



Creating Opportunities

# Towards the Next Level in Sustainable Finance

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# Agenda

- 01 Investment gap and growth of sustainable finance
- 02 Scaling up sustainable finance in emerging markets and developing economies





01.

Investment gap and  
growth of sustainable  
finance

# The world is living in an era of unprecedented change and sustainability is a significant and long-term opportunity

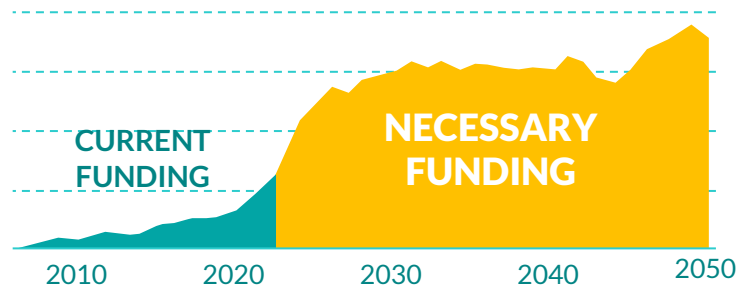


## Banks have a key role

to play in financing the transformation by allocating funds to decarbonization technologies that offer long-term growth

Only on climate it is necessary global investments in sustainability imply a great potential incremental business

**\$275 TRILLION**      **~8 % WORLD GDP**  
Annual Average  
30 Years

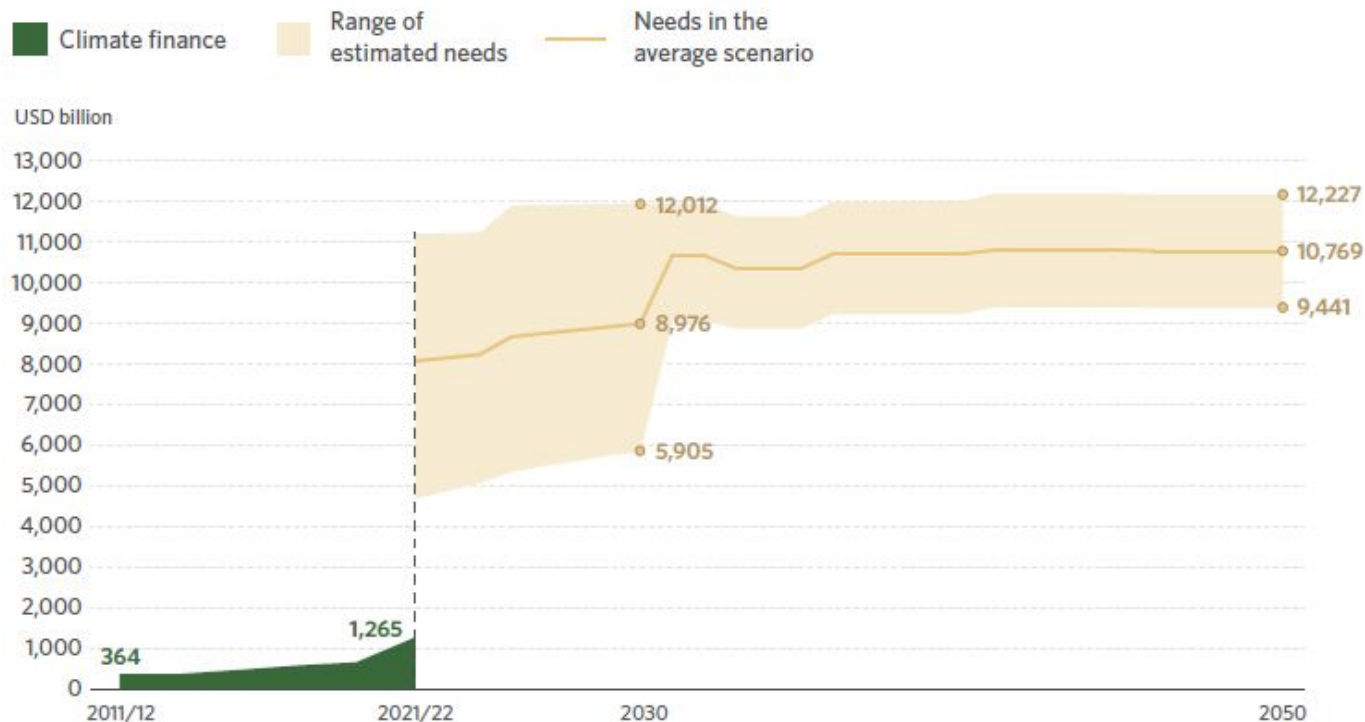


Source: BNEF, McKinsey

# Climate finance must increase by at least fivefold annually

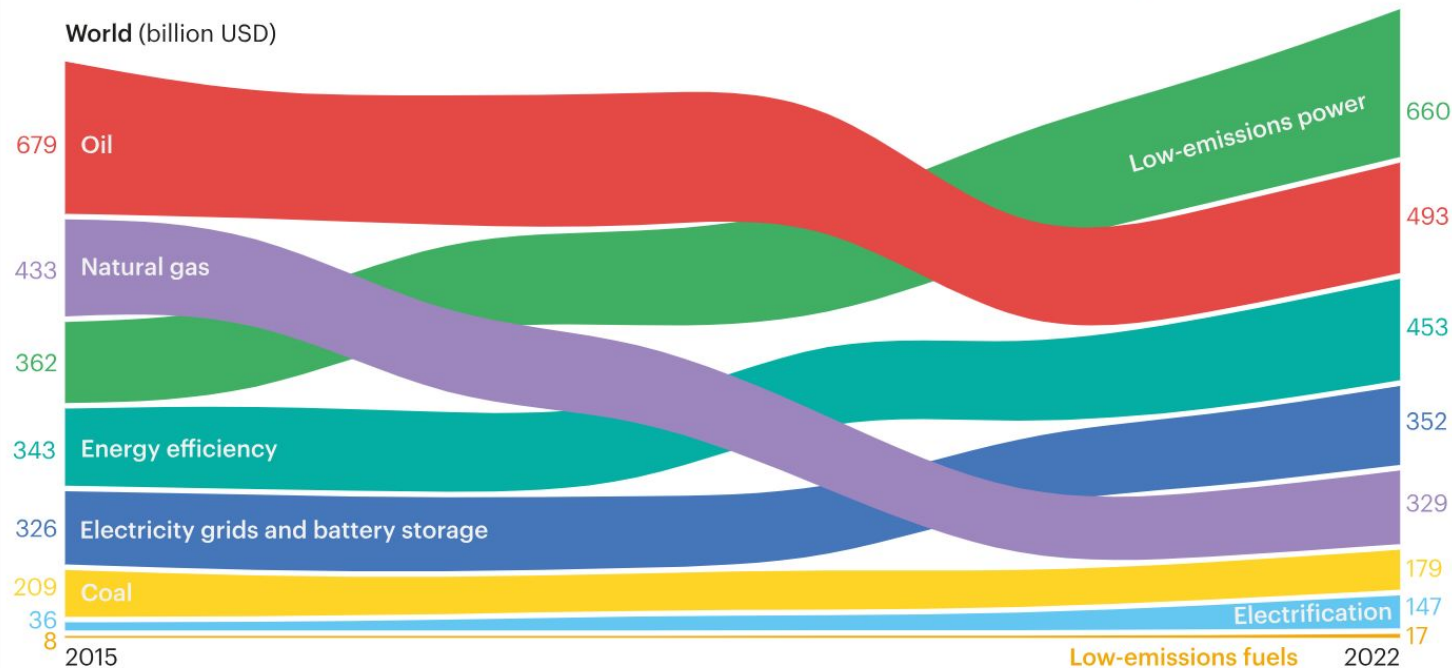
The annual climate finance needed through **2030 increases steadily to \$9 trillion**. Then, estimated needs jump to over \$10 trillion each year from 2031 to 2050

**Figure ES3:** Global tracked climate finance and average estimated annual needs through 2050<sup>3</sup>



The **pattern of investments in energy** in recent years has started to shift the world towards a more electrified, renewables-rich energy system

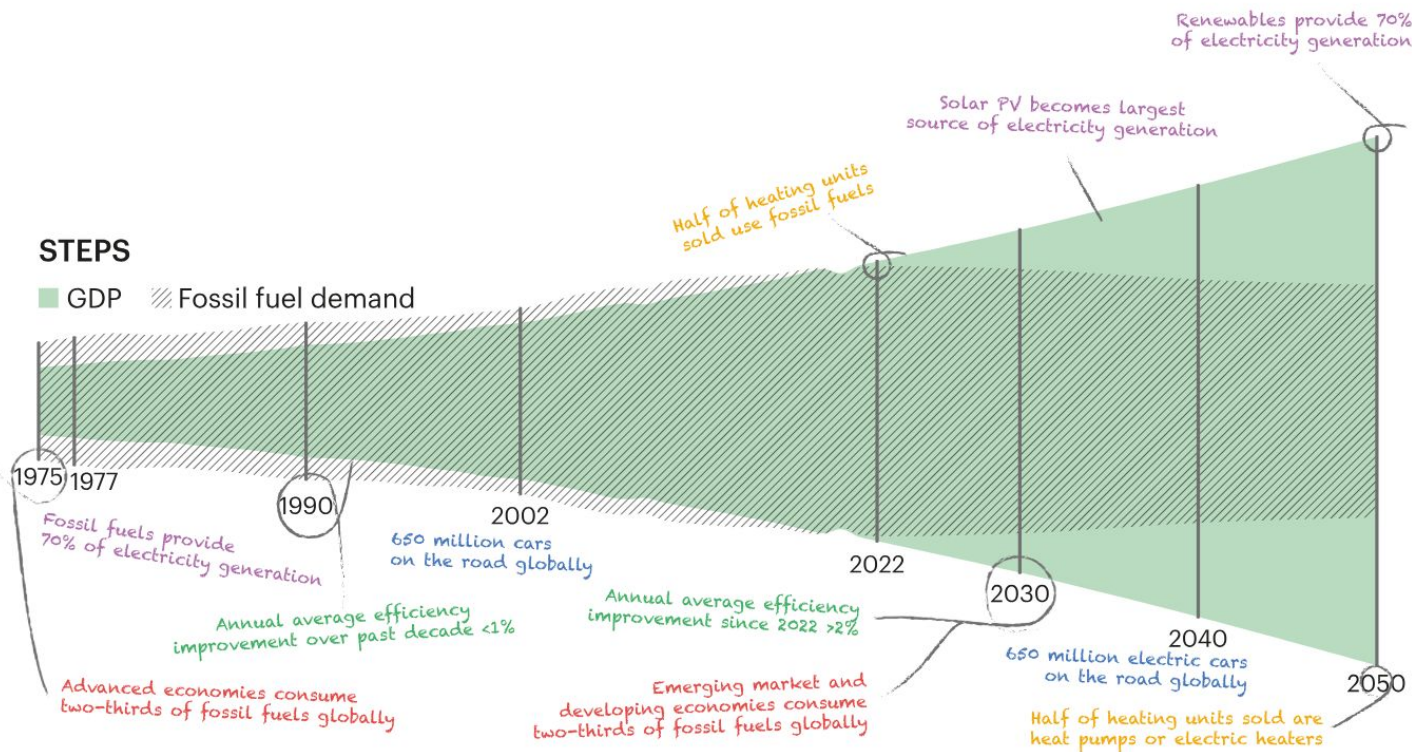
The **ratio of clean energy investment to fossil fuels** is about 1.8/1, but we need to see that **shift rapidly to 5/1** and more in the coming years





# The close historic relationship between global economic growth & fossil fuel demand is being loosened by the emergence of a new clean energy economy

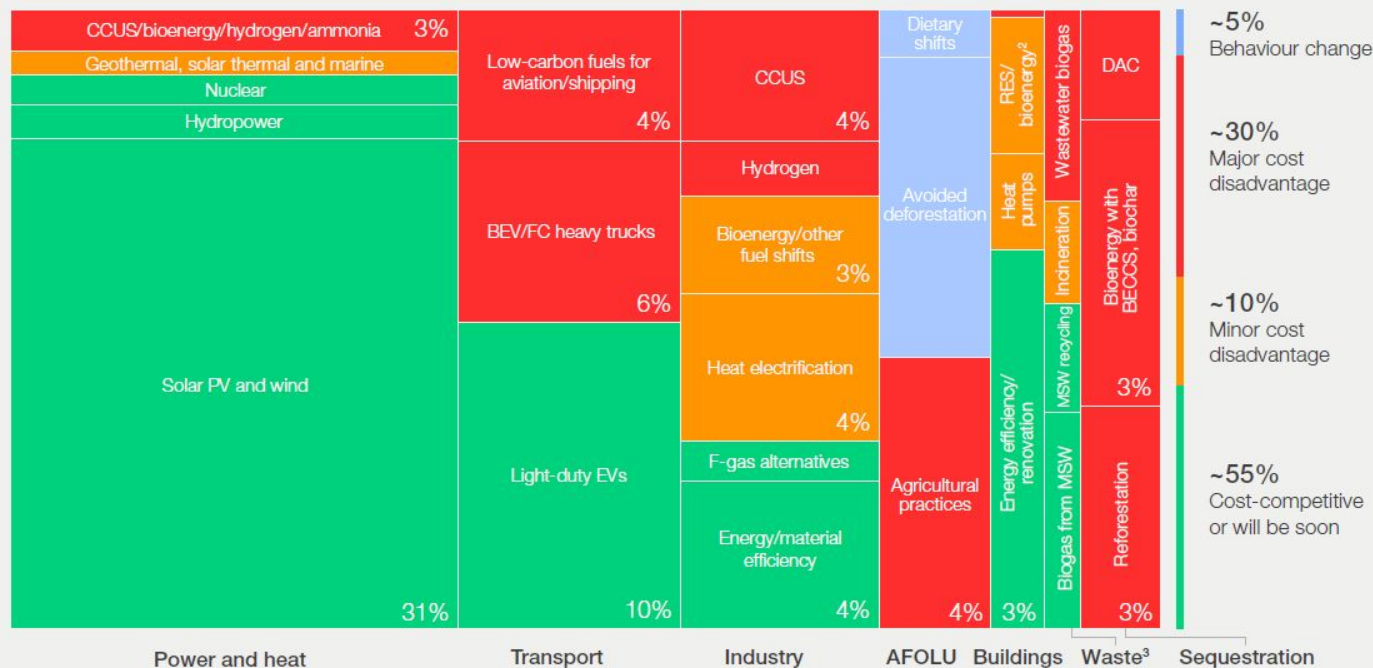
Based on  
**today's policy**  
settings, each of  
**the three fossil**  
**fuels see a**  
**peak before**  
**2030**



We need (1) to deploy faster cost-competitive technologies at scale and (2) we to invest in innovation in those activities difficult to abate

Most required green technologies exist, but **only about 55% are or will soon be cost competitive**

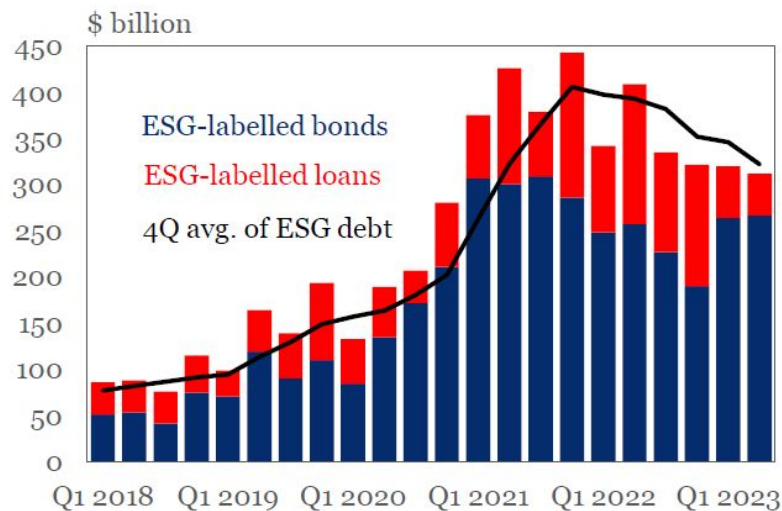
Global greenhouse-gas mitigation required by 2050 to reach 1.5°C, split by sector and technology<sup>1</sup>  
% of net Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e p.a.



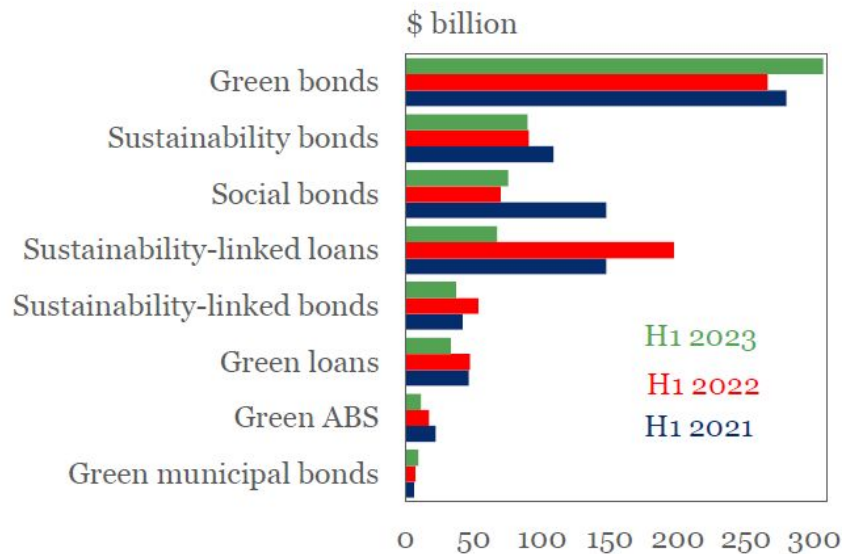


ESG debt issuance slowed to some \$630 billion in H1 2023—over 15% lower than in H1 2022. While ESG bond issuance remained robust, ESG loan issuance was softer in H1 as global rates continued to rise

**Chart 2: In tough market conditions in Q2, ESG bond issuance was on par with Q1, but ESG loans were weaker**



**Chart 6: Green bond sales surpassed \$300 billion this year—a new mid-year record**



# We need greater governments' ambition: national commitments and policies are still widely insufficient

As of mid-2023, the share of total global emissions covered by national net-zero targets exceeded 80%, but very **few countries are currently on track to achieve 1.5°C**



The deep and global transformation required will only happen if it has two preconditions: it makes economic sense and it is fair

Banks are the “middle man”. We have a key role to play in the transition but we are not the ones doing the investment to decarbonize. An enabling policy framework is needed

We need to help the whole economy to transition. Investments are critical not only in pure green activities but also to those more challenging sectors. Transition finance is critical



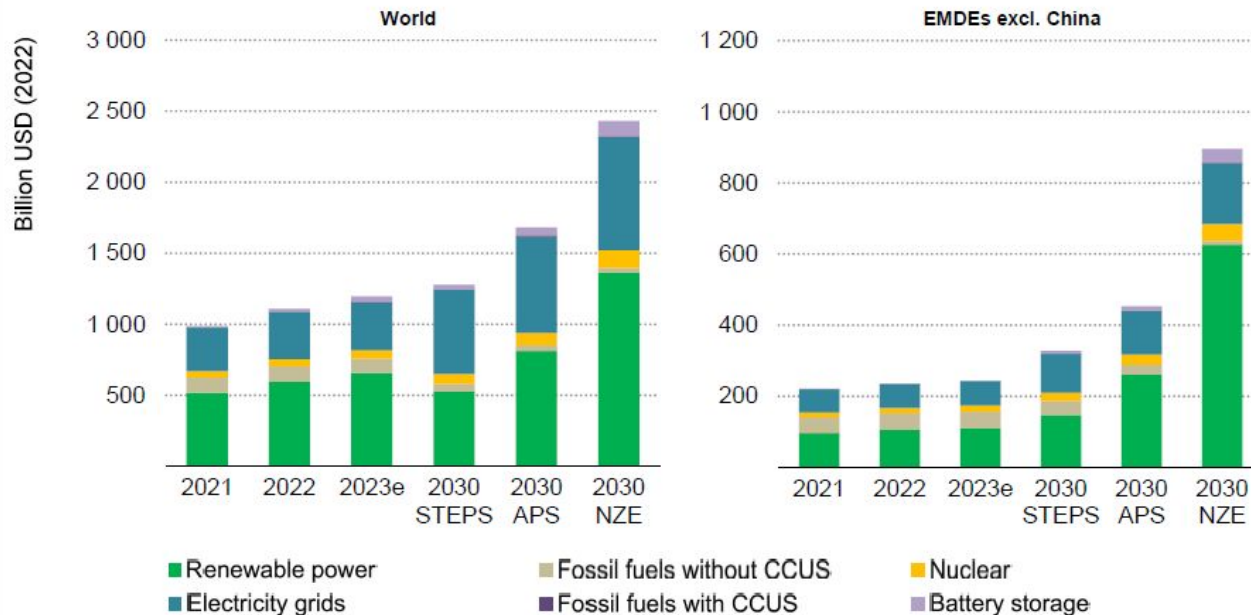
# 02.

Scaling up sustainable  
finance in emerging  
markets and  
developing economies

According to the IEA we need to **more than triple from USD 770 to USD 2.8 trillion per year** by the early 2030 in emerging economies to reach net zero

At present, some USD **770 billion is invested** each year in clean energy in EMDEs, **but most of this is in a handful of large economies.** China accounts for two-thirds of this total and the top three countries – China, India and Brazil – for more than three-quarters

Investment in the power sector in 2021-2023e compared with investment for IEA scenarios in 2030



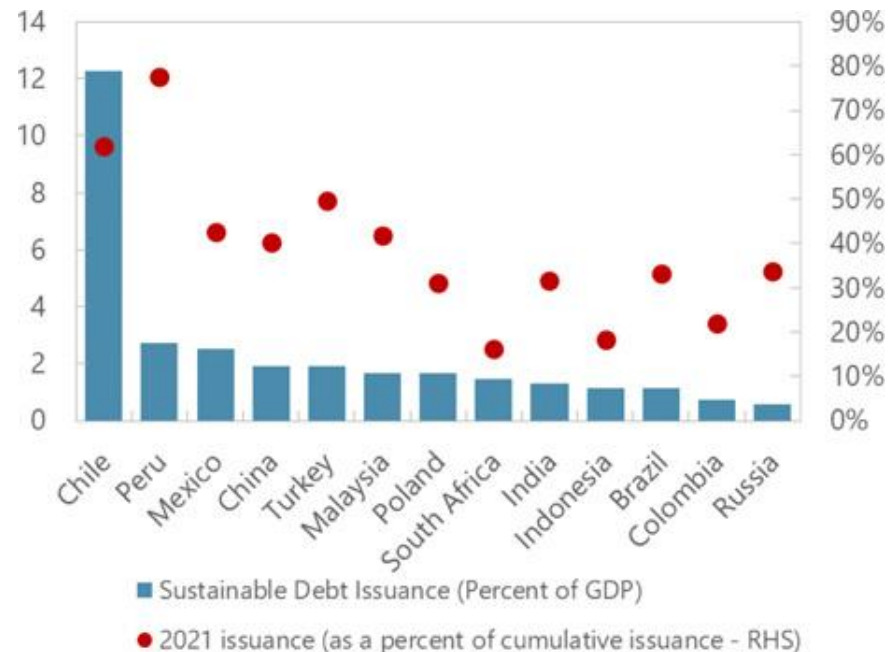
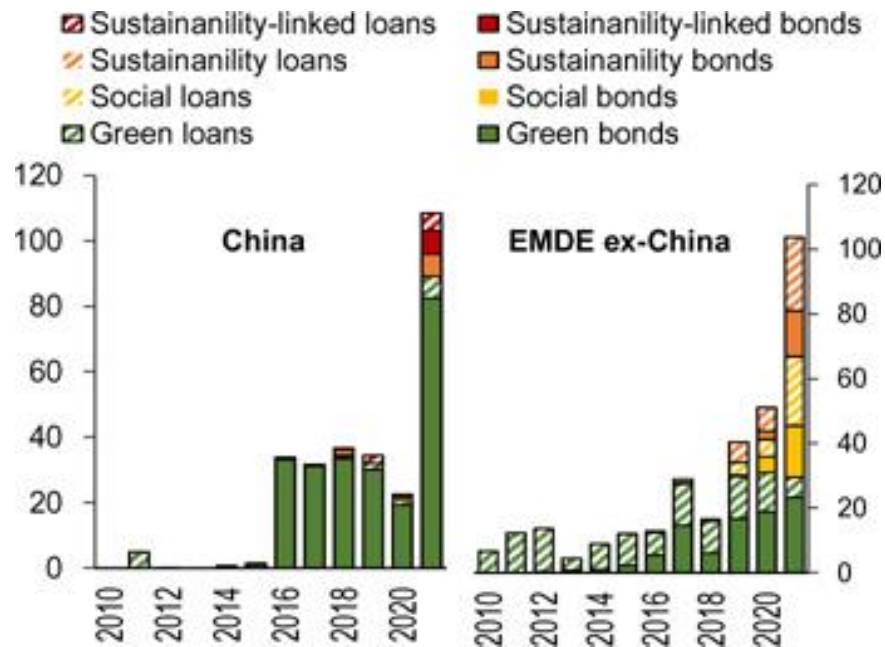
Considering **not only climate, but also nature and inclusive growth**, the investment needs increase from 11.3% of GDP in 2019 to 15.1% in 2025 and 18.2% in 2030

Table S1. Investment and development spending targets (excluding China)

	Gross spending 2019		Spending target 2025		Spending target 2030	
	US\$bn	% GDP	US\$bn	% GDP	US\$bn	% GDP
Human capital	1,470	7.0%	2,000	8.2%	3,065	9.5%
Sustainable infrastructure	730	3.5%	1,160	4.8%	1,840	5.7%
AFOLU (agriculture, food, land use, nature)	150	0.7%	355	1.4%	650	2.0%
Adaptation and resilience	35	0.2%	180	0.7%	325	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>18.2%</b>



There is a **quite range of ESG debt instruments** also in developing economies. Excluding China, bonds and loans are equally represented

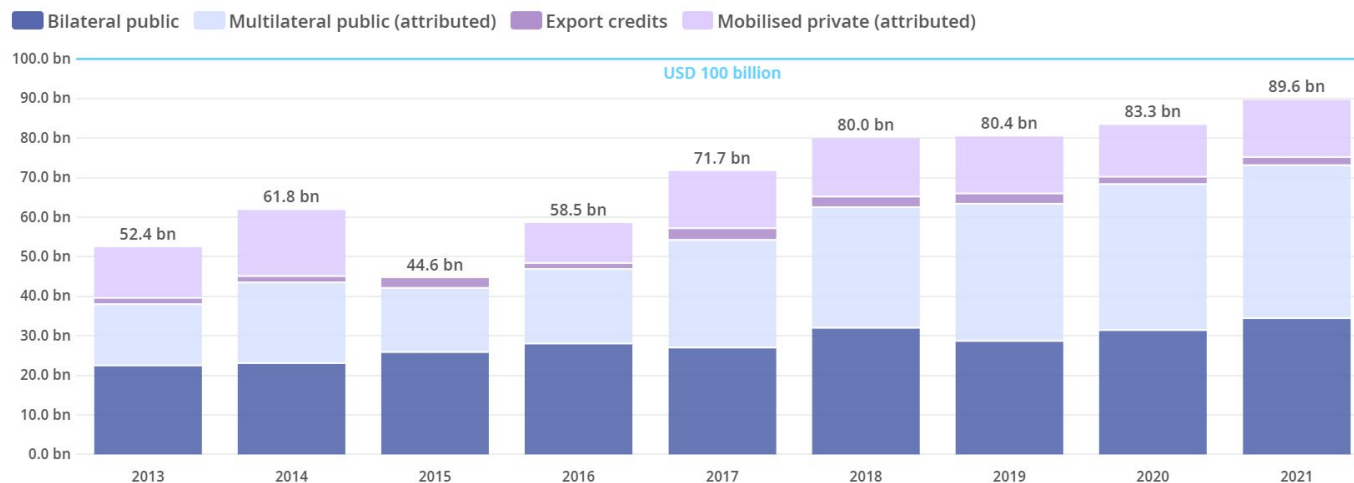


# Much more blended finance will be needed as private capital is expected to finance 70% of the clean energy investments

Mobilising capital on a much larger scale will require **a dramatic increase in the role of the private sector**, and an enhanced role for international and development finance institutions will be critical to catalyse this investment

## Climate finance for developing countries

Climate finance provided and mobilised by developed countries, in USD billions



The gap in the private finance series in 2015 is due to the implementation of enhanced measurement methodologies. As a result, private flows for 2015-18 cannot be directly compared with private flows for 2013-14.  
Source: OECD (2023), [Climate Finance Provided and Mobilised by Developed Countries in 2013-2021](#).

## Barriers to climate finance in developing economies

- The **cost of capital is generally higher** in emerging markets compared to advanced economies
- **High up-front costs and long time horizons** associated with mitigation and adaptation projects can act as a significant deterrent for private investment
- Climate solution projects suffer from **regulation uncertainty**
- **DFI risk mitigation tools are being deployed at too small a scale**
- **Lack of price signalling**, in the form of effective carbon markets (among others)
- Scarce public funding is being directed at **subsidizing the fossil fuel industry** in many emerging countries
- **Lack of local currency instruments** poses risks to foreign currency denominated investment
- **Institutional reform takes time**

# Fundamental **enabling factors** to promote climate private finance in developing economies

There are **a set of enabling environment factors that cut across sectors and require whole-of- government and whole-of-industry efforts to address.**

- 1 Macroeconomic stability, economic growth prospects and currency stability
- 2 Policy stability and rule of law. Political will and execution capacity
- 3 Government commitment to stable and predictable investment incentives
- 4 Financial market depth and willingness of local investors
- 5 Clear and predictable licensing and permitting procedures
- 6 Standardization and sustainability frameworks

# Sustainable standards and sustainable finance regulation is moving globally

## TRANSPARENCY

From recommendations to regulation



**EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive**



**EFRAG**  
European Financial Reporting Advisory Group

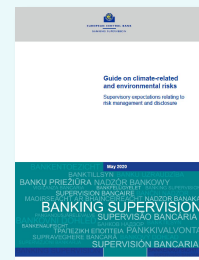
## TAXONOMY

Towards science-based sustainable standards



## SUPERVISION

Sequential but fast and deep integration



## Voluntary initiatives on net zero are also mobilizing change in EMDEs

The **industry-led, UN-convened Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA)** brings together a global group of banks committed to aligning their lending & investment portfolios with net-zero emissions by 2050

The Alliance **reinforces, accelerates and supports the implementation of decarbonisation strategies, providing an internationally coherent framework and guidelines** in which to operate, supported by peer-learning from pioneering banks.

**138**  
Members

**44**  
Countries

**US\$74 Trn**  
Total assets

**41%**  
Global banking assets



# Sustainability is at **the core of BBVA's Strategy**



**Foster new business**  
through sustainability

Channeling sustainable business

**2025 GOAL**

€ **300** Bn

**FROM 2018 TO SEP'23**

€ **185** Bn



Achieve **Net Zero 2050**

Setting and managing 2030's  
decarbonization targets

## SECTORS

Oil & Gas	Power Generation
Auto	Steel      Aviation
Cement	Coal      Shipping

**AS OF SEP'23**

**76%**  
of lending portfolio  
with clients progressing in their transition<sup>1</sup>



(1) % calculated in terms of portfolio lending amount that includes drawn and undrawn financing (such as Lending, Revolving Credit Facilities unused, Guarantees, ECA facilities, among others). Data as at Sep'23. Corresponds to high-emitting sectors that include Oil & Gas, Power, Auto, Steel and Cement at Grupo level. The % of portfolio does not include the coal sector for which BBVA has defined a phase out plan 2030 in developed countries and 2040 in the rest of the geographies where it operates. Clients are progressing in their transition when they are considered "Advanced", "Strong" or "Moderate" according to internal transition assessment tools, such as Transition Risk indicator (TRI), considering medium-term emission reduction targets, the identification of levers for the emissions management and the commitment of capital investments to execute its transition plan. [See annex for details](#).

## Some proposals to scale up sustainable finance in EMDEs

- I. We need **to increase financial support from developed economies** up to annual \$200/300 billions, multiplying country platforms and creating the right conditions for credible NBS
- II. We need **to improve the pipeline of projects and activities** through capability building, including big projects and SMES/households, and also in new technologies
- III. We need **to reimagine blended finance** to create the right incentives to multiply public finance through private finance at scale, mobilising international and local financing for green and transition activities
- IV. We need **to define sustainable finance frameworks and standards** to develop local capital markets and provide international confidence

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