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# Proposals for a roadmap towards a Sustainable Financial System in Switzerland

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# A fruitful collaboration



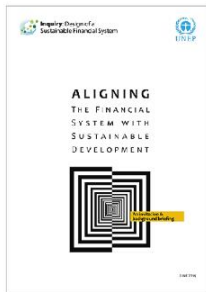


# From the Inquiry to the Proposals

## Process of UNEP Inquiry

### Analytical frameworks

June 2014  
Invitations



### Mapping practice

2014–2015  
Inquiry Reports



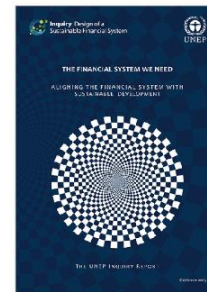
### Thematic analysis

2014–2015  
Country Engagements



### Options for design


October 2015  
Options for Design




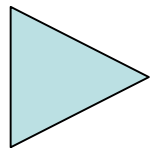
### Design of a Sustainable Financial System

**> Proposals for a Roadmap towards a Sustainable Financial System in Switzerland**

*A collaboration of experts of the financial sector, academia, non-governmental organizations and federal authorities*  
*An invitation to discussion and action*



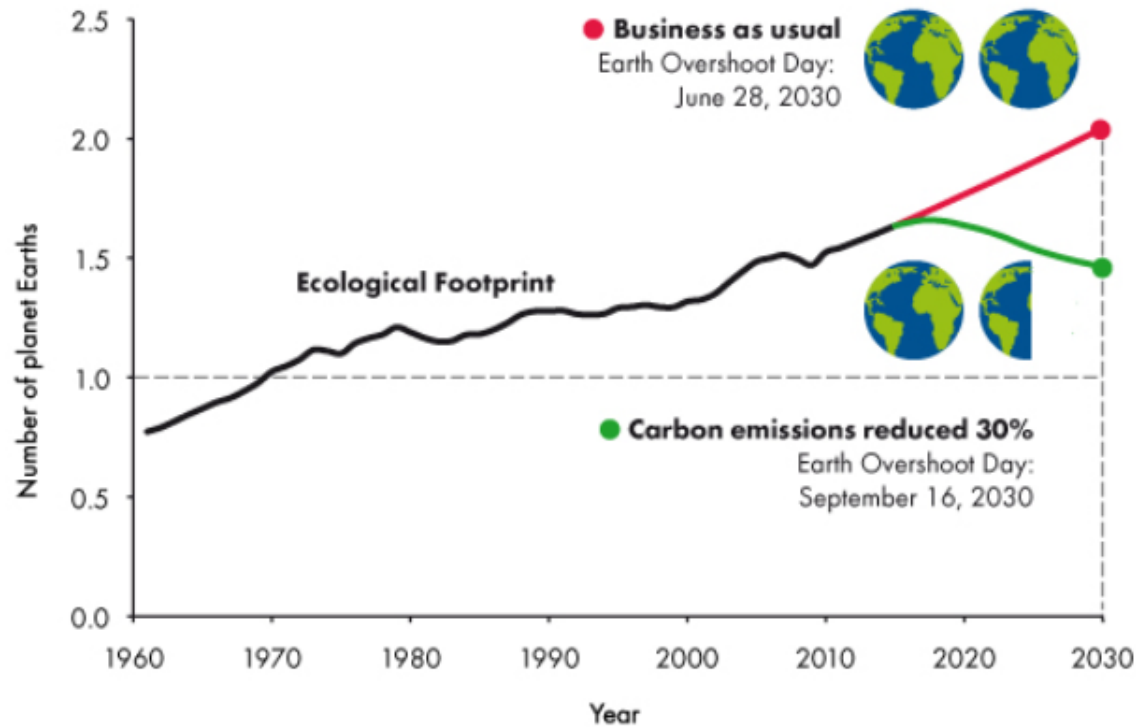
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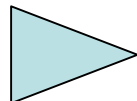
Proposals for 20 measures to spark discussion and action

# Planet under pressure – the need to act now

How many Earths does it take to support humanity?



Source: [www.footprintnetwork.org](http://www.footprintnetwork.org)



We are facing the age of «ecological debt»



# Sustainable finance – historic window of opportunity for the future of our planet

Alignment  
of  
financial  
flows  
to a  
Green  
and  
inclusive  
Economy

reduce  
over-investments  
in an unsustainable economy

strengthen financial  
resilience,  
foster reputation, seize  
business opportunities

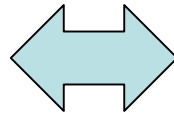
rise in investments  
in a sustainable  
economy

reduce risk exposure,  
avoid stranded assets

time



# Switzerland: our potential & responsibility



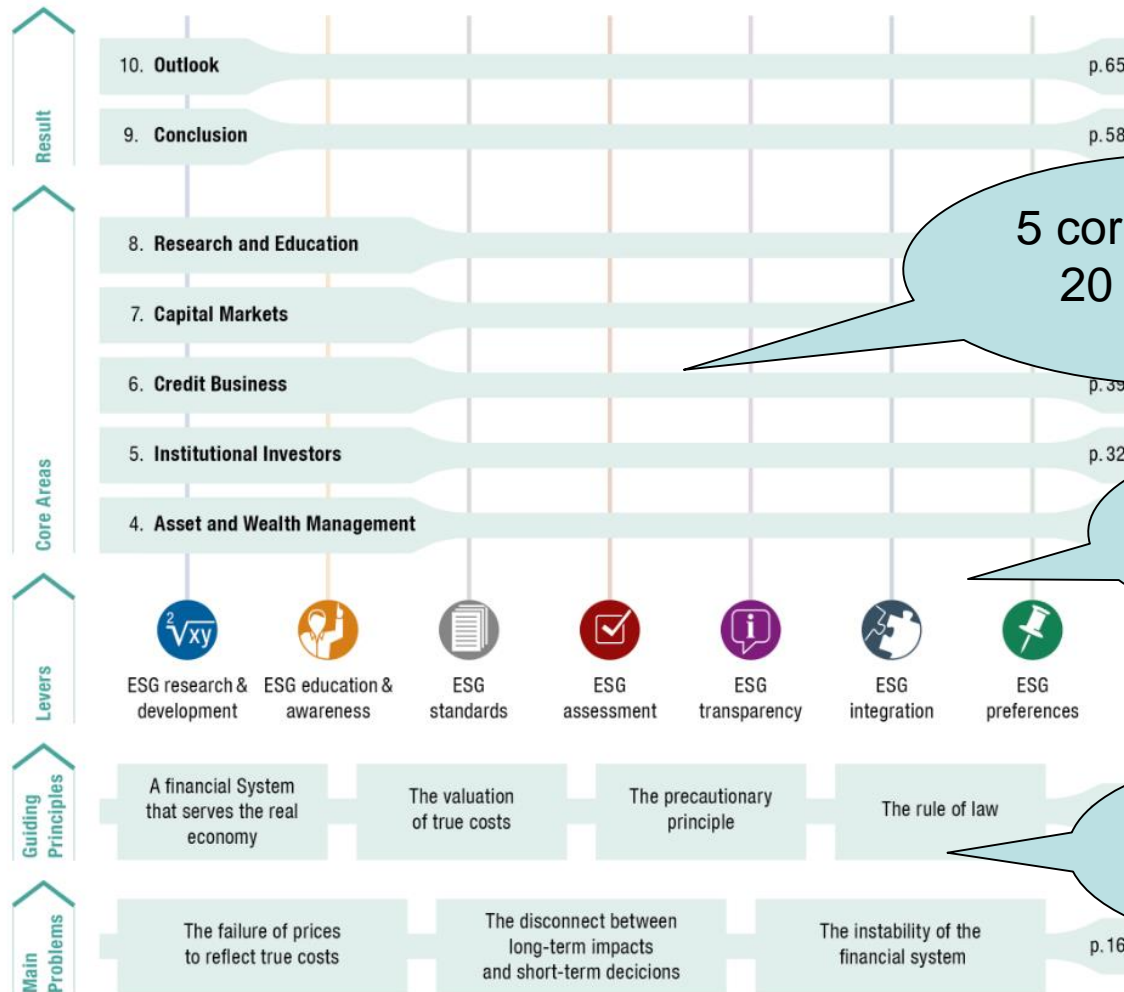
- Strong environmental policy
- Commitment to policy coherence
- Facilitating dialogue for sustainable finance

- Strong financial sector
- Pioneers in sustainable finance
- Taking initiative



# Proposals – an invitation to discuss, challenge and act

## Structure of Report



5 core areas with 20 measures










Building on ESG levers

Guiding principles





# just to sneak peek...

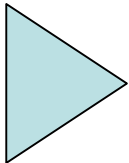
Proposed measures	Stakeholder	Affected levers
<b>Institutional Investors</b>		
Develop and set standards for key sustainability issues in sustainable investments, complete empirical research on the financial effects of ESG factors, develop methods and key performance indicators (KPIs).	Universities, other research institutions, rating and consulting organisations, together with institutional investors, supported by industry associations; target audience: institutional investors	 
Educate and raise awareness among institutional investors and beneficiaries.	In-house training departments, universities, specialised schools, consulting and sustainability rating providers, supported by industry associations and possibly the state; target audience: institutional investors (especially foundation/ management board and investment committee members, asset managers, client advisors) and beneficiaries	 
Provide transparency on ESG-related investment policies, goals, and portfolio impacts; set standards concerning the ESG transparency of portfolio impacts.	Policies and goals: board members, supported by in-house ESG experts, product managers, external consultants; assessments: asset managers, in-house financial and ESG analysts, auditing agencies, possibly supported by external service providers (consulting or sustainability rating providers), NGOs, client organisations; target audience: beneficiaries and other stakeholders	  
Integrate ESG impacts into policies and related asset management goals, systematically evaluate and meet the ESG preferences of beneficiaries.	Policies and goals: board members (especially foundation boards), supported by in-house ESG experts, product managers, external consultants; ESG integration: asset managers; target audience: client advisors, supported by in-house ESG experts, possibly external service providers	 





# Measures – let's get moving !

- You are invited to discuss, challenge, further concretise and implement the measures
- You are invited to spread the measures amongst your peers
- You are invited to take initiative



Let us know, what you think and do:

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