

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND BANKING SECTOR

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# The maturity level of the Greek Banking system on ESG issues

## ➤ The Greek Banks Founding Signatories of the Principles for Responsible Banking

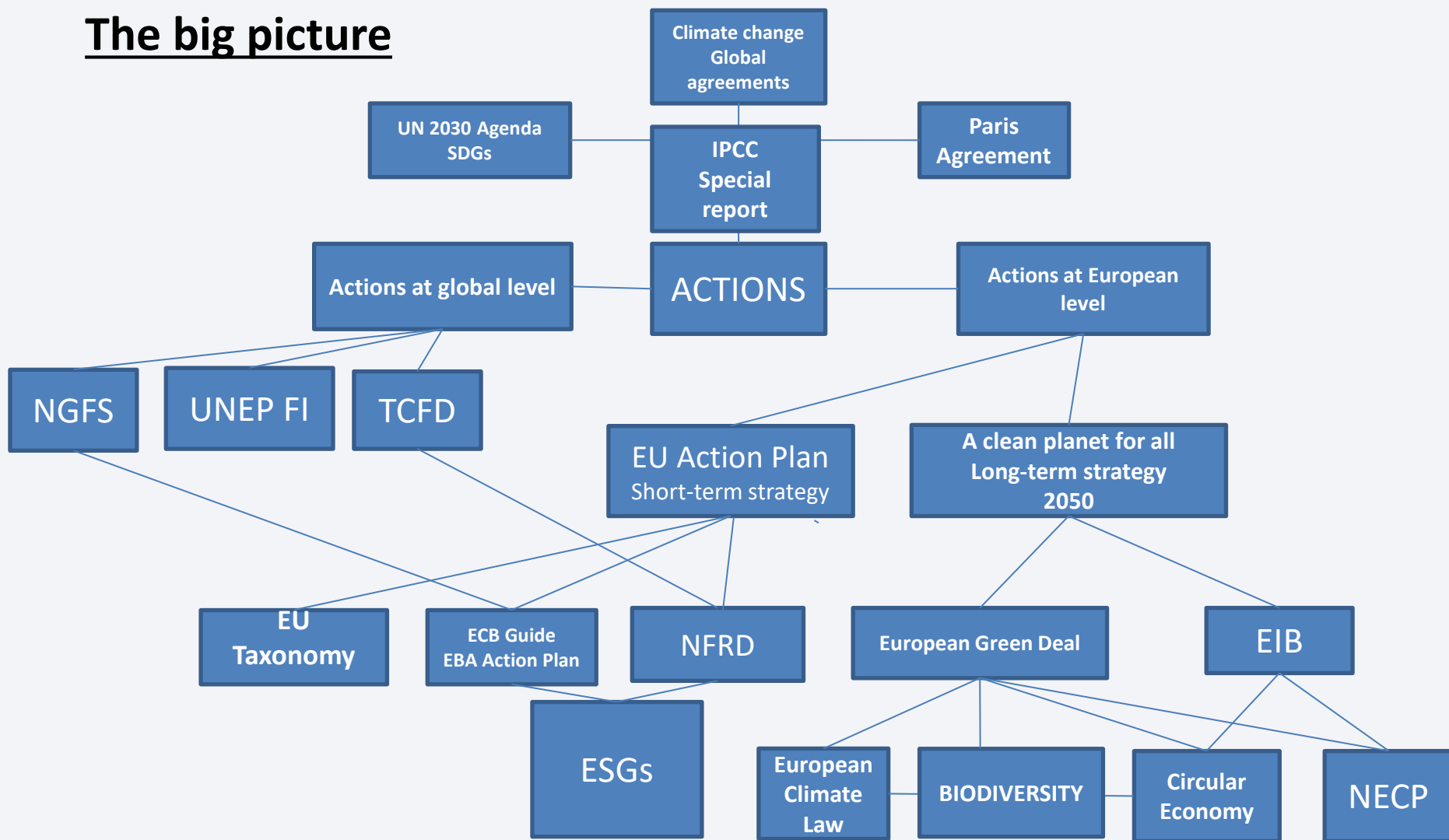
 <p><b>PRINCIPLE 1: ALIGNMENT</b></p> <p>We will align our business strategy to be consistent with and contribute to individuals' needs and society's goals, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement and relevant national and regional frameworks.</p>	 <p><b>PRINCIPLE 2: IMPACT &amp; TARGET SETTING</b></p> <p>We will continuously increase our positive impacts while reducing the negative impacts on, and managing the risks to, people and environment resulting from our activities, products and services. To this end, we will set and publish targets where we can have the most significant impacts.</p>	 <p><b>PRINCIPLE 3: CLIENTS &amp; CUSTOMERS</b></p> <p>We will work responsibly with our clients and our customers to encourage sustainable practices and enable economic activities that create shared prosperity for current and future generations.</p>
 <p><b>PRINCIPLE 4: STAKEHOLDERS</b></p> <p>We will proactively and responsibly consult, engage and partner with relevant stakeholders to achieve society's goals.</p>	 <p><b>PRINCIPLE 5: GOVERNANCE &amp; CULTURE</b></p> <p>We will implement our commitment to these Principles through effective governance and a culture of responsible banking.</p>	 <p><b>PRINCIPLE 6: TRANSPARENCY &amp; ACCOUNTABILITY</b></p> <p>We will periodically review our individual and collective implementation of these Principles and be transparent about and accountable for our positive and negative impacts and our contribution to society's goals.</p>



## ➤ Environmental & Social Management System, ESMS

<https://www.hba.gr/UplDocs/ESMS-Final-English.pdf>

# The big picture



# The European Union Strategy on Adaptation to the Climate Change

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(a) **EU Action Plan:** Financing sustainable growth (**short - term strategy**) to:

- **reorient capital flows** towards **sustainable investment** in order to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth
- **manage** financial risks stemming from climate change
- foster **transparency** and long-termism in financial and economic activity

➤ Key player the financial system

- EU Taxonomy
- ECB Guide
- NFRD

# PHYSICAL RISK



*Company impact on climate  
can be financially material*

# TRANSITION RISK



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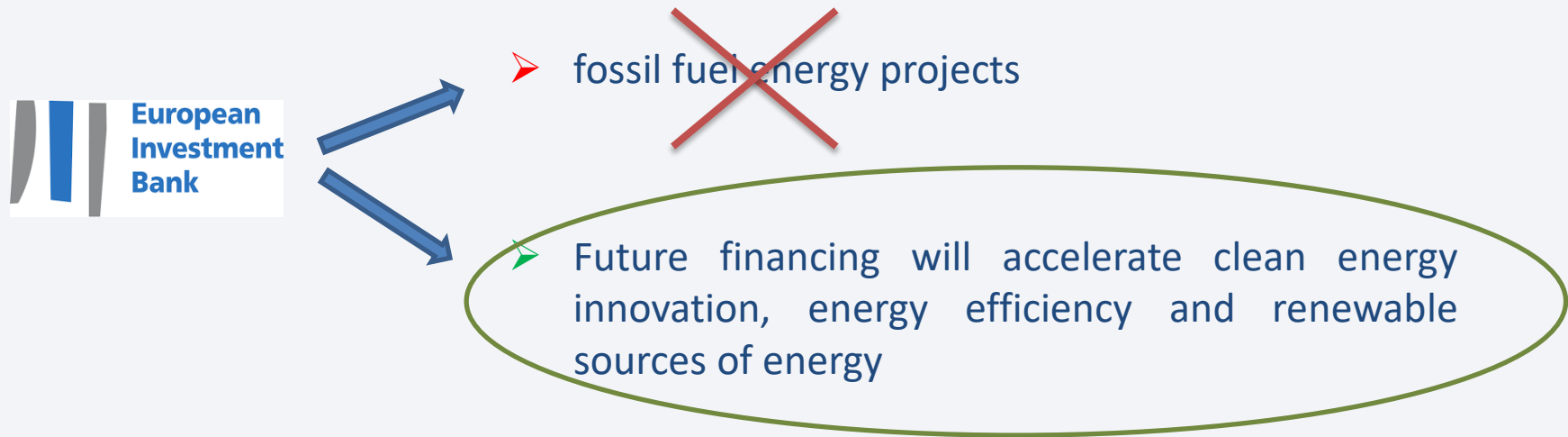
(b) A clean planet for all. A European strategic **long-term vision** for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy:

- European Green Deal
  - European Climate Law
  - Circular economy Strategy
  - Biodiversity Strategy



- National Energy and Climate Plan

# EIB New Climate Strategy and Energy Lending Policy



- EIB Group financing will unlock EUR 1 trillion for climate action and environmental sustainable investment in the decade to 2030
- EIB Group will align all financing activities with the goals of the Paris Agreement from the end of 2020

# EBF Proposals

## ENCOURAGING AND REWARDING SUSTAINABILITY Accelerating sustainable finance in the banking sector

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- Creation of a European Sustainable Finance Guarantee Fund
- Risk Management: reduction of capital requirements for certain sustainable assets that show a lower financial risk
- European Green Funding
- Preferential treatment of collateral
- Fiscal and financial measures

**Thank you for your attention**

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