



CLIMATE TRANSPARENCY REPORT 2020

Volksbank Vorarlberg e. Gen.

About the Climate-related Disclosure Indicators

Climate has been identified as a top priority for PRI signatories, with over 70% of asset owners reporting this as the most important long-term trend they are acting on.

The FSB Task Force's guidance on climate-related financial disclosure aim to create a single framework for disclosure on assessment and management of climate-related risk. The recommendations, supported by investors representing US\$22 trillion, identify four main disclosures, Governance, Strategy, Risk Management, Metrics and Targets, and include specific guidance for asset owners and managers.

As a result, the PRI introduced climate-related disclosure indicators that can be used to align with the TCFD recommendations in the 2020 PRI Reporting Framework.

About this report

This report is an export of only the climate-related indicators from the 2020 Reporting Framework response. The full Public Transparency Report is available here (<https://reporting.unpri.org/surveys/PRI-reporting-framework-2020/-AC925C47-DC95-4478-8BF5-994285F7F1A2/79894dbc337a40828d895f9402aa63de/html/2/?lang=en&a=1>). It shows the responses to all the completed climate indicators, even those you chose to keep private. It is designed for your internal review or – if you wish - to share with your stakeholders.

The PRI will not publish this report on its website if you have designated your 2020 climate reporting as “private”. Otherwise, you will be able to access the Climate Transparency Report of your organisation and that of other signatories on the [PRI website](#) and on the [Data Portal](#).

To easily locate information, there is a **Recommendation index** which summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose. The report presents information exactly as it was reported as per signatory preference. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory are presented in this report.

TCFD Recommendations Index

Strategy and Governance - CC			TCFD Recommendation			
Indicator	Reported	Disclosure	Governance	Strategy	Risk Management	Metrics & Targets
SG 01.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.8 CC	-	Public				
SG 01.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 01.10 CC	✓	Public				
SG 07.5 CC	✓	Private				
SG 07.6 CC	-	Private				
SG 07.7 CC	-	Private				
SG 07.8 CC	✓	Private				
SG 13.1	✓	Public				
SG 13.2	✓	Public				
SG 13.4 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.5 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.7 CC	✓	Public				
SG 13.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.1	✓	Public				
SG 14.2	✓	Public				
SG 14.3	✓	Public				
SG 14.6 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.7 CC	-	Public				
SG 14.8 CC	✓	Public				
SG 14.9 CC	✓	Public				
SG 15.1	✓	Public				
SG 15.2	✓	Public				
SG 15.3	✓	Public				

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed this sub-indicator
-	The signatory did not complete this sub-indicator.
	This indicator is relevant to the named TCFD recommendation
Within the first column "Indicator", indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.	

ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

This section provides an overview of your organisation. These characteristics are used to define your peer groups.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS	
Name	Volksbank Vorarlberg e. Gen.
Signatory Category	Fund of funds, manager of managers, sub-advised products - Majority
Signatory Type	Investment Manager
Size	US\$ 0.1 - 0.99 billion AUM
Main Asset Class	Multi-Asset
Signed PRI Initiative	2016
Region	Europe
Country	Austria
Disclosure of Voluntary Indicators	18% from 38 Voluntary indicators

Volksbank Vorarlberg e. Gen.

Reported Information

Public version

Strategy and Governance

PRI disclaimer

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Investment policy

SG 01	Mandatory	Public	Core Assessed	General
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 01.1 Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

SG 01 CC	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	General
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SG 01.6 CC Indicate whether your organisation has identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and factored this into the investment strategies and products, within the organisation's investment time horizon.

Yes

Describe the identified transition and physical climate-related risks and opportunities and how they have been factored into the investment strategies/products.

Portfolio managers include climate change scenarios, risk and opportunities into their investment decisions.

Portfolio managers review asset class and portfolio sensitivity to climate change.

Portfolio manager measure portfolio carbon footprint and conduct risk analyzis compared to benchmarks.

Portfolio managers should allocate portions of their portfolio to companies which develops solutions for climate change

No

SG 01.7 CC Indicate whether the organisation has assessed the likelihood and impact of these climate risks?

Yes

No

Describe why your organisation has not yet assessed the likelihood and impact of climate risks

Because the manpower for this assessment is currently too small. However, our we rely on the information provided by our research partners (MSCI ESG).

SG 01.8 CC Indicate whether the organisation publicly supports the TCFD?

Yes

No

**SG 01.9
CC**

Indicate whether there is an organisation-wide strategy in place to identify and manage material climate-related risks and opportunities.

- Yes
- No

Describe how and over what time frame the organisation will implement an organisation-wide strategy that manages climate-related risks and opportunities.

We are currently working at developing such a strategy. However, the topic is difficult and a lot of corporate divisions have to be included. Therefore we are looking forwards for final results in 12 months.

**SG 1.10
CC**

Indicate the documents and/or communications the organisation uses to publish TCFD disclosures.

- Public PRI Climate Transparency Report
- Annual financial filings
- Regular client reporting
- Member communications
- Other
- We currently do not publish TCFD disclosures

Governance and human resources

ESG issues in asset allocation

SG 13

Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

PRI 1

SG 13.1

Indicate whether the organisation carries out scenario analysis and/or modelling, and if it does, provide a description of the scenario analysis (by asset class, sector, strategic asset allocation, etc.).

- Yes, in order to assess future ESG factors
- Yes, in order to assess future climate-related risks and opportunities

Describe

We use Bloomberg data and Excel Tools to evaluate climate risks for different Companies

- No, our organisation does not currently carry out scenario analysis and/or modelling

SG 13.2

Indicate if your organisation considers ESG issues in strategic asset allocation and/or allocation of assets between sectors or geographic markets.

We do the following

- Allocation between asset classes
- Determining fixed income duration
- Allocation of assets between geographic markets
- Sector weightings
- Other, specify
- We do not consider ESG issues in strategic asset allocation

SG 13 CC	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	General
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**SG 13.4
CC**

Describe how your organisation is using scenario analysis to manage climate-related risks and opportunities, including how the analysis has been interpreted, its results, and any future plans.

- Initial assessment
- Incorporation into investment analysis

Describe

Portfolio manager compare their portfolio carbon emissions and climaterisk-ranking (based on climetricts) to their benchmarks. Additionally, they have looked into their portfolio in 2019 to deeply analyze risks regarding extreme weather conditions. In 2019, ESG-team will consider further action regarding the implementation of climate-related scenario analysis.

- Inform active ownership
- Other

**SG 13.5
CC**

Indicate who uses this analysis.

- Board members, trustees, C-level roles, Investment Committee
- Portfolio managers
- Dedicated responsible investment staff
- External managers
- Investment consultants/actuaries
- Other

**SG 13.6
CC**

Indicate whether your organisation has evaluated the potential impact of climate-related risks, beyond the investment time horizon, on its investment strategy.

- Yes

Describe

Climate-related issues are analyzed until 2050, which is beyond the investment-time horizon (up to 7 years).

No

**SG 13.7
CC**

Indicate whether a range of climate scenarios is used.

- Analysis based on a 2°C or lower scenario
- Analysis based on an abrupt transition, consistent with the Inevitable Policy Response
- Analysis based on a 4°C or higher scenario
- No, a range is not used

**SG 13.8
CC**

Indicate the climate scenarios your organisation uses.

Provider	Scenario used
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond 2 Degrees Scenario (B2DS)
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Technology Perspectives (ETP) 2 Degrees scenario
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS)
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> New Policy Scenario (NPS)
IEA	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Policy Scenario (CPS)
IRENA	<input type="checkbox"/> RE Map
Greenpeace	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Energy [R]evolution
Institute for Sustainable Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Deep Decarbonisation Pathway Project (DDPP)
Bloomberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BNEF reference scenario
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 8.5
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> RPC 6
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> RPC 4.5
IPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> RPC 2.6
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (1)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (2)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (3)

SG 14	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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SG 14.1

Some investment risks and opportunities arise as a result of long term trends. Indicate which of the following are considered.

- Changing demographics
- Climate change
- Resource scarcity
- Technological developments
- Other, specify(1)
- Other, specify(2)
- None of the above

SG 14.2

Indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken to respond to climate change risk and opportunity

- Established a climate change sensitive or climate change integrated asset allocation strategy
- Targeted low carbon or climate resilient investments

Specify the AUM invested in low carbon and climate resilient portfolios, funds, strategies or asset classes.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM			25	000	000
Currency	EUR				
Assets in USD			27	557	532

Specify the framework or taxonomy used.

Our sustainable equity strategy uses CO2- and carbon filters and reduces carbon emissions by 80 % compared to MSCI World.

- Phase out your investments in your fossil fuel holdings
- Reduced portfolio exposure to emissions intensive or fossil fuel holdings
- Used emissions data or analysis to inform investment decision making
- Sought climate change integration by companies
- Sought climate supportive policy from governments
- Other, specify
- None of the above

SG 14.3

Indicate which of the following tools the organisation uses to manage climate-related risks and opportunities.

- Scenario analysis
- Disclosures on emissions risks to clients/trustees/management/beneficiaries
- Climate-related targets
- Encouraging internal and/or external portfolio managers to monitor emissions risks
- Emissions-risk monitoring and reporting are formalised into contracts when appointing managers
- Weighted average carbon intensity
- Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)
- Portfolio carbon footprint
- Total carbon emissions
- Carbon intensity
- Exposure to carbon-related assets
- Other emissions metrics
- Other, specify
- None of the above

SG 14 CC	Voluntary	Public		General
SG 14.6 CC	Provide further details on the key metric(s) used to assess climate-related risks and opportunities.			

Metric Type	Coverage	Purpose	Metric Unit	Metric Methodology
Climate-related targets	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	Risk management	co2/Million invested	based on MSCI ESG Research data.
Carbon footprint (scope 1 and 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	Risk management	co2/Million invested	based on MSCI ESG Research data.
Portfolio carbon footprint	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	Risk management	co2/Million invested	based on MSCI ESG Research data.
Total carbon emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	Risk management	co2/Million invested	based on MSCI ESG Research data.
Carbon intensity	<input type="checkbox"/> All assets <input type="checkbox"/> Majority of assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority of assets	Risk management	co2/Million invested	based on MSCI ESG Research data.

SG 14.7 CC	Describe in further detail the key targets.
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Targettype	Baseline year	Target year	Description	Attachments
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				
<input type="checkbox"/> Absolute target <input type="checkbox"/> Intensity target				

SG 14.8 CC	Indicate whether climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management and explain the risk management processes used for identifying, assessing and managing climate-related risks.
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- Processes for climate-related risks are integrated into overall risk management
- Processes for climate-related risks are not integrated into overall risk management

	Please describe
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Portfolio management is doing further research, how to integrate climate risk into overall risk management. Due to the technical complexity of the project, results will hopefully be available by August 2020.

SG 14.9 CC	Indicate whether your organisation, and/or external investment manager or service providers acting on your behalf, undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.
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- Yes
- No, we do not undertake active ownership activities.
- No, we do not undertake active ownership activities to encourage TCFD adoption.

SG 15	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
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SG 15.1	Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.
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- Yes

SG 15.2	Indicate the percentage of your total AUM invested in environmental and social themed areas.
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SG 15.3	Specify which thematic area(s) you invest in, indicate the percentage of your AUM in the particular asset class and provide a brief description.
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	Area
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- Energy efficiency / Clean technology

	Asset class invested
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- Listed equity

	Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area
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- Fixed income - SSA

	Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area
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4

- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised
- Property
- Hedge funds

Brief description and measures of investment

We invest into energy efficient theme funds & select equities and bonds from energy efficient companies.

- Renewable energy
- Green buildings
- Sustainable forestry
- Sustainable agriculture
- Microfinance

Asset class invested

- Listed equity
- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

2

- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised
- Property
- Hedge funds

Brief description and measures of investment

We invest into microfinance funds (single funds & fund of funds).

- SME financing
- Social enterprise / community investing
- Affordable housing
- Education
- Global health

Asset class invested

- Listed equity

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

5

- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised
- Property
- Hedge funds

Brief description and measures of investment

We invest into health theme funds & select equities and bonds from health companies with very good ESG-ratings.

Water

Asset class invested

- Listed equity

Percentage of AUM (+/-5%) per asset class invested in the area

4

- Fixed income - SSA
- Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
- Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
- Fixed income - Securitised
- Property
- Hedge funds

Brief description and measures of investment

We invest into water theme funds & select equities and bonds from companies related to the water business.

Other area, specify

No