

Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: Sustainability goals and Sustainable finance regulations in the EU

GOALS

Global sustainability challenges – including climate change, natural resource depletion, and rising inequality – are affecting the commercial environment in a way that presents both risks and opportunities for the financial sector.

The "Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance" courses are giving you the knowledge and tools needed to address and take advantage of these changes. The course topics including sustainability goals and ESG-related risks, are perfect for business and risk managers, compliance officers, investment professionals, management consultants, and financial analysts of all types, as delivering impact by sustainable finance and resilience to ESG risks are increasingly important for financial institutions. We therefore aim at helping finance professionals to manage the risks and opportunities arising from the transition to a more sustainable economy, as well as its financial and non-financial impact.

This program consists of a series of training courses specifically designed around certain themes.

These courses are:

- Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: Global sustainability challenges, goals and disclosure frameworks
- Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: Sustainability goals and Sustainable finance regulations in the EU
- Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: ESG Risk Management and Regulatory Compliance
- Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: Sustainable finance in Investment Management
- Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: Sustainable Finance in Equity and Debt Capital Markets Management
- Advanced Programme on Sustainable Finance: Sustainable Finance in Transaction Banking.

Objectives:

- You will gain an understanding of how the current financial system works, the social and environmental pressures it faces, and how it can be rewired to create better value for society and your organization. Develop the ability to channel your organization's financial success through sustainable approaches and initiatives such as the integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) investing, impact investing, and positive screening.
- You will also unlock new perspectives on how businesses, banks, and insurers are shifting investment towards more sustainable business models to lower risk and capture long-term growth opportunities. Walk away with tangible, real-world models that can deliver positive long-term returns for your business, clients, and society.
- Gain the tools, frameworks, and strategies to implement sustainable finance in your organization, underpinned by social and environmental values, creating long-term financial benefits.

SUMMARY

Category:

- Risk, finance & treasury
- Compliance & audit

Difficulty level:

Advanced

Certification type:

In class training

Price:

- Member: € 550.00
- Non member: € 650.00
- Partner BZB: € 550.00
- Incompany: custom tailored, prices on demand

CPD hours:

- Bank: **6h** general
- Insurances: **6h** general
- Consumer loans: **6h** general
- Mortgages: **6h** general
- Compliance: **6h**

INTENDED AUDIENCE

These advanced training courses (with preliminary basic introduction if requested) can be followed by various target groups in financial institutions:

- Relationship, sales and portfolio managers in banks, insurance companies and investment firms
- Staff in risk, compliance, internal audit and legal departments
- Front and Middle office middle management, both commercial and supporting functions

FOREKNOWLEDGE

Advanced level training: this training requires a general basic knowledge of the subject.

Preparation: Persons wishing to take the course are strongly advised to have completed the E-Learning "Introduction to Sustainable Finance"

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- Context: Global and European Objectives
 - United Nations: Sustainable Development Goals (2015), Paris Agreement (2015) and Nature Positive (2022) Agreement
 - European Union: Green Deal (2019) and 'Fit to 55' Law (2024)
 - European Union Sustainable Finance Action Plan
 - Progress and trends to-date
 - Role of banks and other financial institutions
- European Sustainability regulations
 - CSRD for corporates, ESRS sustainability reporting standards
 - EU Taxonomy
 - SFDR for investment products, Principle Adverse Indicators, Mifid suitability
 - Sustainable Finance Products: EU Green Bonds, Sustainability-linked bonds and loans
 - ESG ratings
 - Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)
- ESG in Bank prudential regulations (CRR3/CRD4)
 - Pillar 3 ESG disclosures
 - Stress testing
 - Green Asset Ratio (GAR) and Banking book Taxonomy Alignment Ratio (BTAR)
 - GAR 2024 crash-test
- Business case on alignment with EU Taxonomy

- The Taxonomy Compass
- Application of Technical Screening Criteria to calculate Taxonomy Alignment

Target audience: in addition to above, special interest to Directors.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Duration:** 1 day of training (6 class hours)
- **Hours:** 09:00 to 17:00
- **Location:** Febelfin Academy: Phoenix building, Koning Albert II-laan/Boulevard du Roi Albert II 19, 1210 Brussels
- **Language:** This training will be given in English

METHODOLOGY

You follow a **‘Classroom training’** face-to-face in a group. You, the other participants and the teacher are all present in the same classroom at an agreed time. There is an opportunity for interaction and feedback, both from the participants to the teacher and vice versa. The teaching material consists as a basis of a presentation via the MyFA learning platform, supplemented with various other items (such as digital syllabus, presentation, audiovisual fragments, etc.).

Course material: PowerPoint presentation (slides);