

# EXPLANATION OF HOW KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY REFLECT ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS

NAI - Der Natur-Aktien-Index



This document provides an explanation of how the key elements of the benchmark methodology reflect ESG factors. It is compiled in accordance with the requirements of point (d) of Article 13 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 (the "Benchmarks Regulation") and of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1817.

## General Information

<b>Name of the benchmark administrator</b>	Solactive AG
<b>Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks</b>	Equity
<b>Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks</b>	NAI - Der Natur-Aktien-Index
<b>Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?</b>	Yes

## ESG Factors Applied in the Benchmark Methodology

<b>List of environmental factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Companies must fulfill at least two of several positive and none of several negative screening criteria to be included in the index. Positive as well as negative criteria in an environmental context are listed below:</li><li>&gt; Positive criteria: (i) The company offers products or services that make a significant contribution to the environmentally and socially sustainable solution to key human problems</li><li>&gt; Negative criteria: (i) Production and/or marketing of nuclear energy or nuclear technology (ii) production of products that are markedly harmful to the environment or health, use of such production methods or the promotion of such production, such as pesticides, fossil fuels, CFCs, etc. fuels, CFCs (iii) Within a company's core business (&gt;25% of revenues): advertising of conduct that is markedly harmful to the environment and/or health (iv) No willingness to make key environmental and health-related indicators transparent to the public (energy consumption, water consumption, waste generation, emissions, pollutant-related accidents and illnesses, in each case per turnover or product quantity)</li></ul>
<b>List of social factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Companies must fulfill at least two of several positive and none of several negative screening criteria to be included in the index. Positive as well as negative criteria in a social context are listed below:</li><li>&gt; Positive criteria: (i) The company offers products or services that make a significant contribution to the environmentally and socially sustainable solution to key human problems (ii) The company is an industry pioneer with regard to the social design of the production and sales process</li><li>&gt; Negative criteria: (i) production of products that are markedly harmful to the environment or health, use of such production methods or the promotion of such production, such as pesticides, fossil fuels, CFCs, etc. fuels, CFCs (ii) Within a company's core business (&gt;25% of revenues): advertising of conduct that is markedly harmful to the environment and/or health (iii) No willingness to make key environmental and health-related indicators transparent to the public (energy consumption, water consumption,</li></ul>



	<p>waste generation, emissions, pollutant-related accidents and illnesses, in each case per turnover or product quantity) (iv) Production and/or marketing of armaments in the narrow sense (such as firearms, tanks, mines) or generating more than 5% of sales with technical equipment for military use (v) Discrimination against women, social or ethnic minorities (vi) Obtaining parts of the production output through child labor or forced labor, or purchase of goods produced in this way from subcontractors (vii) Operating in a country where a recognized protest movement is calling for foreign companies to avoid the country (viii) Conducting or supporting tests on vertebrate animals, unless they are mandatory by legal regulations (environmental protection, chemical testing, medicine) (ix) release of genetically modified plants, animal or bacterial species, processing, production or trade in corresponding agricultural products or auxiliary materials for food production</p>
<b>List of governance factors considered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Companies must fulfill at least two of several positive and none of several negative screening criteria to be included in the index. Positive as well as negative criteria in a governance context are listed below:</li> <li>&gt; Negative criteria: (i) prevention and/or obstruction of trade union activities in the company (ii) repeated or persistent violation of applicable legal requirements</li> </ul>

## Data and Standards used

<b>Data Input</b>	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Institutional SECURVITA
<b>Verification and quality of data</b>	The provider of ESG-related data input is selected by the Index Owner and approved by the Administrator based on an assessment of its existing processes in order to ensure the reliability and representativeness of the ESG-related data. The data provider has established processes in accordance with accepted and established market standards that ensure the permanent quality and reliability of the ESG-data provided.
<b>Reference standards</b>	International standards referenced by the index methodology are listed in the respective section above.
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