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Principles for Responsible Banking

Belfius

Responsible Banking Progress Statement for PRB Signatories

Principle 1: Alignment

Belfius is a Belgian banking and insurance group wholly owned by the Belgian Federal State. Belfius Bank, which has signed the UNEP FI PRB, is the parent company of the Belfius Group.

Belfius' Inspire 2025 strategy, in which sustainability was woven, ended in December 2025. Belfius focused on 6 sustainability commitments as part of this strategy. It exceeded 4 commitments (reducing the footprint of own operations; supporting Belgian society through Belgian charities; giving women every opportunity and guaranteeing equal pay; and giving priority to future-proof infrastructure for Belgian society). However it did not deliver on its commitment to use 100% renewable energy for its own operations, as the shift to renewable energy was not possible in all our buildings due to contractual limitations, (the coverage for renewable energy is currently of 98%) or on its commitment to have a 100% of production in investments in scope aligned with SFDR art 8 and 9, due to limited ESG data availability or specific product features, achieving 91% instead.

Belfius' sustainability strategy 2025 was aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular: #3 Good health and wellbeing; #5 Gender equality; #7 Affordable and clean energy; and #8 Decent work and economic growth.

Belfius measures and discloses its carbon footprint following the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations. It covers all three Greenhouse Gas (GHG)emission scopes according to the GHG Protocol for its own emissions and Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) for its financed emissions, and it includes the seven gases outlined in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). To further reduce its carbon footprint, Belfius has set 2030 CO_2 reduction targets on its own emissions, and on its financed emissions, which are designed to be aligned with Paris Agreement objectives (see principle 2 related information).

To determine the financed emissions targets, Belfius based its calculations on the sectoral scenarios issued by the International Energy Agency (IEA). These targets are defined as a range, with the upper limit based on a scenario that aims for global warming of well below 2 °C (Sustainable Development Scenario) and the lower limit based on a scenario that aims for global warming of 1.5 °C (Net Zero Emissions by 2050 scenario).

At the end of 2025 Belfius approved a new strategy, called "Planet and Society" (P&S), covering inter alia sustainability-related matters, which is being implemented since January 2026 and will therefore be outlined in the next report.

Links & references

Sustainability Statement 2025:

1.2.2. Strategy

2.1. Climate change

Principle 2: Impact & Target Setting

In 2023 Belfius Bank conducted a comprehensive impact analysis using the UNEP FI Portfolio Impact Analysis Tool. In 2025, Belfius Bank updated this analysis and it confirmed the following chosen impacts areas: climate change and affordable energy-efficient housing.

Belfius has developed **climate targets** by 2030 for operational and financed emissions, aligned with the Paris Agreement.

Own emissions: By 2030, Belfius aims to reduce its absolute GHG emissions by 42% across buildings, company cars, upstream energy, waste, business travel, employee commuting and franchises. As of 2025, a 41% reduction has already been achieved. Additionally, Belfius targets a 50% reduction in GHG emission intensity for its leased car fleet and a 64.7% reduction for leased real estate by 2030. In 2025, the respective reductions in emission intensity were of 40.2% for the leased car fleet and of 26.2% for leased real estate. Finally, Belfius aimed to use 100% renewable electricity by the end of 2025. Unfortunately this target could not be reached due to contractual limitations, resulting in Belfius reaching 98% of renewable energy use by the end of 2025.

Financed emissions: For its lending activities and its investments, the latter including both the Bank's own portfolio and the Insurance Main Fund, Belfius aims to exclude all investments in coal sector and reduce absolute GHG emissions from the oil and gas sector by 50%. Belfius also targets a range of 37-42% reduction in GHG emissions intensity in the power generation sector, a range of 21-28% reduction in the automotive sector, and a range of 20-26% reduction in the residential real estate sector.

Belfius undertook to publish 4 metrics on **affordable Energy-Efficient Housing**, using 2025 as a baseline. Each metric will be implemented in the course of 2026. These metrics are all described in the *Annex* below.

Links & references

Sustainability Statement 2025:

2.1. Climate change

Principle 3: Clients & Customers

Belfius aims to make a positive contribution to sustainable transition through its financial activities. The bank supports and advises its clients in achieving their transition-related needs and ambitions by offering a broad range of products and services.

For **wholesale and public sector clients**, this includes the Corporate ESG Ambition program (which will make space for other initiatives in 2026), Kube ESG for ESG data sharing, the Belfius Building and Energy Advisory for real estate projects, and the Mobility as a Service, a digital all-in-one mobility platform. Belfius also provides (1) loans for activities eligible under the EU Taxonomy, (2) Green, Social and Sustainable (GSS) loans, (3) Impact or Green Loans, (4) Sustainability Linked Loans, (4) GSS Bonds, (5) Social Bonds, (6) Sustainability Linked Bonds, as well as (7) leasing solutions for sustainable activities.

Retail clients have access to mobility solutions to finance cars and bikes, as well as to an energy-efficient offering to improve energy performance of residential properties.

These activities are guided by Belfius' group policies, in particular the Climate and Environmental Policy and the Transition Acceleration Policy. The **Climate and Environmental Policy** aims to inform stakeholders on Belfius' ambition and commitment in addressing the climate crisis and environmental degradation in a socially inclusive way, whereas the **Transition Acceleration Policy** evaluates activities in sensitive sectors and business domains to ensure alignment with the bank's ESG criteria.

Links & references

Sustainability Statement 2025:

1.6. Meaningful activities

Principle 4: **Stakeholders**	Principle 5: **Governance & Culture**	Principle 6: **Transparency & Accountability**
Belfius' stakeholder engagement process has not changed in 2025. The dialogue with stakeholders allows Belfius to understand their expectations regarding Belfius' environmental and social impact, and to inform them about Belfius' sustainability strategy, objectives and risk management. Interactions with stakeholders take place on a regular basis through various channels, depending on the nature of Belfius' relationship with the stakeholder in question. These include customers, regulators and prudential supervisors, employees and their representatives, suppliers and shareholders. Stakeholders are identified based on the question whether they are either impacted by Belfius' operations or influence the Bank. The views of stakeholders provide information about our due diligence process and the materiality assessment. Belfius recognizes the importance of partnerships to amplify positive impacts. It actively engages in sustainability initiatives, being a signatory to the UN Global Compact and other principles. The Bank also contributes to sustainability workgroups organized by its sectoral organization Febelfin. Locally, Belfius is part of the sustainability community the Shift and the Belgian Institute for Sustainable IT, focusing on reducing the environmental footprint of IT services. Additionally, it supports gender equality through the Women in Finance Diversity Charter and promotes diversity and inclusion by partnering with Open@Work for the LGBTQIA+ community. These commitments provide information on Belfius' action planning process, ensuring alignment with stakeholder expectations and sustainability goals.	Belfius integrates ESG-related themes, including the Principles of Responsible Banking, into its governance structures, which have not changed in 2025. The Board of Directors and the Management Board of Belfius Bank, as the parent company, respectively define and execute the strategy, the general policy and the risk appetite of the Belfius Group. This includes the coordination of the ESG policy. All subsidiaries must implement their policy, strategy and risk appetite in line with those of the Group. Some ESG matters are addressed in Advisory Committees to the Boards of Directors of Belfius Bank and its subsidiaries. Some other committees report to the Management Board. Depending on the ESG subject, it might have to be approved or discussed first within these committees before gaining approval from the Management Board. Belfius encourages the adoption of Belfius' sustainability values by its senior and key executives through their annual variable remuneration. The variable remuneration approach is approved by the Belfius Bank Board of Directors, following the advice of the Remuneration Committee. ESG indicators determine 9.8% of the performance score of the variable remuneration in 2025 for all key and senior executives.	Belfius is committed to transparent and responsible sustainability reporting. Belfius' approach to sustainability reporting uses recognized external standards and frameworks, including the EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS). Belfius continuously assesses and adapts the sustainability disclosures to align with evolving frameworks and stakeholder expectations. KPMG provided limited assurance to the Sustainability Statement, which is prepared in accordance with the CSRD.
Links & references Sustainability Statement 2025: 1.3. Value chain and stakeholder engagement Belfius ESG Framework	***Links & references*** Sustainability Statement 2025: 1.4.1. Role of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies	***Links & references*** Sustainability Statement 2025

Annex

Principle 2:

Impact & Target Setting

We will continuously increase our positive impacts while reducing the negative impacts on, and managing the risks to, people and environment resulting from our activities, products and services. To this end, we will set and publish targets where we can have the most significant impact.

Affordable Energy-Efficient Housing

Belfius has reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable finance and social responsibility by establishing a set of four metrics to track progress in promoting affordable and energy-efficient (EE) housing. In the current economic context, where risk appetite and client needs are evolving, Belfius has chosen to focus on transparency and measurable action, rather than setting a fixed quantitative target for 2030. This approach ensures that Belfius remains credible and accountable while dealing with the complexities of the Belgian housing market.

The initiative is built on two core principles: **affordability** and **energy efficiency.** Affordable housing is defined as properties where total housing costs remain manageable relative to household income, with a particular focus on supporting low- and middle-low-income households. Energy-efficient housing refers to properties with an energy performance below **150 kWh/m²/year**, aligning with Belgium's broader climate-related targets.

- The **first metric** measures the **annual number of affordable energy-efficient homes created with Belfius' support**. This includes housing units developed through investments by Belfius Insurance's Main Fund in specialized real estate funds such as *Vicinity*, as well as the development of energy-efficient social housing units developed by social housing organizations supported by Belfius Bank. The metric also accounts for the acquisition of EE homes through loans provided by these organizations.
- The **second metric** captures the **number of individuals engaged through Belfius' renovation campaigns, initiatives, and the use of energy savings calculators**. This metric reflects the bank's efforts to empower households to undertake energy renovations by increasing awareness, providing information, and facilitating access to tools that help estimate potential energy savings. This includes the reach of renovation campaigns and the use of energy savings calculators, developed in collaboration with *Jaimy*, a Belfius subsidiary specializing in renovation support. This metric ensures that Belfius' outreach and educational efforts are systematically tracked and reported.
- The **third metric** focuses on the **number of active partnerships Belfius maintains to facilitate the renovation journey for its clients**. Acknowledging the complexity of energy-efficient upgrades, Belfius has established a collaboration with expert organizations. These partnerships provide homeowners with technical guidance, streamlined processes, as well as financial solutions, reducing barriers to renovation.
- The **fourth and final metric** is designed to **improve market transparency by reporting the distribution of EPC ratings across various income categories within Belfius' residential mortgage portfolio, including first-time buyers**. This granular breakdown allows Belfius to identify disparities in access to energy-efficient housing and to tailor future initiatives in order to address specific gaps. The methodology relies on standardized income brackets to ensure consistency and actionable insights.

Together, these four metrics form the cornerstone of Belfius' approach to affordable and energy-efficient housing. Progress for these indicators will be published annually, reinforcing the bank's commitment to transparency and accountability. By systematically measuring its impact, Belfius demonstrates its dedication to fostering an inclusive transition toward a low-carbon residential sector in Belgium.