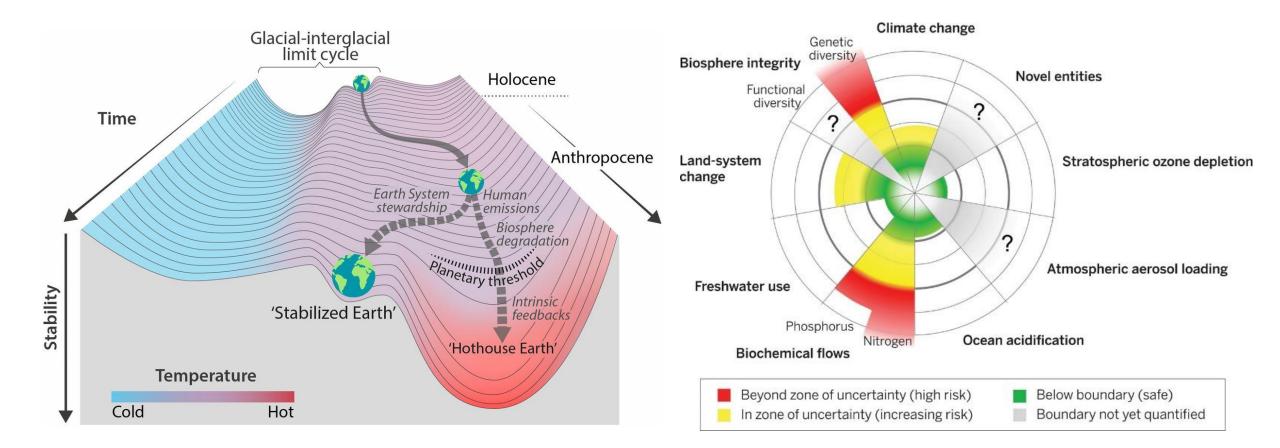


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# Sustainable Taxonomy

# **Urgency of environmental challenges**



Source:Trajectories of the Earth System in the Anthropocene, Steffen et al. <u>http://www.pnas.org/content/115/33/8252</u>

Source: Planetary boundaries, Stockholm Resilience Centre



### **Six environmental objectives**

Climate change mitigation



**Climate change adaptation** 

sustainable and protection of water and musearine resources;



transition to a circular economy

pollution prevention and control;



protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.



# **Six environmental objectives – the goals**





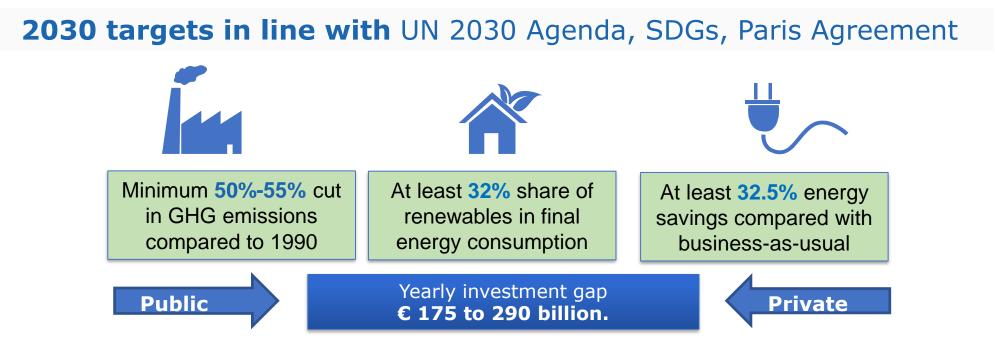
**Climate change adaptation** 

- Net zero by 2050
- 50% to 55% reductions by 2030

- Build capacity
- Increase resilience



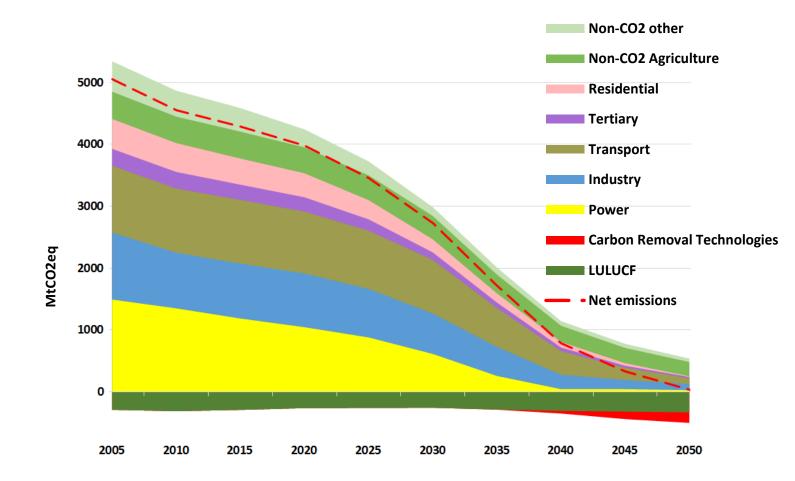
### **Climate change mitigation - opportunities for finance**



#### 2050 target of net zero emissions



#### **Climate 'Transition' must have a destination**



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Source: 2050 long term strategy, https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2050 en

# **Climate 'Transition' – TEG response**

- Clarity on the environmental goal
- Transition activities and criteria that reduce over time
- Capex and op-ex count
- Improvement measures count
- But not every activity is sustainable (or 'green')
- Avoid lock-in



### **A Taxonomy framework fit for purpose**

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to at least one of the six environmental objectives as defined in the proposed Regulation

#### Do no significant harm

to any of the other five environmental objecties as defined in the proposed Regulation Comply with minimum safeguards



# **TEG Reports: March 2020**



#### **Summary Report**

- Key concepts & important design decisions
- Detailed guidance for investors and companies
- Commentary on future development



#### **Technical Annex**

- Full methodologies
- Detailed criteria with detailed rationale
- Mitigation + Adaptation + DNSH



#### **Taxonomy spreadsheet**

- All criteria in summary form
- Tables for economic classification systems



# What has TEG changed since June 2019

- 1. Received your feedback
  - Updated 70 mitigation activities
- 2. Created 68 adaptation activities
  - Including DNSH to mitigation criteria
- 3. Guidance for companies and financial participants
- 4. Learning on international harmonisation
- 5. Learning on future taxonomy



# What is in the Taxonomy now?

#### Mitigation Adaptation

Agriculture and forestry	8	8
Manufacturing	9	9
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	25	25
Water, sewerage, waste and remediation	12	12
Transport	10	10
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	2	-
Buildings	4	2
Insurance services	-	1
Engineering services	-	1
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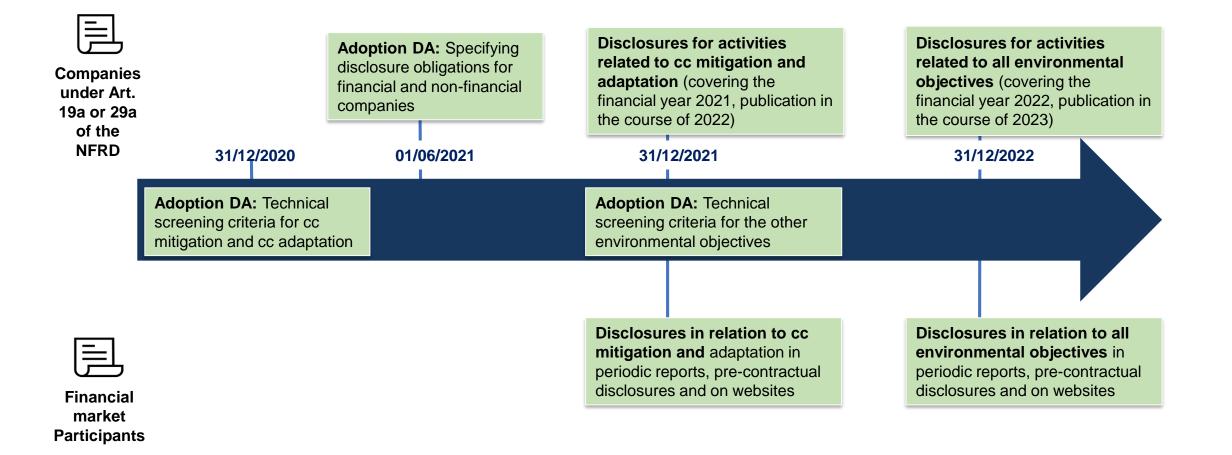


### **Expanded guidance for users**

#### How to apply the Taxonomy to an equity portfolio **Company A Company B** Company C Company Company Company activities activities activities 15% 12% 8% % Taxonomyaligned 30% weight 50% weight 20% weight Portfolio Taxonomy-My equity fund is 10.6% taxonomy-aligned alignment

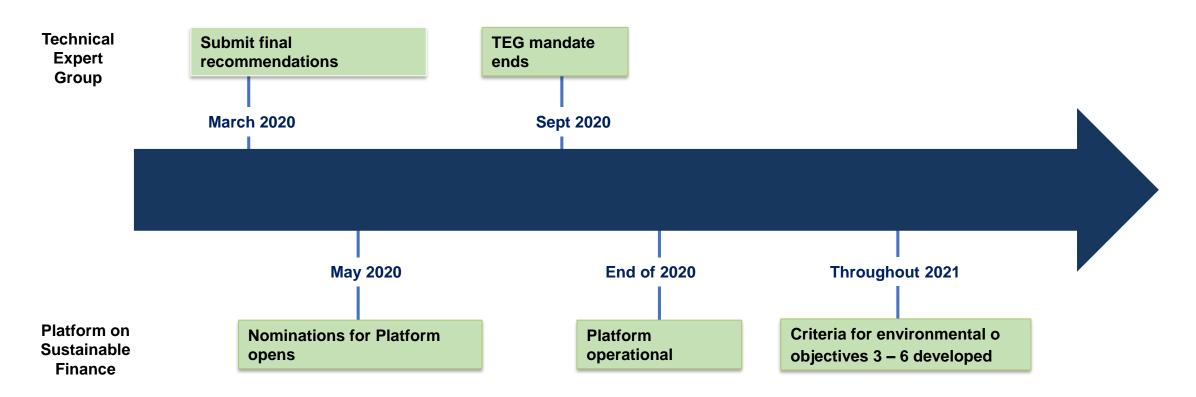


# Who must do what by when?





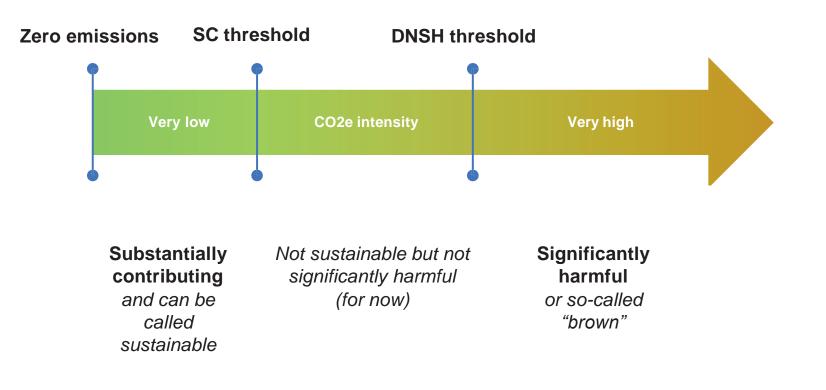
### **Timeline for future technical work**





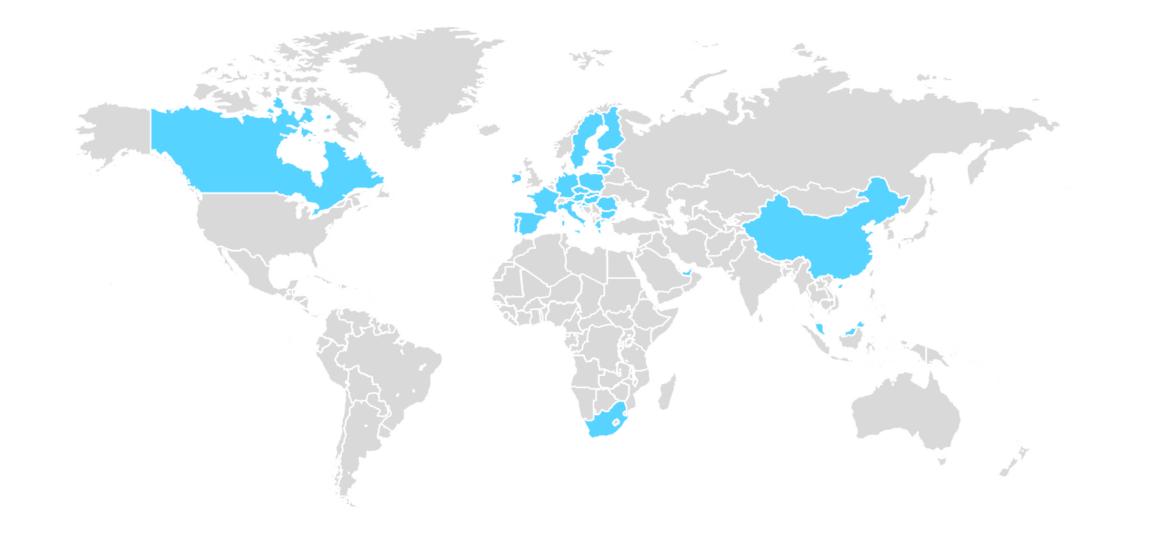
# **Transition from environmentally harmful performance**







### A basis for international harmonisation





# **Basis for international harmonisation**

- 1. Clear environmental objectives
  - e.g. Target year and emissions budget or target
- 2. A list of economic activities
- 3. Performance metrics
- 4. Performance thresholds



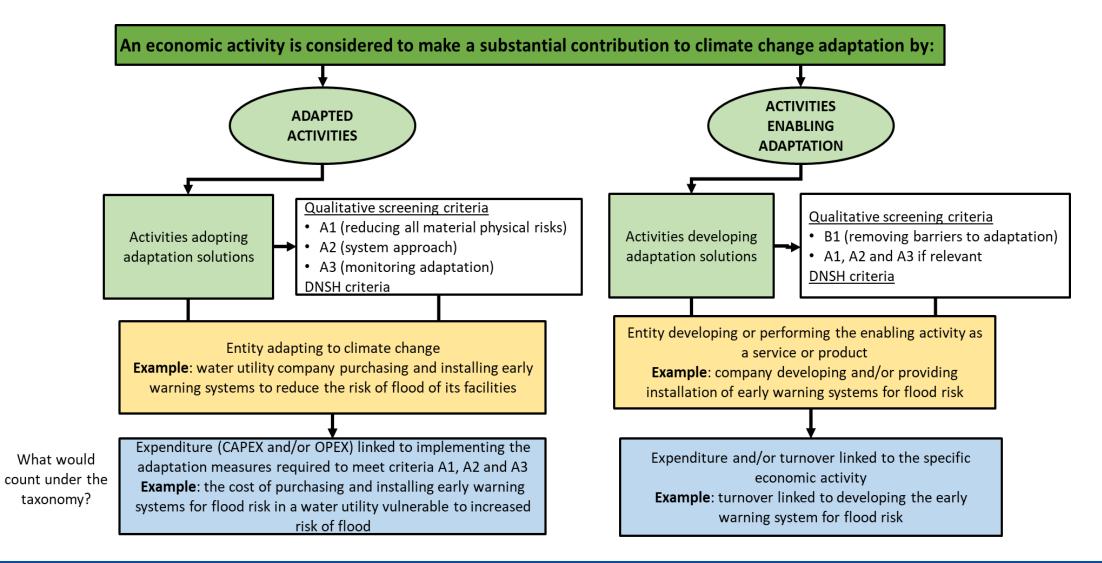
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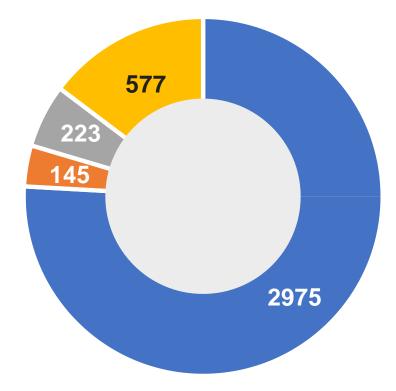


# **Adaptation activities**





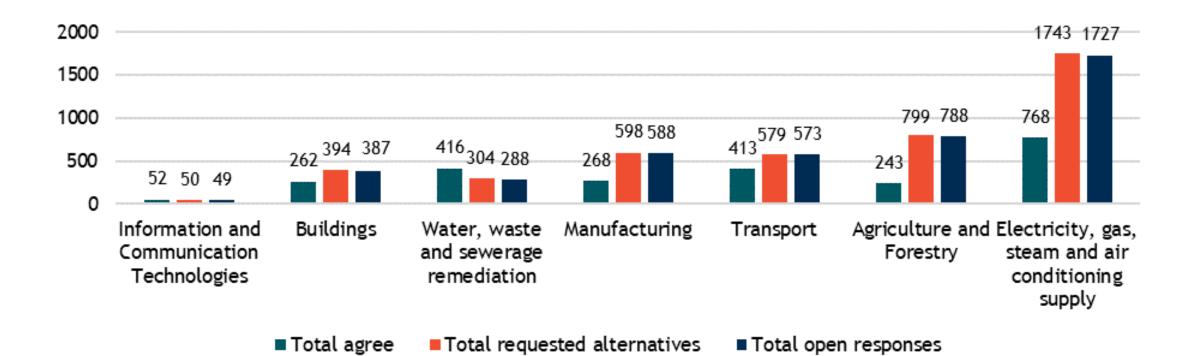
# **Responding to technical feedback – distribution**



- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Usability of taxonomy
- Future development of the taxonomy



### **Responding to technical feedback**





### **Proposed criteria**



Transport Zero tailpipe & very low emissions: electric; hydrogen



Agriculture Maintaining carbon; Improving carbon; Best practice farming



Water & waste management Energy efficiency; Adaptation



Manufacturing

Low carbon components; Aluminium;

Steel; Concrete; Plastics







#### **Electricity: 100gms Coe/KWh**

Solar, wind, geothermal, hydro Gas only if with CCS enabled Storage, transmission





**Buildings** Top 15%, or 30% improvements Supply chain / SMEs



