

CREDIT RATINGS AND ESG SCORES TO JOIN FORCES


S&P Global Ratings launches ESG evaluation framework and green bond assessment tool

Standard & Poor's Global Ratings plans to provide ESG scores alongside its credit ratings in order "to help investors get greater transparency into ESG risk". This dovetails with

the announcement that S&P will acquire UK-based environmental data provider [Trucost](#). S&P has requested [feedback](#).

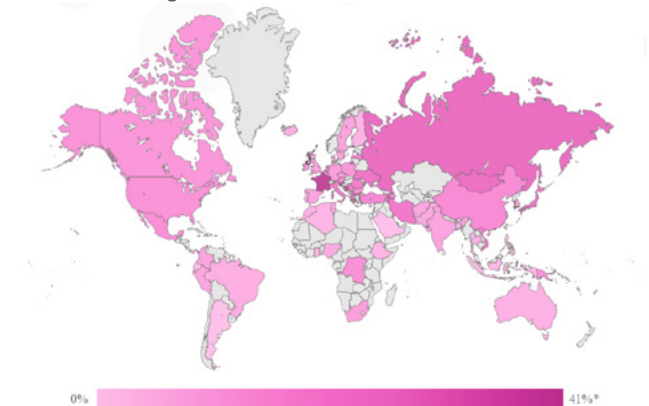
Meanwhile, S&P Global Ratings is also developing a green bond assessment tool. It will follow a similar methodology as the S&P Dow Jones Indices' tool. [READ MORE \(subscription required\)](#)

@SICMGMT TWEET OF THE WEEK

 New rules could require public companies to disclose their exposure to carbon-related risk <http://on.wsj.com/2cHRpid> via @WSJ

INFOGRAPHIC OF THE WEEK

Percent who disagrees with the statement that "overall vaccines are safe".



Source: vaccineconfidence.org

CHINA DEMANDS MANDATORY ESG DISCLOSURE

China announced that it will 'green' its financial system by requiring better disclosure on ESG issues, according to an official from the Chinese central bank. "China is moving towards mandatory disclosure for listed companies

and bond issuers," Ma Jun, senior economist in the research bureau of the People's Bank of China, said at the PRI in Person conference in Singapore. [READ MORE \(subscription required\)](#)

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THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

1,172

miles is the length of the planned Dakota Access Pipeline Project carrying crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois

2040

is the date by which Reykjavik (Iceland) aims to become carbon neutral

90

percent of allergic reactions come from 8 foods: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish & shell fish

55

parties need to ratify the UN Convention on climate change representing 55% of global emissions

40

percent rally has been recorded in the price for Australian thermal coal since June this year

15

year vision to end poverty, ensure prosperity and protect the planet is outlined in the UN's 17 SDGs

5

billion GBP could be saved annually by investing in carbon capture storage, according to a government advisory body

3.9

billion Euros was the market cap of Uniper, the power generator spun off from Eon

WHERE IS THE INVESTMENT IN GLOBAL ENERGY HEADING?

The new IEA report – [World Energy Investment 2016](#) – notes that global energy investment in 2015 amounted to USD 1.8 trillion, down 8 percent from 2014 mainly due to a sharp fall in upstream oil and gas investment. Moreover,

fossil fuels continue to dominate energy supply, but the composition of investment flows points towards a reorientation of the energy system. China was once again the world's largest energy investor. Read the press release [HERE](#).

DID YOU SEE...?

Drum roll... The world's most [sustainable cities](#) index is here. Zurich tops the list, with Singapore, Stockholm and Vienna not far behind. The US has some catching up to do.

SEC PROXY ADVISORY BILL: MIXED REVIEWS

The Proxy Advisory Act proposes bringing proxy advisory firms under the SEC's jurisdiction. The response has been mixed.

Against: Proxy firm Glass Lewis [slammed](#) the proposed legislation saying that the bill is "unnecessary" and based on an outdated view of how investors use proxy advisors.

In support of: The [Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals](#) and the National Investor Relations Institute ([NIRI](#)) representing 1,800 public companies submitted a statement of [support](#) last week, noting that proxy firms exert "undue influence in the proxy voting process."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Polar bears have surrounded scientists at a remote weather station in the Arctic and made it nearly impossible for the scientists to perform observations. Luckily relief supplies have reached the scientists and they are said to be "well".

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WE'RE WATCHING

[Royal Dutch Shell](#) is in; [British American Tobacco](#) is out. Check out the others...

Results announced for the [2016 Dow Jones Sustainability Indices Review](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING



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