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Analysis of financial risks in company reporting

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Overview

Flying Blind: The glaring absence of climate risks in financial reporting (September 2021)*

Scope:

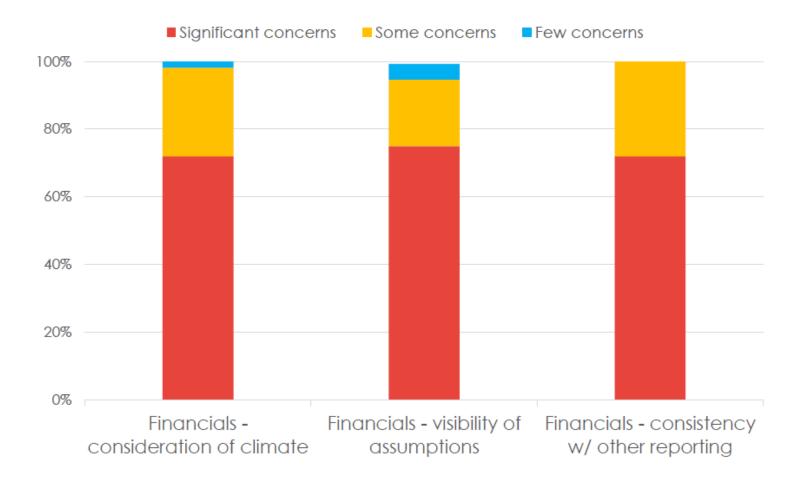
- > 2020 financial statements and audit reports
- 107 companies: mostly energy, industrials and transportation sectors primarily in the EU/UK and the US/Canada

Focus: Consideration of climate-related matters in 2020 financial reporting

*Work was coordinated between Carbon Tracker and the Climate Accounting Project. CAP is a team of accounting and finance experts drawn from the investor community and commissioned by the PRI.



Key findings: financial statements



Source: Carbon Tracker and CAP analyses



Emissions and financial reporting

Entity	Description of emissions	Location of info	Consideration in financials?
Shell	 ✓ Scope 1 & 2 = manufacture of products (operational control) ✓ Scope 3 = ~95% of total emissions, scope is end use of products sold using NCF boundaries 	2020 Annual & Sustainability reports Obtained limited assurance	Some consideration of energy transition Net zero targets not reflected
bp	 ✓ Scope 1 & 2 = operational emissions ✓ Scope 3 = ~88% of total emissions, on an equity share basis excluding Rosneft ("broadly equivalent" category 11, scope is upstream O&G production volumes) 	2020 Annual & Sustainability reports Obtained limited assurance	Reflection of energy transition Unclear if net zero ambitions* are considered

* Companies also have interim and intensity reduction goals.

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Potential impacts

- > Overstated assets (e.g. productive assets or inventories)
- > Understated liabilities (e.g. decommissioning or onerous contracts)
- > Overstated profits, dividend streams no longer reliable
- > Significant loss of investor capital
- > Inability to appropriately engage or allocate capital



Thank you for listening

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