# **INDEX RULE BOOK**

# **Euronext® ESG Biodiversity Screened World Index**

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# 1. GENERAL

This document is applicable to the Euronext® ESG Biodiversity Screened World ("Index Family"), which consists of all the Indices as mentioned in the Reference Table.

The Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World is designed to reflect the price level trends in the trading of shares listed in the world.

Euronext Paris is the Administrator of this Index Family. For this Index Family no Independent Supervisor is appointed.

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#### **VERSION NOTES**

Version	Effective date	New or changed parts	Reference/announcement
21-01	15 Dec 2021	Publication of the index	
22-01	12 Apr 2022	Rule change. Addition of more exclusions:	
22-02	10 June 2022	Rule change. Adjustment of an exclusion criteria in eligibility screening:  • Thermal Coal Power Generation	

# 2. INDEX REVIEWS

#### 2.1 REVIEW FREQUENCY AND RELEVANT DATES

Review frequency: Quarterly

**Review Effective** After the market close of the third Friday of March, June, September

**Date:** and December.

**Review Cut-Off** After the market close of the penultimate Friday of February, May,

**Date:** August and November.

Review

Date:

**Announcement** At least five trading days before the Review Effective Date.

**Review Weighting Date:**Three trading days before the Review Effective Date

**Review Weighting** 

**Announcement** Two trading days before the Review Effective Date

Date:

#### 2.2 REVIEW SELECTION

#### **Step 1: Index Universe**

#### **Index Universe definition**

The index universe consists of all companies included in the Euronext World Index at reviews.

At reviews this means included in the reference index after the close of the Review Effective Date.

#### Step 2: Eligibility screening at reviews

The list of Companies is reduced by a series of screens. The Companies with any of the following characteristics are excluded:

- Companies with a Free float market capitalisation lower than 2 Billion euro.
- Companies with **Biodiversity scores of 5 or 6**, as provided by Iceberg Datalab
- Companies that do **not have an IDL biodiversity score** calculated against it
- Companies among the worst 25% ESG Risk score, from the starting universe
  - In case of equal ESG risk score, companies will rank in such a way that companies with lower FFMC will be excluded

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
ESG Risk Score	Among worst 25%	181110112399

# - Tobacco:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Tobacco Production	Derived turnover > 0%	172911102999
	Derived turnover > 10%	172913112999
Tobacco Distribution	20,7,00 00,7,00 0	172915112999

# - Thermal Coal:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Thermal Coal Mining	Derived turnover > 0%	172811102999
Thermal Coal Power Generation	Derived turnover > 2,5%	172813102999 171025141199

# - Oil and Gas:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Oil Sands Extraction	Derived turnover > 0%	173011102999
Shale Energy Extraction	Derived turnover > 5%	173211102999
Shale Ellergy Extraction		173211151899
Oil & Gas exploration,	Derived turnover > 10%	173311102999
production		173311112999
Electricity Generation from	Derived turnover > 10%	173315102999
Oil & Gas		173316171899

# - Civilian Firearms:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Assault and Non-Assault	Derived turnover > 0%	171711102999
weapons		171711102999

# - Controversial Weapons:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Controversial weapons	Any evidence of activity in:	211010113499
Controversial weapons	Any evidence of activity in:	171611102999
	<ul> <li>Anti-Personnel Mines</li> </ul>	171613102999
	<ul> <li>Biological and</li> </ul>	
	Chemical Weapons	
	<ul> <li>Cluster Weapons</li> </ul>	
	Depleted Uranium	
	Nuclear Weapons	
	White Phosphorus	

# - United Nation Global Compact:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
United Nations Global Compact	Flagged "Non-compliant"	231112111799

# - Animal testing:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Animal testing for Pharmaceutical products	Any involvement	171411102999
Animal testing for Non- pharmaceutical products	Any involvement	171415102999

# - Palm Oil:

Exclusion topic	<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	Sustainalytics Field Id
Palm Oil Production and Distribution	Any involvement	172511102999

# - Pesticide production:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Pesticide production	Any involvement	172311102999

#### - Adult Entertainment:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id
Production of adult entertainment or ownership/operation of adult entertainment establishments	Derived turnover > 5%	171211112999
Distribution of Adult Entertainment materials	Derived turnover > 10%	171213112999

# Gambling:

Exclusion topic	<b>Exclusion criteria</b>	Sustainalytics Field Id
Ownership or operation of a gambling establishment	Derived turnover > 5%	171911112999

manufacturing specialized equipment used exclusively for gambling	Derived turnover > 10%	171913112999
providing supporting products/services to gambling operations	Derived turnover > 10%	171915112999

#### Whale Meat Production:

Exclusion topic	sion topic Exclusion criteria Sust		
Whale Meat Production	Any involvement	173411102999	

#### Nuclear production:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion topic Exclusion criteria		
Nuclear Production	Derived turnover > 25%	172216171899	

#### Controversies:

Exclusion topic	Exclusion criteria	Sustainalytics Field Id		
Environmental Supply Chain Incidents	Categories 4 & 5	121113122599		
Operations Incidents	Categories 4 & 5	121113112599		
Product & Service Incidents	Categories 4 & 5	121113132599		

The remaining companies are eligible for inclusion.

The Euronext ESG Providers Methodologies document gives a detailed background on various scoring methodologies, controversial activities and controversies assessments.

#### **Step 3: Selection ranking**

The eligible Companies are ranked by Free float market capitalisation.

#### **Step 4: Selection of constituents at the review**

The 500 highest ranked Companies are selected. In case less than 500 companies are eligible after the eligibility screenings, all remaining Companies are selected for the index.

#### 2.3 PERIODICAL WEIGHTING UPDATE

#### **Weighting method**

The index is Free Float Market Capitalisation weighted. The Weighting Factors are explained in the following paragraphs.

#### **Number of shares**

At each review, the number of shares included in the index will be updated with the number of shares listed on the Review Cut-Off Date.

#### **Free Float factor**

All Free Float Factors are updated at each review.

#### **Capping Factor**

The Capping Factor is not applied for this Index Family.

#### 3. REFERENCES

#### 3.1 REFERENCE TABLE

Index name	Isincode	Mnemo	Bloom- berg Code	Reuters code	Base date	Base value	Publication since	Index Type
Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World	FRESG0000066	EBSWP	ESGBIOWP	.EBSWP	01/01/2010	1000	18/11/2021	Price
Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World NR	FRESG0000074	EBSWN	ESGBIOWN	.EBSWN	01/01/2010	1000	18/11/2021	Net Return
Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World GR	FRESG0000082	EBSWG	ESGBIOWG	.EBSWG	01/01/2010	1000	18/11/2021	Gross Return
Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World USD	FRESG0000140	EBSPW	ESGBIOPW	.EBSPW	01/01/2010	1000	03/12/2021	Price
Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World GR USD	FRESG0000157	EBSGW	ESGBIOGW	.EBSGW	01/01/2010	1000	03/12/2021	Gross Return
Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World NR USD	FRESG0000165	EBSNW	ESGBIONW	.EBSNW	01/01/2010	1000	03/12/2021	Net Return

#### 3.2 BASE CURRENCY

The Base Currency of the Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World is Euro, the Base Currency of the Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World USD version is US Dollar.

#### 3.3 PUBLICATION

The opening index level is disseminated at the same time as the first index level. The index is calculated based on the most recent prices of transactions concluded on the main markets in each of the countries that are included in the index. The level of the index is in principle published every 15 seconds. The index is calculated from 09:00 hours until US and Canadian Markets stop regular daytime trading on the days when Euronext Markets are open for trading.

The closing level is the last level disseminated on the trading day.

# 4. ESG DISCLOSURES

	REFLECTED IN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE METHODOLOGY
<b>Item 1</b> . Name of the benchmark administrator.	Euronext Paris
Item 2. Type of benchmark	Equity Benchmark
Item 3. Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks.	Euronext ESG Biodiversity Screened World Index
<b>Item 4</b> . Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?	Yes
	please find below the ESG factors that are taken I how they are used for selection, weighting and
a) List of environmental factors considered:	<ul> <li>ESG Risk score</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Production of tobacco</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Distribution of tobacco</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Thermal Coal Mining</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Thermal Coal Fuel Power Generation &gt;10%</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Oil Sands Extraction</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Shale Energy Extraction</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Oil &amp; Gas Exploration, Production</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Electricity Generation from Oil &amp; Gas</li> <li>Revenue involvement in Civilian Firearms (Assault and Non-assault) Weapons</li> <li>Evidence of activity in Anti-Personnel Mines, Biological and Chemical Weapons, Cluster Weapons, Depleted Uranium, Nuclear Weapons, or White Phosphorus</li> <li>United Nation Global Compact compliance assessment</li> <li>Biodiversity score</li> </ul>
b) List of social factors considered:	<ul> <li>ESG Risk score</li> <li>United Nation Global Compact compliance assessment</li> </ul>
c) List of governance factors considered:	<ul> <li>ESG Risk score</li> <li>United Nation Global Compact compliance assessment</li> </ul>

#### Item 6. Data and standards used.

- a) Data input.
- (i) Describe whether the data are reported, modelled or, sourced internally or externally.
- (ii) Where the data are reported, modelled or sourced externally, please name the third party data provider.

#### **Sustainalytics:**

- ESG Risk score
- Revenue involvement in Production of tobacco
- Revenue involvement in Distribution of tobacco
- Revenue involvement in Thermal Coal Mining
- Revenue involvement in Thermal Coal Fuel Power Generation >10%
- Revenue involvement in Oil Sands Extraction
- Revenue involvement in Shale Energy Extraction
- Revenue involvement in Oil & Gas Exploration, Production
- Revenue involvement in Electricity Generation from Oil & Gas
- Revenue involvement in Civilian Firearms (Assault and Non-assault) Weapons
- Evidence of activity in Anti-Personnel Mines, Biological and Chemical Weapons, Cluster Weapons, Depleted Uranium, Nuclear Weapons, or White Phosphorus
- United Nation Global Compact compliance assessment

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To maximise our data processing speed and efficiency, we take advantage of our geographical dispersion to collect the most relevant data by country and investment type and to keep our "data factory" working 24 hours a day

# **Iceberg Datalab:**

Biodiversity score

The CBF score is derived from the Corporate Biodiversity Footprint financial ratio (km2.MSA/€Mn). This indicator was developped and is calculated by Iceberg Data Lab. It results from the use of an internal model

b) Verification of data and guaranteeing the quality of those data.

Describe how data are verified and how the quality of those data is ensured.

#### **Sustainalytics:**

**Data Quality** 

- Operational Management: Business processes and tools are in place for universe maintenance, research planning, monitoring of timely publication and tracking of production targets.

- Productivity Tools: Our internal research platforms and databases are continuously enhanced to ensure research data integrity as well as efficient data collection and processing.
- Data Management: Systems are in place for the periodic collection and verification of nonresearch data (e.g. company identifiers) and ensuring the integrity of all data points from backend to front-end.
- Automated end-of-gate quality checks: Daily automated quality control systems are in place to ensure the accuracy and integrity of ESG Ratings pre-publication, flagging outliers and unusual patterns to avoid unwarranted rating volatility.
- Data Delivery Systems: Our online client portal (Global Access) and data services are maintained daily and continuously improved to give a comprehensive and accurate representation of our products.
- Data Deliverables: Automated and manual quality assurance checks are run on all periodic and on-off custom client deliverables.

#### Product/Service Quality

- Research Product Innovation: As we continuously expand and improve our offering, the client impact of any structural product changes is thoroughly assessed prior to implementation.
- Service Innovation: As we continuously expand and improve our digital services to clients, any new features are thoroughly tested before being released to clients.
- New Product Launches: A well-defined Stage-Gate process has been put in place to carefully manage product launches and ensure quality, at the launch and beyond.

#### Iceberg Datalab:

Each analyst is trained on the methodology and cannot validate an analysis until his or her probation period is over.

Each file is controlled by a second pair of eyes, either a Senior Analyst or the Managing Director

Every error is monitored through an internal tracking tool (Youtrack) ensuring the traceability of errors, the fact that they are corrected and following up onto recurring mistakes or methodological bias

#### c) Reference standards Sustainalytics: Describe the international standards used in the Through our norms based screening, Global benchmark methodology. Standard Screening, we cover a broad range of international norms and standards including; UN Global Compact Principles (UNGC), UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), OECD Guidelines for Enterprises and Related Multinational Conventions. **Iceberg Datalab** The CBF was developped using state of the art academic studies about the quantitative assesment of Biodiversity impact. comprehensive list of the bibliography can be provided on demand. Other sources or standards used are the Globio model, IEA and FAO scenarios and dataset. Information updated on: 06/04/2022