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The road to net-zero

Transition risk impact assessment exercise for Greek Large Corporates

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Foreword

Despite the considerable progress made so far with regards to the integration of Climate & Environmental (hereinafter referred to as "C&E") risks into risk management frameworks and business practices, the road towards their effective management remains long with various challenges ahead including their measurement and quantification.

In this document, we present the results of the 1st exploratory transition risk impact assessment exercise for the Greek economy and their implications from a credit risk perspective by employing Deloitte's Global Framework for the quantification and measurement of C&E risks.

The exercise is based on a sample of more than 800 Greek Large Corporates with the aim to shed light on the credit risk associated with their transition to a net zero economy as indicated by the transition risk-adjusted probabilities of default (hereinafter referred also to as "transition risk adjusted PDs").

Three hypothetical climate scenarios from the NGFS¹ are used, namely orderly transition, disorderly transition and hot house world, estimating the impact on each corporate's current PD across a 30-year horizon, up to 2050.

The results of this exercise aim to provide insights with regards to sector dynamics and level of resilience of the Greek economy with respect to its transition to net zero and lead to informed decision making.

"If you cannot measure it, you cannot manage it"

— Peter Drucker

¹ NGFS stands for Network for Greening the Financial System, a global group of central banks and financial regulators created in 2017 to tackle the financial risks associated with climate change.

Methodological Framework



Deloitte's Global framework for the quantification of C&E risks| Overview

Deloitte's global framework for the measurement and quantification of C&E risks, represents a scalable and transparent approach covering both transition and physical risks and aiming to serve various purposes within a Financial Institution

C&E risks quantification Framework

	Transition risk module	Physical risk module
ensive risk	Use of climate scenarios	Data preparation
	• Forecasts of carbon prices and other scenario variables can be used as input to our impact calculation.	 Geolocation representations of the risk data on different granularity levels were produced, by using methods developed by CLIMADA.
	Market equilibrium model	
tiple	• Direct and indirect carbon related costs are modelled and	Physical risk maps
	the impact on the market equilibrium is calculated (demand and supply curves) and thus on firm-level profits.	• Based on the geolocation representations and region- dependent administrative meta data, the hazard information was aggregated (or disaggregated) to produce risk information data on a postal code level for various purposes.
	Distance to default model	
Transparency	• A propagation model is used to expand the impact on firm-level profits to other accounting variables. This step results in a set of scenario-consistent forecasts of firm financials.	
		Use of damage functions
		 Use of separate damage functions for 6 categories of property (residential buildings, industry, commerce, roads, transport, agriculture), in which the first three relate to buildings.
se of public lata sources	Rating model	
	• The corresponding transition risk-adjusted PDs are calculated by applying a given quantitative corporate rating model resulting on a set of scenario-consistent forecasts of firm-level ratings & PDs.	

Transition risk module | Model design at a glance

Transition risk module represents a multi– step approach along the lines of UNEP FI framework making deliberate modelling decisions and showing the hallmarks of good model design including transparency, proportionality, data leverage and industry best practice



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Transition risk impact assessment results



Transition risk impact assessment exercise | Background

Our sample is comprised of 821 Greek Large Corporates, with annual turnover over € 20mn (FY 2021), representing a broad range of economic sectors of Greek economy while the analysis is based on three NGFS scenarios (i.e., orderly, disorderly and hot house world)

Number of firms The sample consists of Greek Large Corporates Corporates 821 Firms Firms Number of sectors Citeria selection Citeria selection Citeria selection Citeria selection Profitable firms (FY2021) with annual turnover >€20mn as of 31.12.2021 Citeria selection Citeria selection Citeria selection





Sectors Sub-sectors

The analysis was performed at **sub-sector** level in order to enhance granularity and interpretability of results



Three NGFS scenarios (orderly, disorderly, hot house world) were used, with key distinctive feature the carbon price over a 30 – year horizon.

Transition risk impact assessment exercise | Summary of main observations

Impact assessment results suggest that the credit risk associated with a disorderly transition with delayed but abrupt phasing-in of climaterelated policies is expected to be much higher than that of an orderly transition as indicated by the maximum increase in PDs

Impact assessment results

- Results are consistent with the aggregated outcome of the SSM climate stress 2022, indicating a high degree of differentiation across scenarios in terms of both magnitude and timing of realization of impacts in the long term.
- ✓ Under the disorderly scenario PDs are expected to increase by a maximum of 180% (i.e., almost a threefold increase) from their current levels, observed in t+18 (i.e. 2039);
- ✓ Orderly scenario results to a front-loaded impact on PDs which are expected to increase by a maximum of 88% from their current levels, observed in t+12 (i.e. 2033);
- ✓ The impact of hot house world scenario remains to be seen since it needs to be taken into consideration in combination with the physical risk impacts which were out of the scope of the exercise.

Exhibit 1: Transition risk-adjusted PD Δs (% cumulative change) per scenario



	Orderly (Net Zero 2050)	Disorderly (Delayed transition)	Hot-house world (Current policies)
Maximum increase in PDs (x-fold)	1.88x	2.80x	-
Duration of impact	25 years	19 years	~ 0 years
Timing of max impact (t=2021)	t+12	t+18	n/a

Sources: ICAP, Exiobase, Deloitte C&E Credit Analytics calculations

Transition risk impact assessment exercise | Sector level analysis

Sector level analysis on transition risk dynamics (indicated by a maximum PD change) reveals the hardest hit sectors over the 30-year period

Exhibit 2: Transition risk-adjusted PD Δs (at maximum) per sector



Disorderly scenario implies a higher transition risk for all sectors of the economy.

 The hardest hit sectors under both orderly and disorderly scenarios are energy, mining and quarrying, construction, transportation and storage.

Amid high profit margins (60% on average), the power sector is the most vulnerable mainly due to its high carbon intensity.



Max x-fold increase in PDs

Sources: ICAP, Exiobase, Deloitte C&E Credit Analytics calculations

Notes: Number of firms in parenthesis. Median values were used for sector aggregations. Other sectors include administrative activities, arts, education, financial and insurance, health and scientific activities.

Transition risk impact assessment exercise | Main transition risk drivers

Besides carbon intensity which represents a profound driver, the analysis reveals current profitability levels as another major driver of transition risk impact and thus squares with business logic, as most profitable firms are found to be more resilient



Energy intensity represents the primary driver of transition risk, as expected.



Transition risk **decreases** materially as **profit margins increase** (bubble size gets smaller).

High risk area is comprised of firms with thin profit margins coupled with high carbon intensity levels.



Exhibit 3: Transition risk-adjusted PD (at maximum) per energy intensity and profit margin

Sources: ICAP, Exiobase, Deloitte C&E Credit Analytics calculations

Notes: Bubble size represents the maximum (x-fold) increase in transition risk over the scenario horizon. Granularity is at firm level, except for carbon intensity which has been calculated at sub-sector level. Contour lines in the graph mark areas of distinctive firm clusters and are not linked to specific levels for profit margin and carbon intensity.

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