

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

Solactive Europe Corporate Social Responsibility Index PR



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

Name of the benchmark administrator	Solactive AG
Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks	Equity
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Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?	Yes

ESG Factors Applied in the Benchmark Methodology

List of environmental factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Inclusion in the index universe is based on reliable and credible sustainable track records and/or business plans that contribute to a more sustainable world. An evaluation takes place within the sector. The company's level of exposure to significant sectoral issues and sector-based risks and opportunities is taken into account. The evaluation is based on the recognition of and actions in accordance with companies' social responsibility by the formulation of clear and ambitious policies, the allocation of effective resources, and the demonstration of measurable results. Companies involved in significant issues or controversies are evaluated individually and potentially excluded. Based on the factors, Forum Ethibel, an independent third party performing this task under contract with the Data provider, determines the selection of the index universe > The companies in the Index Universe are evaluated in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility based on a 6-level rating scale provided by the Data Provider: A: Pioneers (outstanding and/or innovative in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility; only the very best companies are included here. For many industries, this rating is non-existent) ; B: Best-in-class companies; C: Companies that perform above average; D: Followers, companies performing below average ; E: Laggards and/or non-transparent companies ; M: Involvement in activities related to armament, gambling, nuclear energy and tobacco which automatically lead to exclusion All companies rated "A", "B" or "C" are eligible for inclusion > Exclusion of companies with major involvement in one of the following areas: nuclear energy, fossil fuels
List of social factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Exclusion of companies with major involvement in one of the following areas: tobacco, armament, gambling, alcohol, animal abuse, genetically modified organisms, hazardous chemicals, and the sex industry > Inclusion in the index universe is based on reliable and credible sustainable track records and/or business plans that contribute to a more sustainable world. An evaluation takes place within the sector. The company's level of exposure to significant sectoral issues and sector-based



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List of governance factors considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Inclusion in the index universe is based on reliable and credible sustainable track records and/or business plans that contribute to a more sustainable world. An evaluation takes place within the sector. The company's level of exposure to significant sectoral issues and sector-based risks and opportunities is taken into account. The evaluation is based on the recognition of and actions in accordance with companies' social responsibility by the formulation of clear and ambitious policies, the allocation of effective resources, and the demonstration of measurable results. Companies involved in significant issues or controversies are evaluated individually and potentially excluded. Based on the factors, Forum Ethibel, an independent third party performing this task under contract with the Data provider, determines the selection of the index universe> The companies in the Index Universe are evaluated in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility based on a 6-level rating scale provided by the Data Provider: A: Pioneers (outstanding and/or innovative in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility; only the very best companies are included here. For many industries, this rating is non-existent) ; B: Best-in-class companies; C: Companies that perform above average; D: Followers, companies performing below average ; E: Laggards and/or non-transparent companies ; M: Involvement in activities related to armament, gambling, nuclear energy and tobacco which automatically lead to exclusion All companies rated "A", "B" or "C" are eligible for inclusion

Data and Standards used

Data Input	The data used to construct the index is sourced externally from Vigeo Eiris and Forum Ethibel
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Verification and quality of data	The provider of ESG-related data input is selected 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.
Reference standards	International standards referenced by the index methodology are listed in the respective section above.
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