

Annex I: Timeline of planned European Commission (EC) policy actions

The table below sets out the key policy actions contained in the [Annex](#) to the EC's Strategy for Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Economy. We have only included the policy actions which have a defined date.

Financing the transition of the real economy towards sustainability	
Action 1: The EC will develop a more comprehensive framework and help the financing of intermediary steps towards sustainability	
Policy action	Timeline
EC to adopt Taxonomy Delegated Act covering activities not covered in the first EU Taxonomy Delegated Act, such as agriculture and certain energy sectors	Summer 2021
EC to publish a report describing the provisions that would be required to cover economic activities that do not have a significant impact on environmental sustainability and economic activities that significantly harm environmental sustainability	End-2021
EC to adopt another Taxonomy Delegated Act covering the remaining four environmental objectives (i.e. water, biodiversity, pollution prevention and circular economy) and adopt technical screening criteria for further activities contributing to climate objectives (e.g. further manufacturing and transportation activities)	H1 2022
In cooperation with the ESAs and the Platform on Sustainable Finance, the EC to work on further bond labels such as transitional or sustainability-linked bonds	2022
EC to introduce targeted prospectus disclosures for green, social and sustainable securities	2022
EC to review the minimum standards for both EU Climate Transition Benchmarks and EU-Paris aligned Benchmarks to ensure that the selection of underlying assets is coherent with the EU Taxonomy	31 December 2022
In cooperation with the ESAs and the Platform on Sustainable Finance, the EC to assess the needs and merits of a general framework for labels for financial instruments financing the transition of the economy	2023
Towards a more inclusive sustainable finance framework	
Action 2: The EC will work toward an inclusive sustainable finance framework for all	
EC to propose a Sustainable Corporate Governance Initiative	2021
EC to integrate sustainable finance aspects in the development of the upcoming joint EU/OECD-INFE financial competence framework for individuals, starting with adults	End-2021
EC to publish a report on a social taxonomy (as required by the Taxonomy Regulation)	End-2021
EC to ask the EBA for an opinion on the definition and possible supporting tools for green retail loans and green mortgages	Q2 2022
EC to ask EIOPA to continue the development of the natural disaster dashboard	Mid-2022
EC to launch a Climate Resilience dialogue to exchange best practices and identify how to address the climate protection gap and increase climate resilience	2022

EC to engage with the ESAs to further improve the regulatory technical standards under the SFDR (clarifying indicators for principal adverse impacts regarding climate, environmental and social matters)	December 2022
EC to explore how to support the uptake of energy efficient mortgages (as part of the review of the Mortgage Credit Directive)	End-2022
EC to offer technical support to Member States to provide SMEs with access to sustainability advisory services and sustainable financing with low administrative burden	2023
EC to explore whether the EU Taxonomy should be expanded to include activities to support the development of and investments in low or zero emission data centres and distributed ledger technologies, including for crypto-assets	2023
<i>Improving the financial sector's resilience and contribution to sustainability: the double materiality perspective</i>	
Action 3: To enhance economic and financial resilience to sustainability risks, the EC will take further steps with regard to accounting, credit ratings, micro-prudential and macro-prudential regulation.	
EC to invite ESMA to share its assessment on the implementation of the updated guidelines aimed at improving disclosure of information on how ESG factors are taken into account in credit ratings and outlooks	Q3 2021
EC to propose amendments in the upcoming review of the CRR/CRD to ensure ESG factors are consistently included in risk management rules of banks	2021
EC to invite ESMA to share its findings on how ESG factors are incorporated by CRAs in their methodologies	Q2 2022
EC to publish a report setting out a methodological framework to assess financial stability risks associated with biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, and explore policy changes needed	2022
EC to take action to ensure that relevant ESG risks are systemically captured in credit ratings and rating outlooks in a transparent manner, subject to ESMA's findings	Q1 2023
EBA to bring forward the date of its ongoing assessment of the prudential treatment of sustainability exposures from 2025 to 2023	2023
EIOPA to investigate whether a dedicated prudential treatment of exposures (related to assets and activities associated with environmental and/or social objectives) would be justified	2023
EC to deliver a report on climate-related financial stability risks and their likely evolution, with proposals for further policy actions if appropriate	End-2023
Action 4: The EC will work to improve the contribution of the financial sector to sustainability goals	
EC to organise a targeted public consultation on the functioning of the market for ESG ratings	Q4 2021
Subject to an impact assessment, the EC to take action to strengthen the reliability and comparability of ESG ratings	Q1 2023
EC to review how the Shareholder Rights Directive (SRD II) may better reflect impact considerations and global best practices in stewardship guidelines	2023
Action 5: The EC will work to monitor an orderly transition and ensure the integrity of the EU financial system	

EC to strengthen cooperation with the ECB, ESRB, ESAs and the EEA on a common approach to ensure the double materiality perspective is consistently integrated across the EU financial system	2022
EC to conduct a detailed long-term investment needs and investment gap analysis taking into account legislative proposals and future investment needs studies	Q1 2023
EC to invite Member States to prepare an assessment of their financial market's contribution to the climate goals that will cover banks, asset managers, pension funds and insurance companies	June 2023
EC to publish a consolidated report on the state of play of EU financial markets' transition, and assess the impact of the EU sustainable finance agenda	End-2023
<p><i>Fostering global ambition</i></p> <p>Action 6: The EC will commit to setting a high level of ambition in developing international sustainable finance initiatives and standards, embracing the concept of double materiality and supporting EU partner countries.</p>	
International Platform on Sustainable Finance to publish reports on (a) a Common Ground Taxonomy; (b) Sustainability-related Disclosures and (c) its annual report	Q3 2021