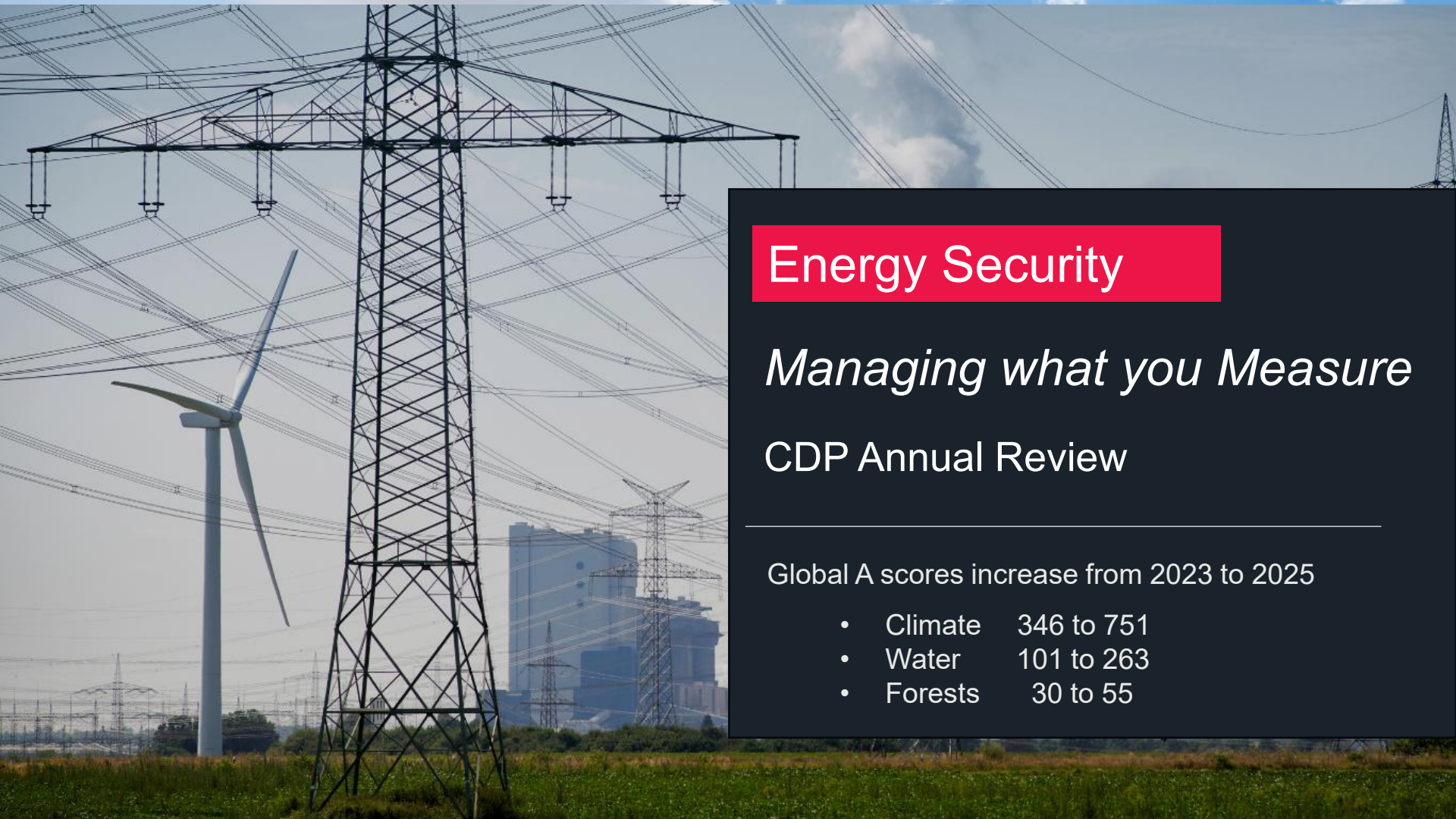

Energy Security

Managing what you Measure

CDP Annual Review

Global A scores increase from 2023 to 2025

- Climate 346 to 751
- Water 101 to 263
- Forests 30 to 55

- Agenda **Mark Bennett,** CDP Ireland Network**,** Senior Director, **Goodbody Clearstream**
- Welcome from **Yvonne McCarthy,** Head of Sustainability Research, **AIB**
- Opening Remarks from **Deborah Meghen,** Chair CDP Ireland Network, **Irish Strategic Investment Fund**

- CDP: What's new for 2026, **Nicole Morejón,** Associate Director, Disclosure Programme Management, **CDP**
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- Review website - live exposition by Mark Bennett
- Networking **5pm**

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Welcome from Event and Review Sponsor

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About CDP

- Not-for-profit charity, 25 years
- Created a system that has resulted in unparalleled engagement on environmental issues worldwide.
- In 2025, over 22,000 companies that account for more than half of global market capitalization reported data through CDP

About CDP Ireland Network

- Encourage companies and cities to measure, disclose, manage, and share vital environmental information through events, training and reports.
- Steering committee has representatives from reporting companies and public and private bodies with an interest in climate change.
- Kindly supported by the **EPA** and **SEAI**.

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Disclosure Support

To assist with the increasing volume of activity in Ireland, we would like to thank Emily Maitland, Customer Success Account Manager at CDP. Emily, based in Berlin, assists and engages with Irish companies through their CDP Disclosure journey. Emily together with the CDP Ireland Network and Goodbody team to accelerate the growth in the number of responding companies in Ireland.
Thank you, Emily, for all your support!

903

Companies now report their Irish emissions to CDP under the Climate Change programme

91

The corporate focus on environmental issues by Irish companies continues, with 91 Irish owned or registered companies now reporting

Accenture
Cairn Homes Plc
CRH Plc
DCC PLC
Eaton Corporation
Glenveagh Properties Plc
John Sisk & Son (Holdings) Ltd
Johnson Controls International plc
Kerry Group plc
Ryanair Holdings PLC
Trane Technologies
Version 1 Holdings Limited

12

Irish companies scored ‘A’

Up from

6

in 2024

Only 877 globally achieved the highest score

Opening Remarks

Deborah Meghen, Irish Strategic Investment Fund

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CDP: What's New for 2026

Nicole Morejón, Associate Director

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CDP: What to expect in 2026

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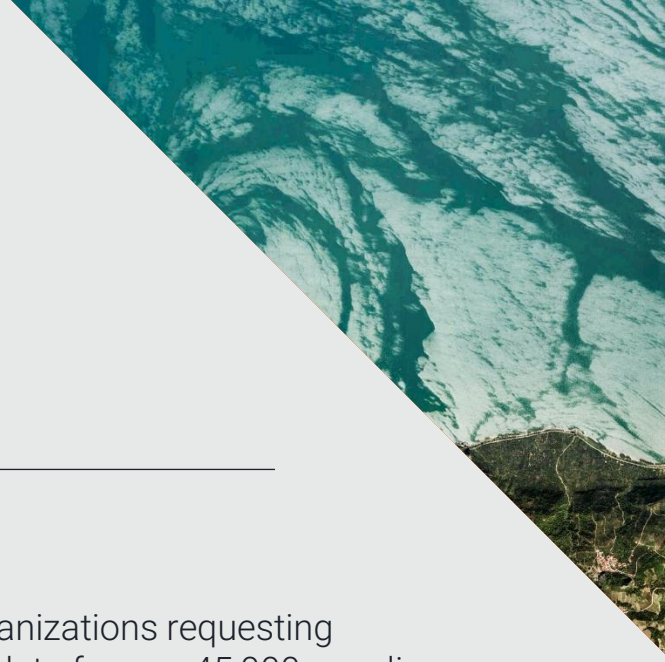


CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states and regions.

540+
Investors with US$110 trillion of assets

270+
purchasing organizations requesting environmental data from c. 45,000 suppliers

22,100+
disclosing companies worth two thirds of global market capitalization

7,200+
European companies representing over two-thirds of Europe's market capitalisation

CDP’s strategic approach

Increasing the value of a single disclosure

CDP’s **write once, read many** principle means data can be disclosed just once, but used by many stakeholders, across many platforms. Minimizing the burden, maximizing the reach.

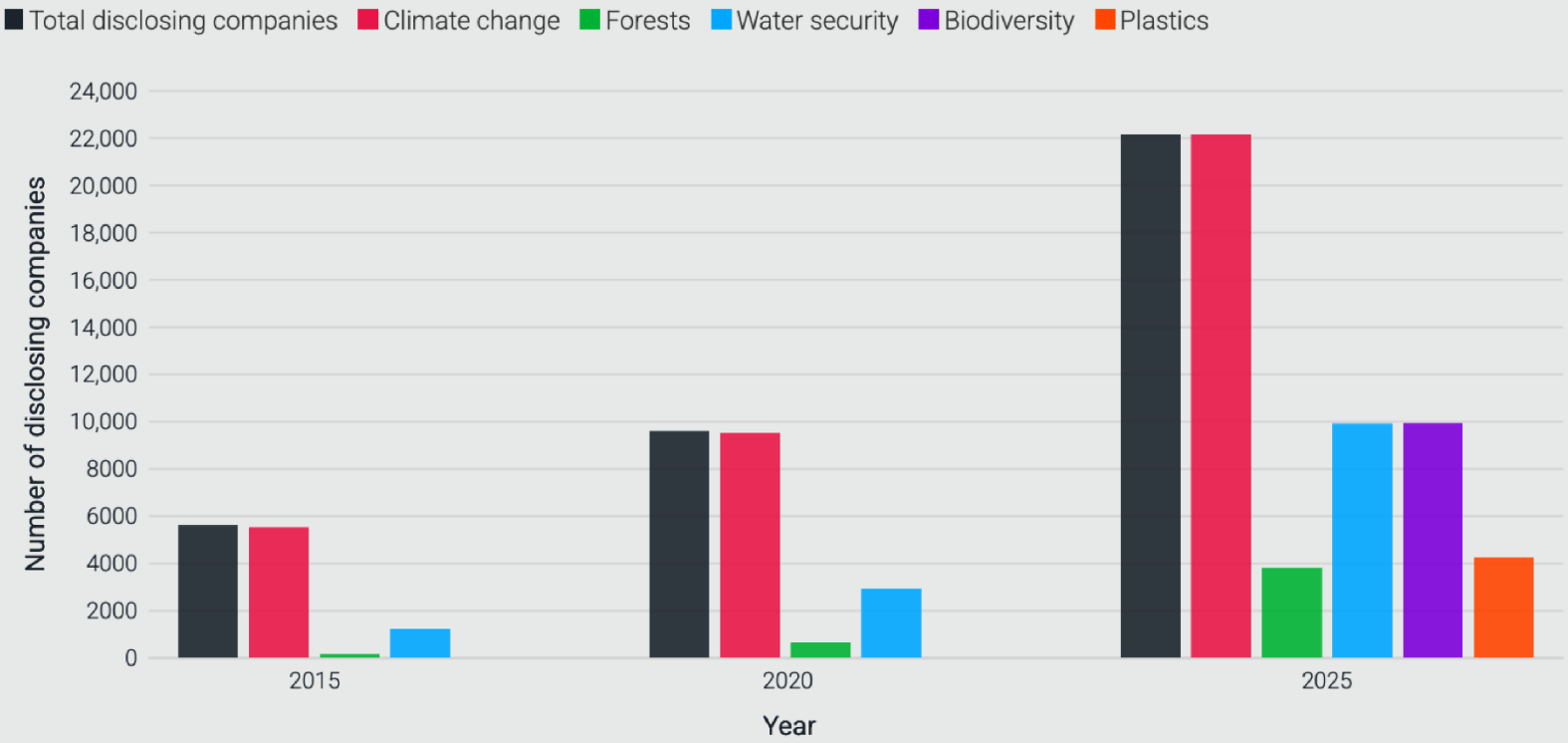
Maximizing return on investment

Disclosing through CDP will empower companies to fulfil many **use cases**: access to capital, improving business resilience, preparing for compliance with standards and reducing their impacts.

Working together

CDP is part of an expansive and effective ecosystem. We will play to our strengths and leverage the power of **partnerships** with leading organizations to jointly achieve the reach needed to drive the impact that matters most.

CDP has made disclosure a business norm



Focus on simplicity

Technological updates

Improved guidance, navigation support and contextual explanations.

Questionnaire setup

Opt-in to disclose against the most relevant topics during questionnaire set-up

Clear guidance

Updated guidance for full corporate and SME questionnaires, with changes made to improve readability

Nature disclosure

Expanded nature coverage to include ocean, and the introduction of optional forest and water questions for SMEs

Simple and streamlined disclosure

Enhanced data collection abilities, allowing organizations to upload data directly or reuse previously reported information

Deeper dive into product improvements

Driving efficiency

- New Chatbot in the Help Center to answer basic disclosure questions.
- New AI-powered tool supports data ingestion from unstructured documents. Inbound disclosure API improvements.
- Mid-cycle improvements to guidance and navigation enhancements.

Enhancing data accessibility

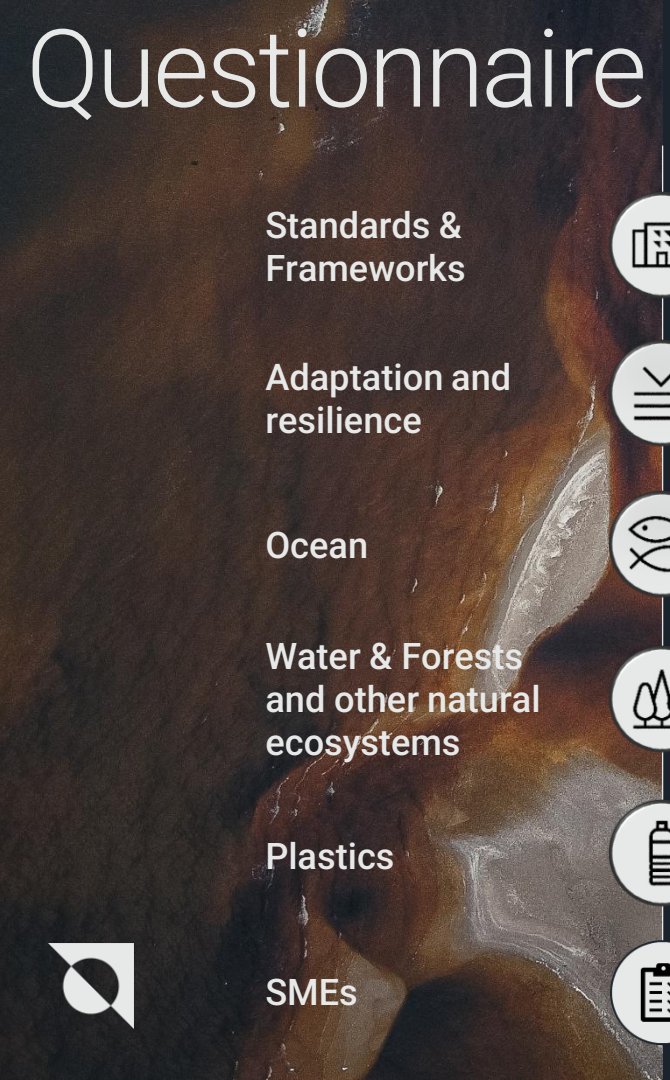
- Outbound API for supply chain data and response data access.
- Enabling members to track supplier progress within internal systems.
- Presentation of “visible tags” to illustrate alignment with frameworks and standards.

Improving data quality and integrity

- Introducing cultural settings to improve user experience in specific regions.
- Improved questionnaire set up, tags and greater sectoral alignment.
- Improvement in scoring capabilities to reduce manual functionality.

Questionnaire changes

Questionnaire Headline Changes



Standards & Frameworks

- Question and guidance improvements in line with the TNFD, SBTN, EMF, GRI, and GHG Protocol, and continued alignment with ESRS

Adaptation and resilience

- Broadening existing questions to capture improved data on adaptation and resilience.

Ocean

- Framework expansion to cover ocean. Opt-in functionality for ocean disclosure.

Water & Forests and other natural ecosystems

- Improvements to wastewater treatment and water pollutant management questions
- Revisions to facilitate scoring of cocoa, coffee and rubber datapoints, and a modification to reporting no-deforestation and no-conversion targets.

Plastics

- Question developments which take CDP towards full alignment with EMF's Global Commitment. Opt-in functionality for plastics disclosure.

SMEs

- Broadened to forests and water security
- Introduction of SME A Score

Why these changes are important

Frameworks and standards

CDP disclosure provides unrivalled alignment with an existing body of frameworks and standards, such as the TNFD, IFRS and GRI.

2026 updates will strengthen our alignment across the board: expanding to ocean for the first time, enhancing our forests scope, and improving plastics questions.

Adaptation and resilience

The physical impacts of climate change and nature loss will have major economic and environmental consequences.

Better data on the actions being taken to adapt to these risks will allow decision makers to remain resilient in a warming world.

Nature expansion

There is growing recognition among investors and financial institutions that terrestrial and marine ecosystems are vital to global economic stability.

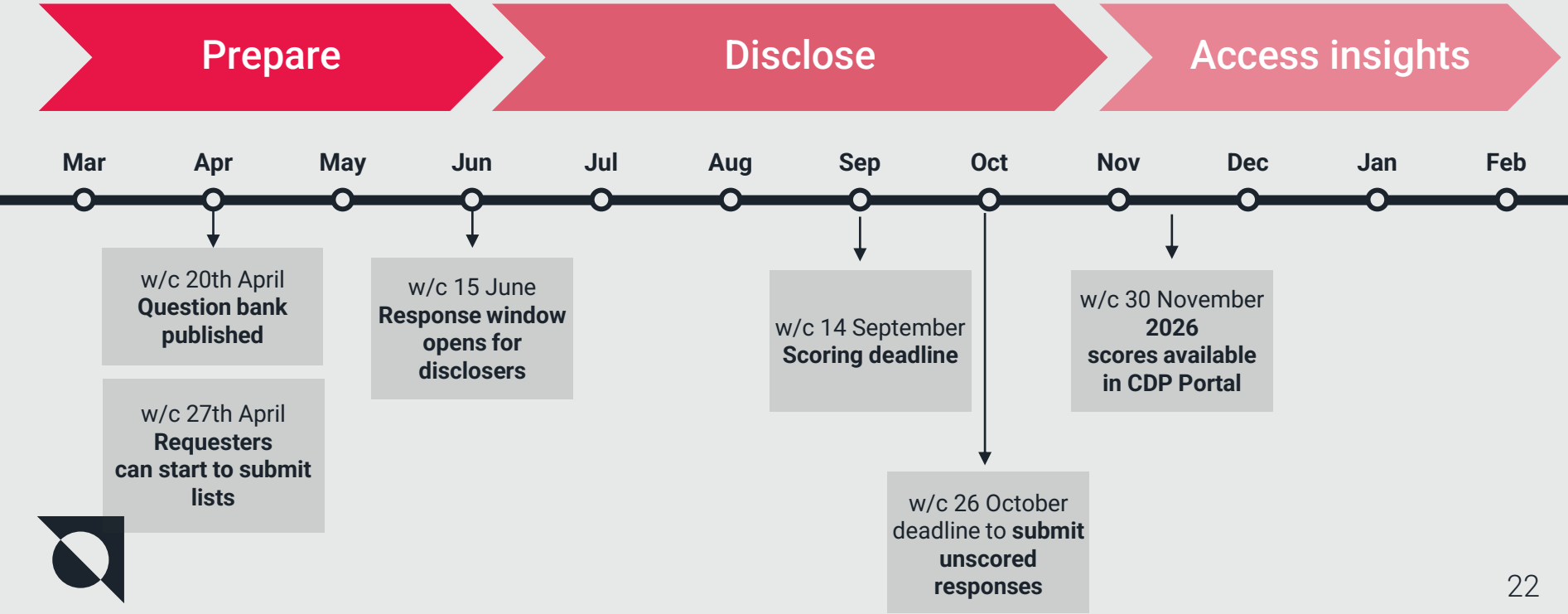
The market is seeking high-quality, comparable nature data, and in 2026, CDP is expanding its coverage to meet this demand.

Small and medium enterprises

In 2024, CDP introduced a tailor-made questionnaire to support and empower smaller businesses.

As the questionnaire evolves, we are introducing changes to recognize climate leadership and provide SMEs with the knowledge to meet growing requests for nature-related data.

2026 disclosure timeline



Thank you!

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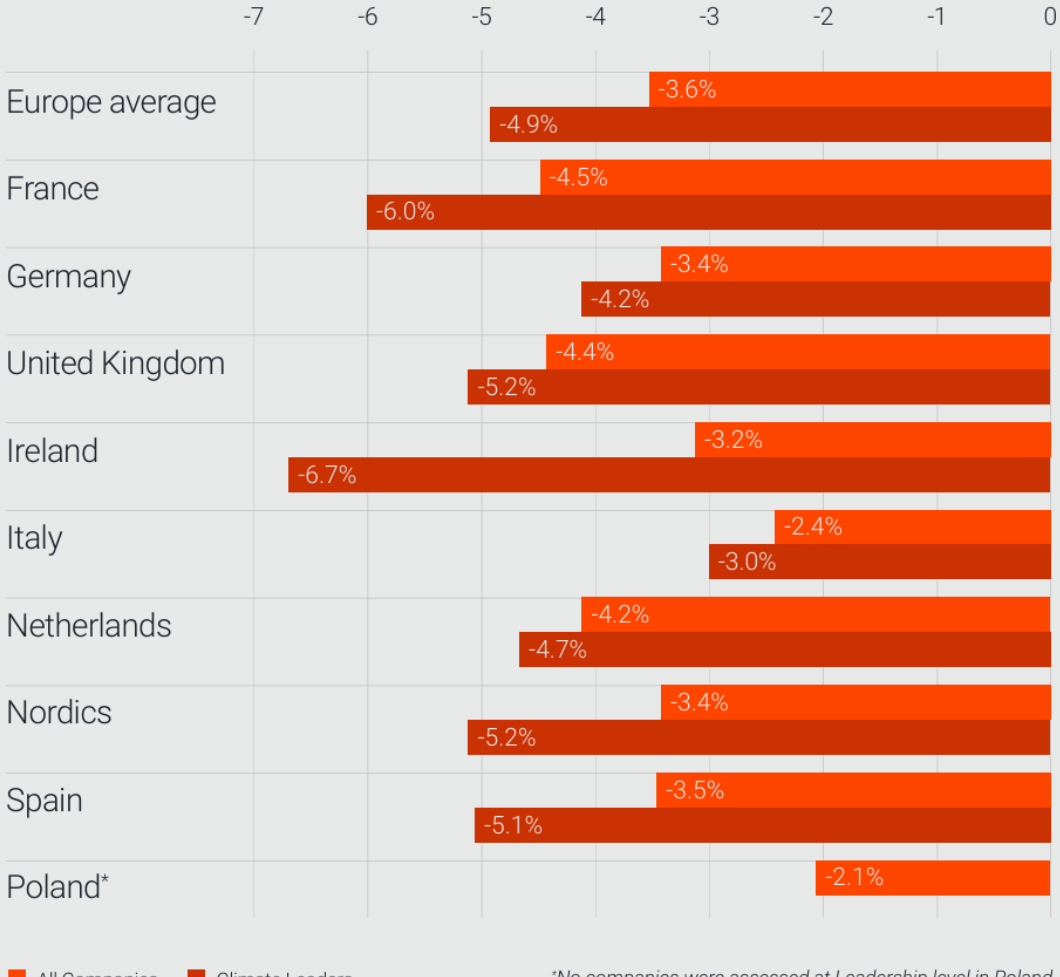
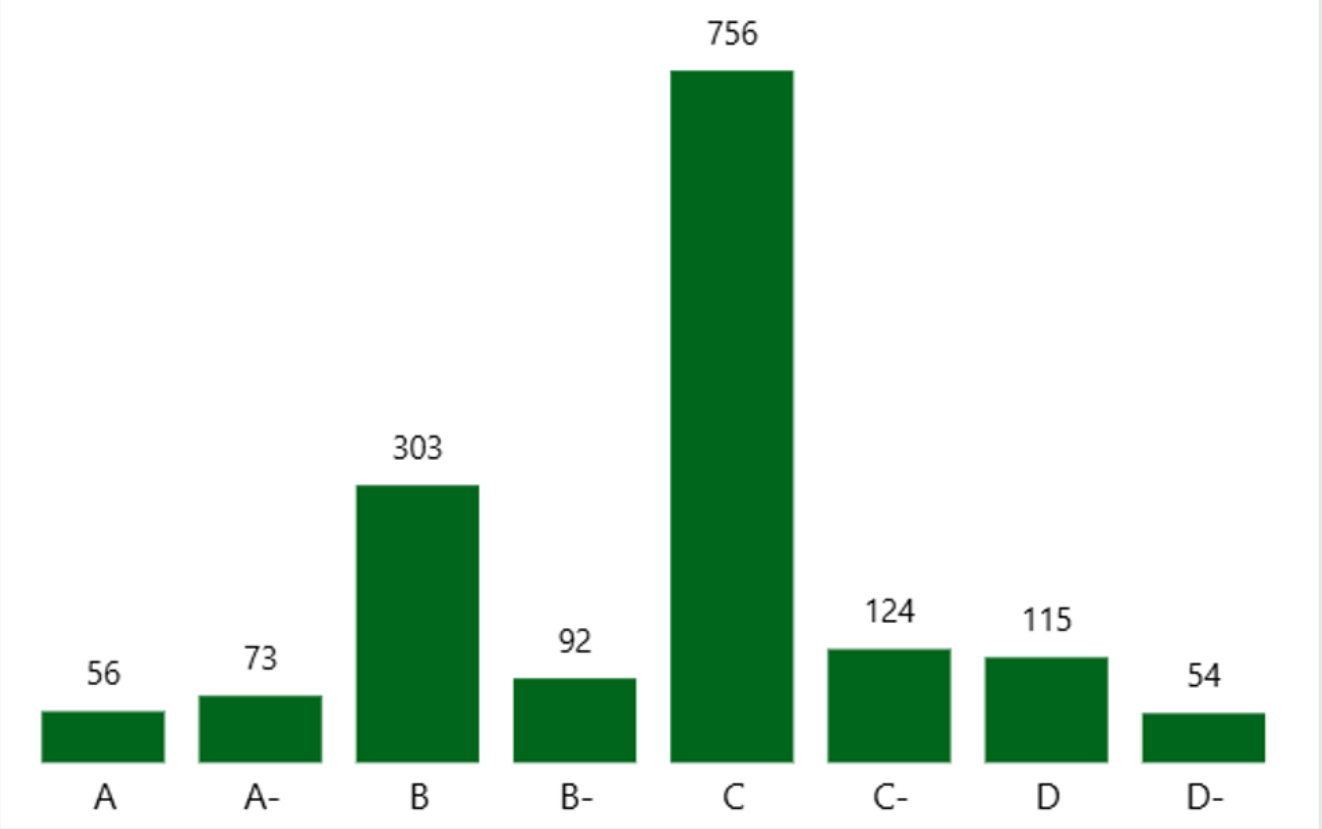
Regional trends in emissions reduction across Europe and selected countries – based on the average annual change (CAGR) in emissions between base year and reporting year.



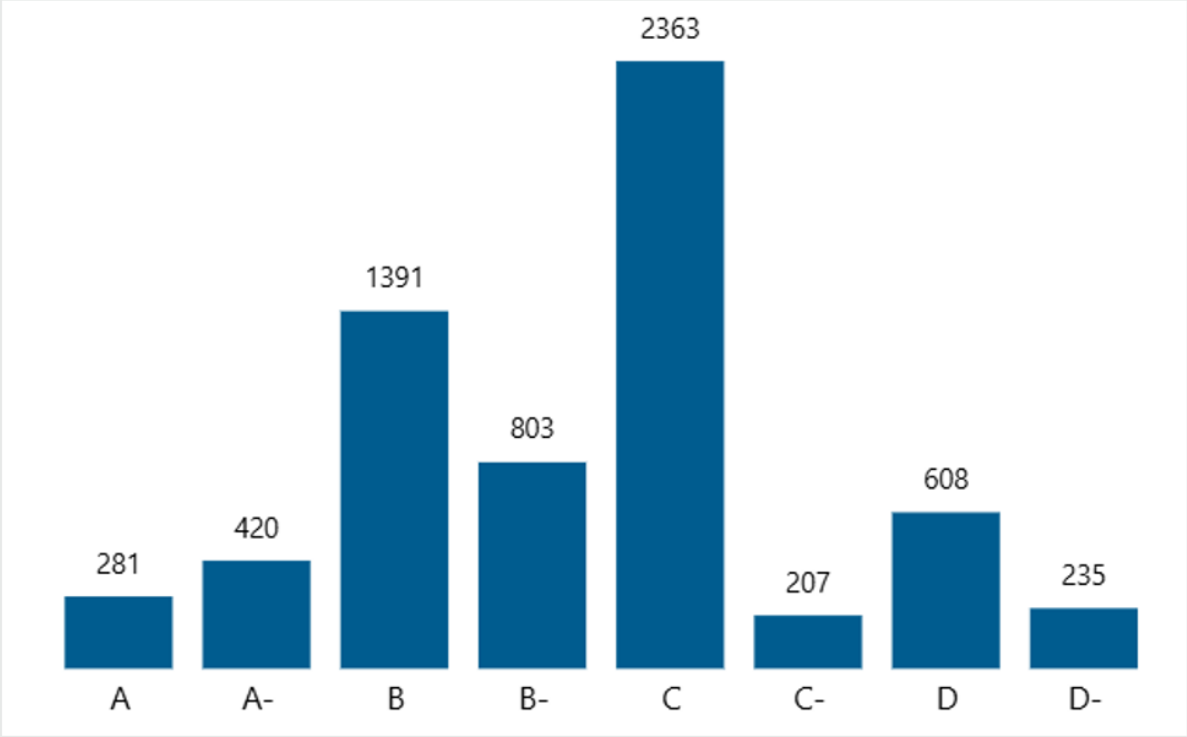
*No companies were assessed at Leadership level in Poland from the Corporate Health Check 2026 analysis

Overall, a larger share of companies made nature disclosures. Across companies assessed in both 2024 and 2025, nature-related disclosure (water security and/or forests) increased by 12%, with water up by 12% and forests increasing by 15%.

All sectors – global (forests)



All sectors – global (water)



81% of climate leaders have robust processes for identifying, assessing and managing environmental dependencies and/or impacts, compared to 42% of lower levels.

In Europe, nearly 90% of climate leaders have a 1.5°C aligned transition plan, compared with just 44% of companies at lower levels*. Leadership is therefore closely associated with formalized planning and integration.

Companies disclosing through CDP reported a total of more than US$200 billion invested in building resilience to physical risks.

Companies that understand the economic value of environmental action are pulling four levers to ensure long term business benefits.

This year, we identified the most meaningful levers available to companies are:

01.
Link executive pay to environmental performance.

02.
Robust processes for managing environmental dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.

03.
A 1.5°C degree aligned climate transition plan with ambitious environmental targets.

04.
Value chain engagement.

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"...difficult to imagine a credible future business strategy that does not factor nature dependencies, and transition readiness", Ariane Coulombe, Market Director, **CDP**

"...reflect on progress and to sharpen our collective ambition for the year ahead" Deborah Meghen, Chair **CDP Ireland Network**, ISIF

"...a valuable contribution by promoting consistent, decision-useful reporting across sectors", Eimear Cotter, Director General, **EPA**

"...help reduce costs, but also for investors to accurately determine the resilience of a business" William Walsh, CEO, **SEAI**

The Review

"in the face of global energy insecurity we must hold our resolve and be resilient"
CDP Ireland Network Update

"...committed to openness, to learning, and to strengthening the systems that support long-term, sustainable outcomes", Madeleina Loughrey-Grant, **Cairn**

"...a strategic tool to assess operational resilience and anticipate future challenges in a constrained operating environment", Raquel Botana Martinez, **Ryanair**

"...globally recognised structure to assess emissions across our operations and supply chain, and to track progress", Owen Keogh, **An Post**

The Review

"streamlined format reduced the administrative burden considerably, without compromising the quality of insight", **Neil Menzies**, Hibernia Real Estate Group

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step; CDP was our beginning", Sean McKeon, **Dalata Hotel Group**

"...facilitates more focused, constructive, and outcome-oriented engagement between companies and investors", Patrick McLaughlin, **Davy**

"90% of European climate leaders have a climate transition plan, below Asia Pacific (93%), though ahead of Latin America (86%) and North America (80%)" ***Data Insights***

The Review

Taxonomy, Decarb, Launches, Webinars, Advanced training, SBTi, Climate Finance Week, Energy Transition. **Events**

Appendix 1: Publicly disclosed through CDP in 2025 that are headquartered in Ireland

Appendix 2: Publicly disclosed through CDP in 2025 that have operations in Ireland

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