ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) PRACTICES IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR



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Introduction

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector Training Course prepares banking, investment, and insurance professionals to embed ESG into financial decision-making. Participants work through ESG fundamentals and financial sector drivers, sustainable finance regulation and supervisory expectations, ESG integration in credit, investment, and underwriting, climate risk and prudential treatment, sustainable finance instruments including green bonds and sustainability-linked loans, and ESG data, disclosure, assurance, and governance of ESG risk as one connected discipline. The programme links the capital a financial institution deploys with the ESG risk and disclosure discipline that makes that allocation defensible. As a result, learners gain a practical command of ESG in finance. Furthermore, the course strengthens sustainability judgement, risk literacy, and governance discipline.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector Course Objectives

- Explain ESG concepts, pillars, and financial sector drivers.
- Apply sustainable finance regulation and supervisory expectations.
- Apply ESG integration in credit assessment and lending decisions.
- Apply ESG integration in investment analysis and portfolio management.
- Apply climate risk assessment: physical, transition, and liability risk.
- Apply prudential treatment of climate and ESG risk.
- Apply sustainable finance instruments: green bonds and linked loans.
- Apply ESG data sourcing, quality, and rating methodology review.
- Apply ESG disclosure obligations and reporting standards.
- Apply ESG governance, risk oversight, assurance, and anti-greenwashing controls.

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Course Methodology

- Interactive sessions built on ESG finance and supervision cases.
- Workshops on ESG integration, climate risk, and instrument design.
- Group exercises on credit ESG assessment, portfolio review, and disclosure.
- Hands-on practice with ESG scorecards, climate risk registers, and dashboards.
- Simulation of an ESG risk committee and a supervisory enquiry response.
- Facilitator coaching and peer review on personal ESG implementation plans.

Who Should Take This Course

- Banking, investment, and insurance risk professionals.
- Credit analysts, portfolio managers, and underwriters.
- Sustainable finance and ESG officers.
- Finance, treasury, and reporting managers.
- Regulatory compliance and supervisory affairs staff.
- Internal auditors covering ESG risk and disclosure.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector Course Outlines

Day 1: ESG Foundations for Financial Institutions

- ESG concepts, pillars, and drivers for financial institutions.
- Investor, depositor, and regulator expectations.
- Materiality for financial institutions and sector considerations.
- Sustainable finance market development and trends.

- Greenwashing risk and reputational exposure.
- Common ESG failures in finance and their causes.
- Case discussion: a green fund whose holdings were never verified.

Day 2: Sustainable Finance Regulation and Supervision

- Sustainable finance regulation and taxonomy frameworks.
- The EU taxonomy and sustainable activity classification.
- SFDR and disclosure obligations for financial products.
- Supervisory expectations on climate and ESG risk.
- Prudential treatment of climate-related risk.
- Regulatory reporting and supervisory review cycles.
- Workshop: mapping regulatory obligations to institutional practice.

Day 3: ESG Integration in Credit and Investment

- ESG integration approaches for credit assessment.
- ESG factors in borrower and counterparty evaluation.
- Sector-specific ESG risk considerations.
- ESG integration in investment analysis and portfolio construction.
- Engagement, voting, and stewardship practice.
- Exclusions, screening, and best-in-class approaches.
- Exercise: performing an ESG credit and investment assessment.

Day 4: Climate Risk, Instruments, and Products

- Climate risk types: physical, transition, and liability risk.
- Climate scenario analysis and stress testing for portfolios.

- Financing emissions and portfolio decarbonisation targets.
- Green bonds, sustainability bonds, and use-of-proceeds structures.
- Sustainability-linked loans and KPI-linked pricing.
- ESG funds, indices, and product design governance.
- Simulation: designing a sustainable finance instrument and its controls.

Day 5: Data, Disclosure, Assurance, and Governance

- ESG data sourcing, quality, and estimation challenges.
- ESG rating and index methodology review.
- Disclosure obligations under ISSB IFRS S1 and S2 and local rules.
- ESG governance structures, committees, and risk oversight.
- Internal audit and assurance over ESG data and disclosure.
- Anti-greenwashing controls and marketing review.
- Capstone: presenting an ESG implementation framework for a financial institution.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector, participants will gain a practical command of ESG fundamentals, sustainable finance regulation and supervision, ESG integration in credit and investment, climate risk and sustainable finance instruments, and ESG data, disclosure, assurance and governance. They will acquire skills in ESG credit and investment assessment, climate risk analysis, sustainable instrument design, and ESG governance reporting that make financial decisions defensible. Gentex Training Center designs the programme to help professionals embed ESG in finance with confidence.

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FAQs for the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector course

Q1 What is the "Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector" course about?

It prepares banking, investment, and insurance professionals to embed ESG into financial decision-making. The course spans ESG foundations for financial institutions, sustainable finance regulation and supervision, ESG integration in credit and investment, climate risk, instruments and products, and data, disclosure, assurance and governance.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector" course?

You gain a practical command of ESG in finance that links the capital a financial institution deploys with the ESG risk and disclosure discipline that makes that allocation defensible. The course improves ESG integration in credit and investment, strengthens climate risk and scenario practice, sharpens sustainable instrument design and disclosure, and gives you ESG governance and assurance practice that reduces greenwashing and supervisory risk.

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Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector" course?

You will develop four core skills: sustainable finance regulation and taxonomy application, ESG integration in credit and investment assessment, climate risk assessment and sustainable finance instrument design, and ESG data, disclosure, assurance and governance reporting.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector" course?

The course covers ESG concepts, pillars and drivers for financial institutions, investor, depositor and regulator expectations, materiality for financial institutions and sector considerations, sustainable finance market development and trends, greenwashing risk and reputational exposure, sustainable finance regulation and taxonomy frameworks, the EU taxonomy and sustainable activity classification, SFDR and disclosure obligations for financial products, supervisory expectations on climate and ESG risk, prudential treatment of climate-related risk, regulatory reporting and supervisory review cycles, ESG integration approaches for credit assessment, ESG factors in borrower and counterparty evaluation, sector-specific ESG risk considerations, ESG integration in investment analysis and portfolio construction, engagement, voting and stewardship practice, exclusions, screening and best-in-class approaches, climate risk types of physical, transition and liability risk, climate scenario analysis and stress testing for portfolios, financing emissions and portfolio decarbonisation targets, green bonds, sustainability bonds and use-of-proceeds structures, sustainability-linked loans and KPI-linked pricing, ESG funds, indices and product design governance, ESG data sourcing, quality and estimation challenges, ESG rating and index methodology review, disclosure obligations under ISSB IFRS S1 and S2 and local rules, ESG governance structures, committees and risk oversight, internal audit and assurance over ESG data and disclosure, and anti-greenwashing controls and marketing review.

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Q5 How is the "Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Practices in the Financial Sector" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply it to real work such as performing an ESG credit and investment assessment, mapping regulatory obligations to institutional practice, running climate scenario analysis on a portfolio, designing a sustainability-linked loan with KPI pricing, reviewing an ESG rating methodology, preparing disclosure under IFRS S1 and S2, running an anti-greenwashing marketing review, and presenting an ESG framework to a risk committee. The same methods support supervisory enquiry response and ESG assurance readiness.