

GREEN WEIGHTING FACTOR

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An in-house mechanism that links analytical capital allocation (and therefore the financial return of loans) to the degree of sustainability of each financing



Long term objective: align the climate trajectory of Natixis' balance sheet with Paris Agreement objectives (< 2°C scenario)

- **Speed up sustainable finance origination:** *incentivize green business origination (in particular for carbon-intensive sectors)*
- **Systematically include climate transition risk** *in the overall risk assessment of lending transactions: penalize negative impact on climate*
- **Monitor Natixis' climate strategy:** *set medium to long term temperature targets, monitor target achievement over time*
- **Anticipate future regulatory evolution** *on climate transition risk inclusion in banks' frameworks*



The GWF is now fully integrated in our IT systems and internal credit process as a mandatory & systematic step ahead of credit decisions

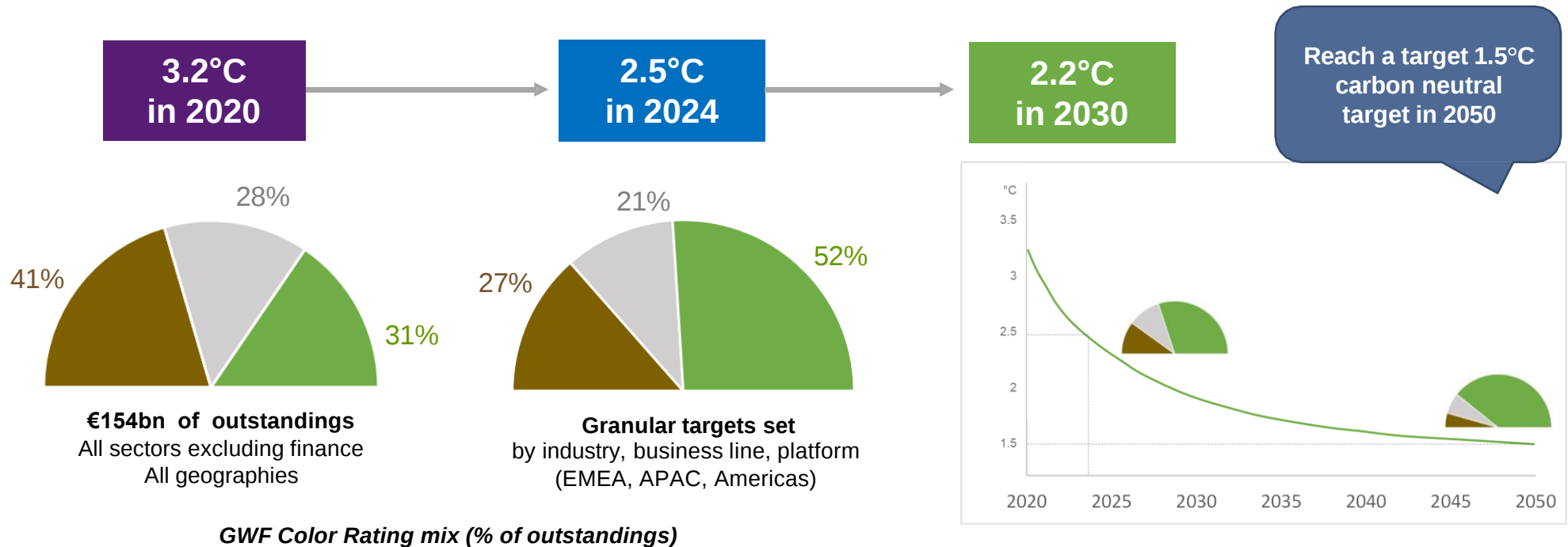


Use cases of the GWF have multiplied since its implementation 2 years ago

- **Lending decision making and annual review** *at transaction, client and business line levels*
- **Long-term portfolio projections to 2050**, *as part of climate stress test exercise (ACPR, EBA)*
- **Monitor climate transition risk** *through RAF indicator (« dark brown » share of credit RWAs)*
- **Product innovation, strategic client dialogue, client tiering, commercial planning:** *analysis of transition potential, resulting sustainable finance product design and structuring*
- **Balance sheet management:** *distribution, securitization*

Climate trajectory monitoring: Targets set to achieve net-zero by 2050

- **Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)** calculation for each on-balance sheet exposure, excluding financial sector and sovereigns (similar to GWF)
- **Objective: determine the speed of our balance sheet transition** to achieve $< 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ alignment by 2050
- **Granular 2024 business targets** were set by industry / business line / platform through the Green Weighting Factor (GWF), resulting in the following ITR trajectory

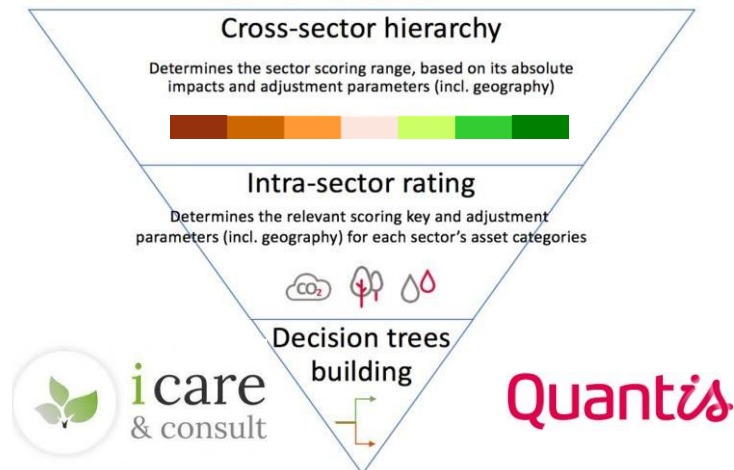


Summary of rating methodology

- Rating methodology using **7-level scale**
- Climate change centric**, adjusted by **most material environmental externalities**: biodiversity, water, pollution, waste
- Simple tool**, with no room for interpretation: limited number of criteria, retrievable information, thresholds
- Using a **life-cycle analysis approach** along with established market practices
- Sectorial approach**: cross-sector hierarchy and cross-asset hierarchy within each sector

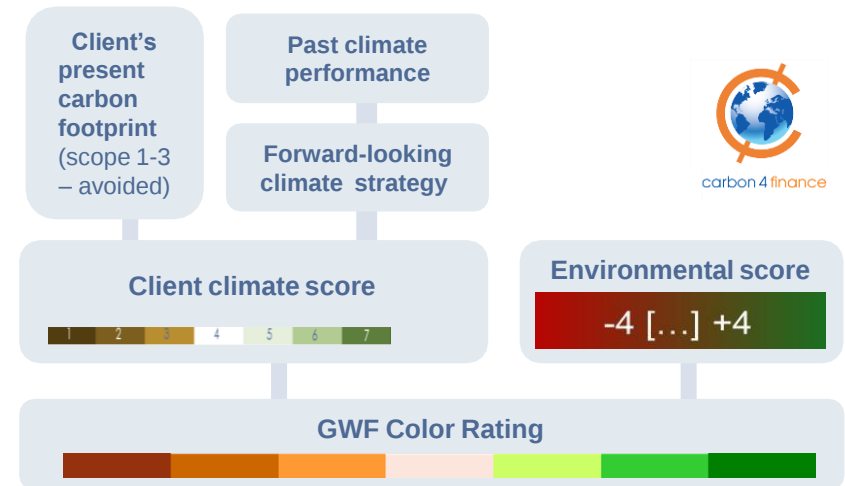
DEDICATED PURPOSE financing

- Objective: determine the “color” (rating) of each loan **depending on the environmental impact of the object being financed**
- Tool: development of 49 different decision trees for each activity within 8 macro-sectors



GENERAL PURPOSE financing

- Objective: determine the “color” (rating) of each corporate and public client depending on its **carbon footprint, strategy to decarbonize and impact on most material environmental issues**

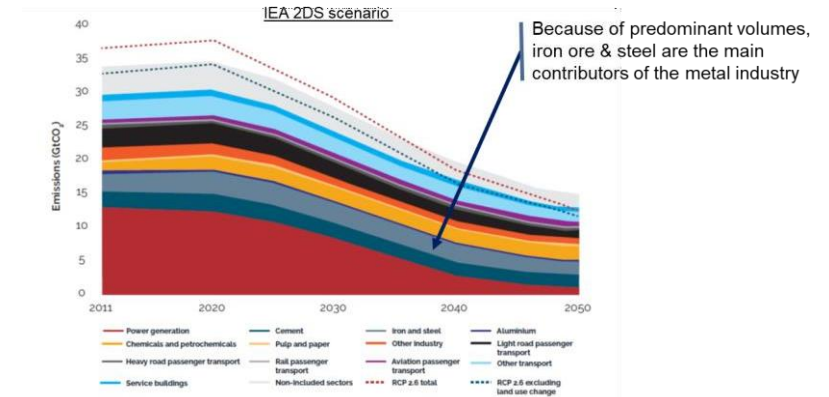


Using GWF to develop transition finance

Example of energy-intensive mining & metals sector

Sector “brown” characteristics:

- **Highly energy-intensive sector:** 2% of total global emissions, GHG emissions approx. 1Gt CO₂e per year
- **Exploitation of non-renewable resources**
- **Long-lasting impacts on the environment:** water resources, land degradation, soil pollution, biodiversity impacts
- **Greater scrutiny on the industry** increases pressure on mining companies to explore ways to reduce their impact



Define transitioning levers and solutions to “green” activities:

Quit/exit	Change activity and/or business model by disengaging from high emitting activities (e.g. coal).
Diversify	Act on activity-mix by increasing the share of low carbon products through organic diversification, external growth (diversification through acquisitions) or spin-off
Decarbonize	Decarbonize core and hard-to-abate activities' GHG emissions (e.g. by setting scope 1,2,3 GHG reduction targets), with greater efficiency, new processes, technologies or raw materials/feedstocks changes. Means investments in new assets/equipment, process reshuffling as well as dedicated R&D and often ad hoc HR/skills management
Offset	Compensate emissions with additional CO ₂ removal solutions (e.g. reforestation)
Low-carbon solutions	Selling materials, products or services that enable the transition of other sectors or companies and help them to decarbonize (e.g. copper, lithium, cobalt, iron ore providing steel to renewable energy sector, aluminum necessary to create lighter transportation systems, borates vital ingredient of energy-efficient building materials)

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Through various sustainable & transition finance solutions

