

## ING publishes first integrated climate report

ING today published our <u>first integrated climate report</u>, which for the first time gives one overview of all of the elements of our climate action approach.

The report outlines how our financing impacts climate change, including our progress on steering our portfolio towards global climate goals (our Terra approach). It also addresses how climate change impacts our business, as we work to assess climate risks and take action to mitigate them.

"This report highlights what ING is doing to take on the existential threat of climate change," said ING CEO Steven van Rijswijk. "None of us can do this alone. For true change to happen it requires a concerted collaborative and consensus-based effort across all sections of society. By increasing the tempo of change now, we still have time to safeguard the future of our planet and the future generations who will inherit it."

We've started implementing the commitment we made in August to steer our portfolio in line with keeping the rise in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius rather than well-below two degrees, to achieve net zero by 2050 rather than 2070. As we incorporate this new target into our Terra approach, the integrated climate report mostly shows our progress in line with the former ambition.

We have, however, updated our target for upstream oil & gas in line with the International Energy Agency's scenario to achieve net-zero by 2050. We aim to reduce our funding to upstream oil & gas by 12% by 2025 (from 2019). Over the next period, we'll work on the steps and intermediate targets that are needed to get us on the more ambitious net-zero pathway. We aim to do this for all sectors in scope for Terra by the end of 2022.

As part of our integrated approach to climate action, we're working to be more resilient to climate risks, both physical and transition risks. We will manage the risks associated with climate change as an integral part of our risk management framework, including credit, market, liquidity and operational risks.

Our approach continues to develop as methodologies advance and regulatory guidance and requirements evolve. This approach helps us to mitigate the worst effects from climate change, but will also provide opportunities to use our experience and knowledge to help clients with advice and financing to facilitate their transition to a net-zero world.

## Note for editors

The full integrated climate report is available for download here.

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