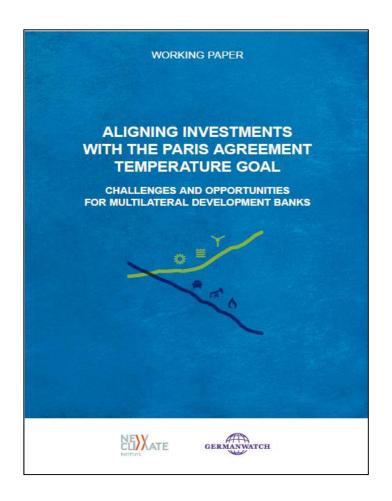


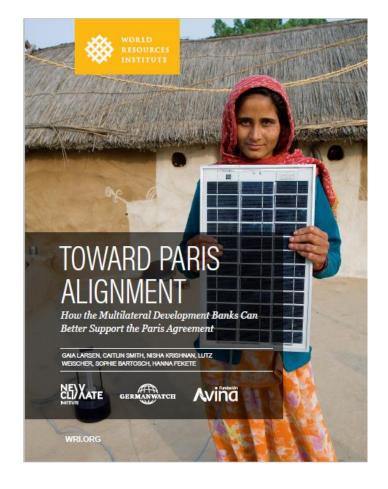


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#### Research 2018



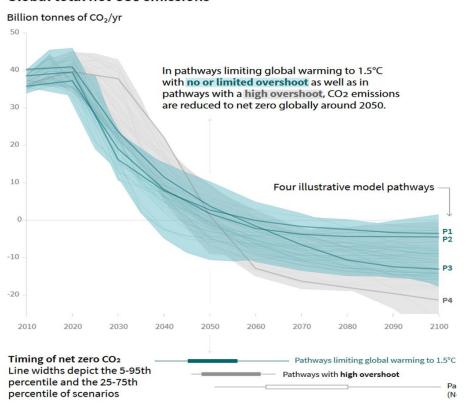




#### IPCC Special Report 1.5C



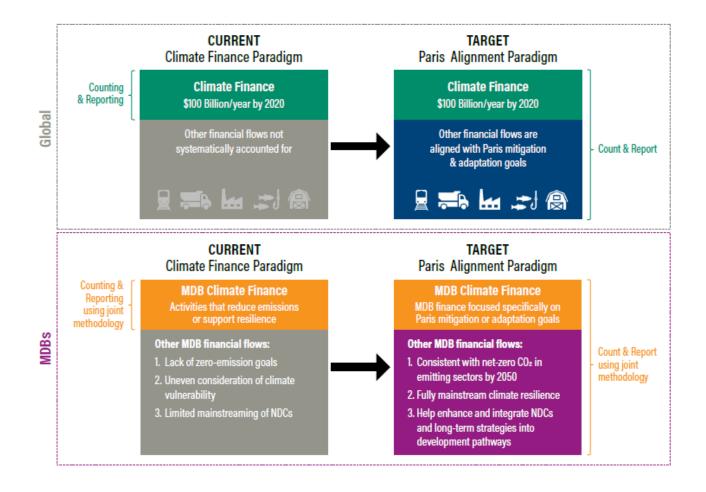
#### Global total net CO2 emissions



- » Global emissions must peak quickly
- Global emissions need to become net-zero between 2045 and 2060
- Energy sector needs to reach zero emissions around 2050
- Complete decarbonization in every sector is not feasible
- Global emissions need to keep falling between 2060 and 2100

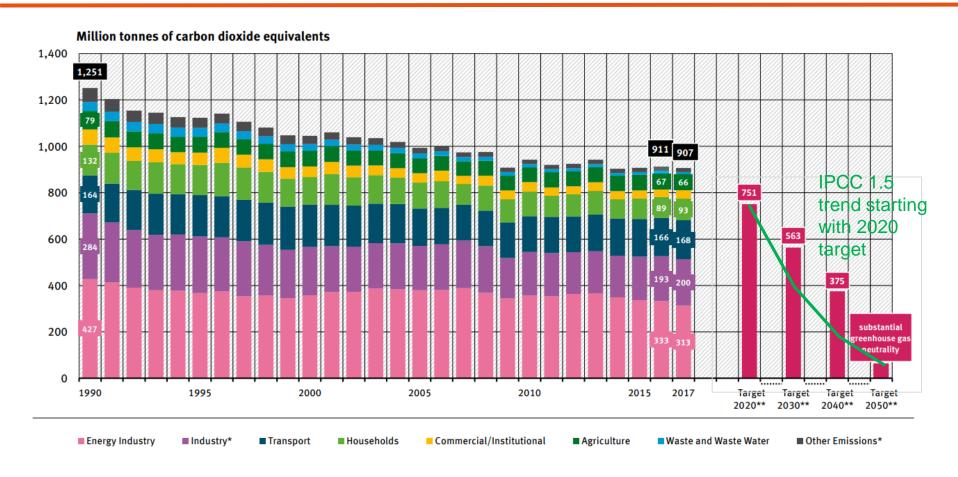
# Defining Paris alignment





# Historical emissions and future targets of Germany





Sources: German Federal Environment Agency (2019), Höhne et al. (2019)

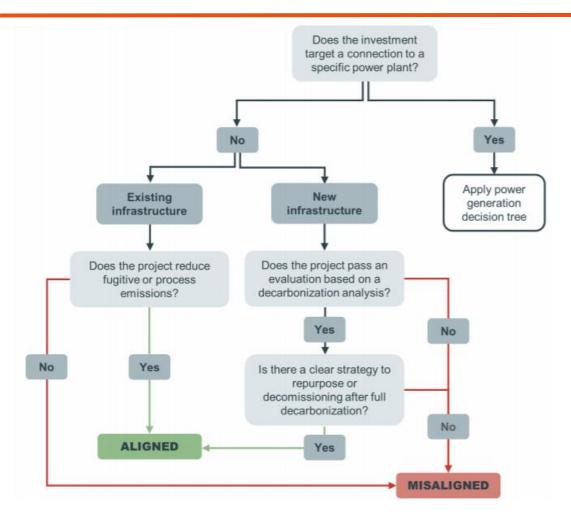
# Positive and Negative Lists



PARIS-ALIGNED	CONDITIONAL	MISALIGNED
Fully aligned with Paris Agreement consistently across all scenarios	Aligned depending on conditions	Consistently Paris misaligned in all scenarios
<ul><li>Solar energy</li><li>Wind energy</li><li>Small hydropower</li></ul>	distribution infrastructure ur life  • Geothermal <sup>2)</sup>	<ul> <li>Coal fired power plants with unabated emissions over their lifetime</li> <li>Oil power plants</li> <li>Coal mining</li> <li>New upstream oil and gas exploration and production</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Tidal, wave and ocean energy</li> <li>System flexibility options (electricity energy storage, demand response,)</li> </ul>	Gas (power plants, transport of gas) <sup>1)</sup>	
	• Large hydropower <sup>2),3)</sup>	
	<ul> <li>Bioenergy, incl. bio energy carbon capture storage<sup>3),4)</sup></li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Coal with carbon capture and storage (CCS)<sup>1),3)</sup></li> </ul>	
	Nuclear <sup>3)</sup>	

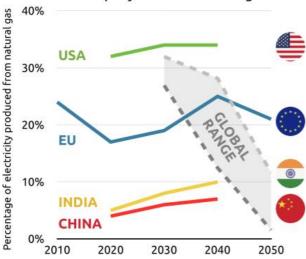
# Decision trees: Example gas infrastructure





#### WRONG DIRECTION

Natural gas in electricity generation must rapidly decline in the long term



- -- Global % of natural gas without CCS in a 1.5°C scenario
- -- Global % of natural gas without CCS in a 2°C scenario
- EU % of natural gas in electricity mix
   India % of natural gas in electricity mix
- India % or natural gas in electricity mix
   China % of natural gas in electricity mix
- USA % of natural gas in electricity mix

Figure 2: Projected share of electricity from natural gas compared with the range of global scenarios consistent with 1.5°C/2°C concerning the share of electricity from gas without CCS. Calculations based on MESSAGE (IIASA 2016). IEA WEO

### Economic trends and alignment





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**NEWS RELEASE** 

#### US energy storage market grows 232% year-over-year in Q1 2019

A new report from Wood Mackenzie and the Energy Storage

Association finds that the US storage for megawatts deployed in a single qu

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#### Solar+storage can outcompete "midmerit" gas units, not just peakers

Solar plus storage can deliver, at lower cost, the same generation profile as "midmerit" gas generating units in a number of cases studied, per an analysis published by Fluence.

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