## SDG Forum

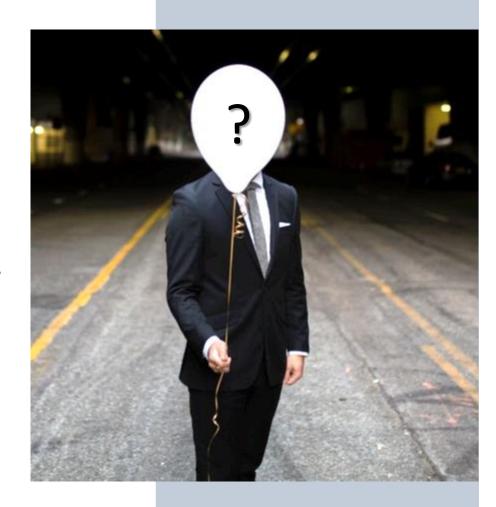
Finance



## What is Febelfin?

## Represents **264 financial institutions** in Belgium

- Banks
- Credit providers
- Asset managers and funds
- Stockbroking firms and stockbrokers
- Stock Exchange members
- Leasing companies
- Euroclear
- SWIFT
- ..



#### 5 constituent associations











### 11 associate members with a special status



















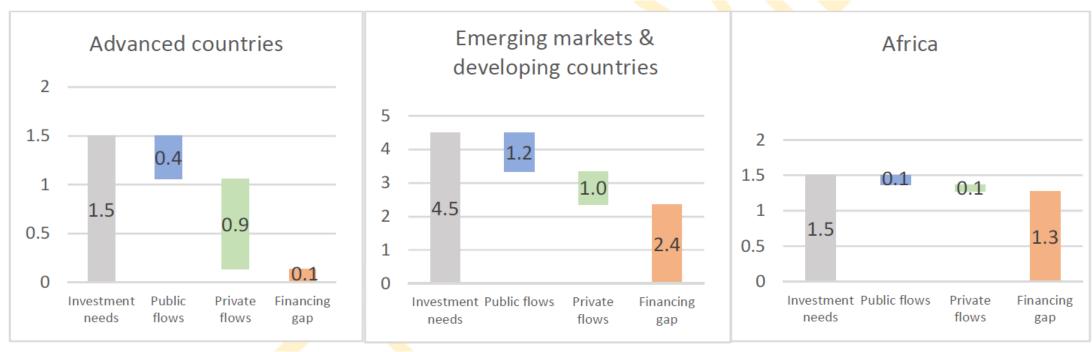




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## A financing gap

- \$2500 billion/year
- Impact-based business models vs impact as an externality



Source: 'Rethinking impact to finance the SDGs' (Consultation version), UNEP FI, +Impact (2018)





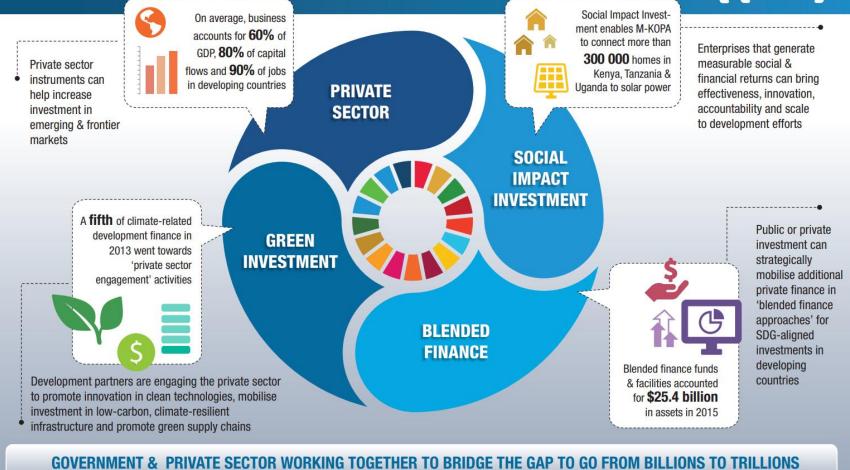
### Actors

- Public
- Private

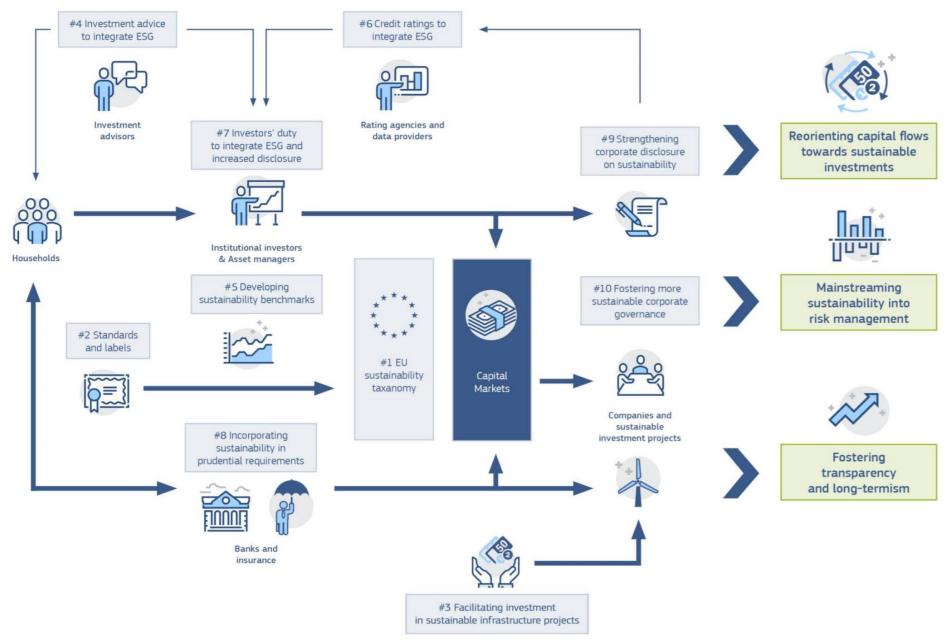
• Blended

### **The Private Sector: The Missing Piece of the SDG Puzzle**









Source: EC Action Plan: Financing Sustainable Growth (2018)

Impact-based

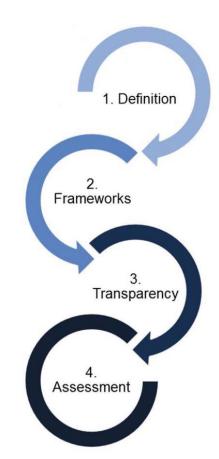




## Principles for Positive Impact Finance

- Clarity & scale-up
- Holistic approach

Leverage



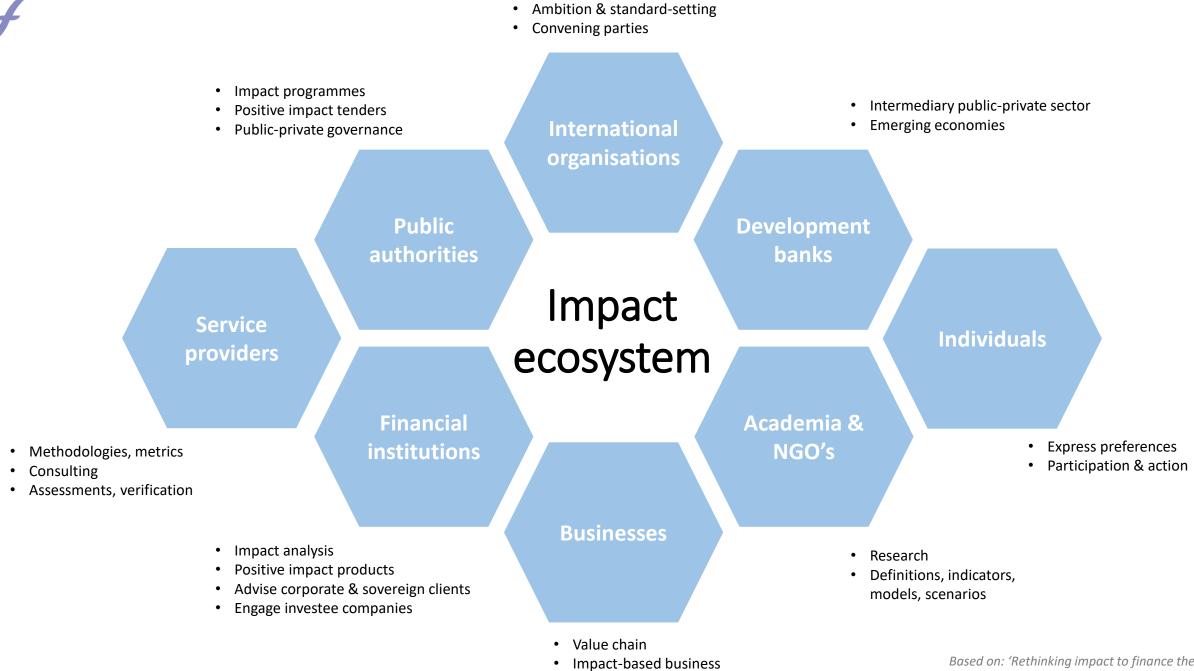
#### Positive Impact Finance =

- Positive contribution to one or more of the three pillars of sustainable development
- Potential negative impacts to any of the three pillars duly identified and addressed
- Processes, methodologies and tools needed to identify and monitor positive impact
- These will be adapted to different business lines and asset classes.

#### Transparency required on:

- Activities, projects, programs, and/or entities financed/invested in & anticipated positive impacts
- Processes to identify, assess and monitor impacts
- Where possible, impacts achieved

Assessment of PI products by third parties should differentiate between process and impacts achieved



models

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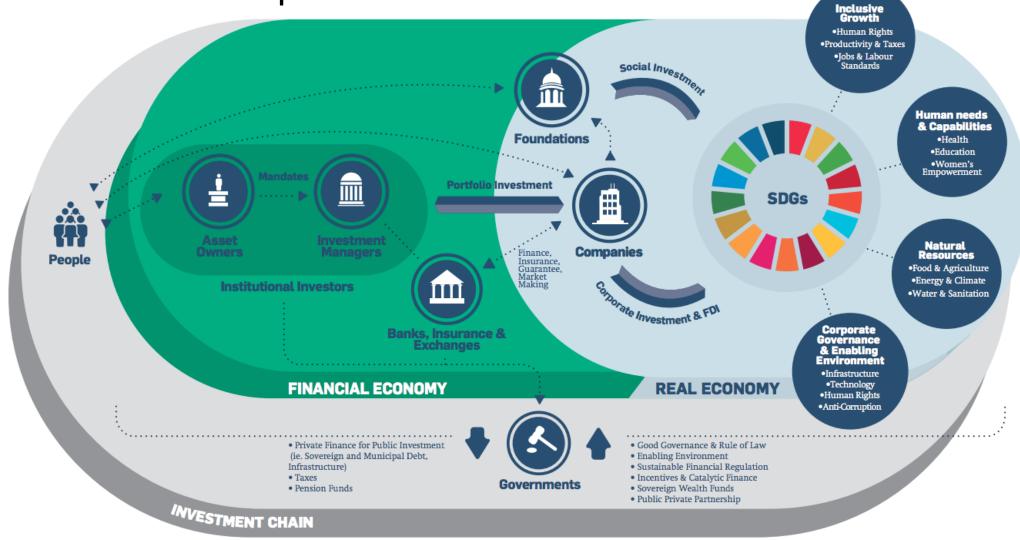
## Principles for Responsible Banking



## Private financial sector



Private sector capital flows





## SDG impact of the private financial sector

- Taxonomies & certification
  - Green bonds/lending
- Impact investing



Enhance positive impact of client's/supplier's operations

**Enhancing** 

Enhance **positive** impact of **own** operations

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- Exclusion & safeguarding
- Scenario-based



Mitigate negative impact of client's/supplier's operations

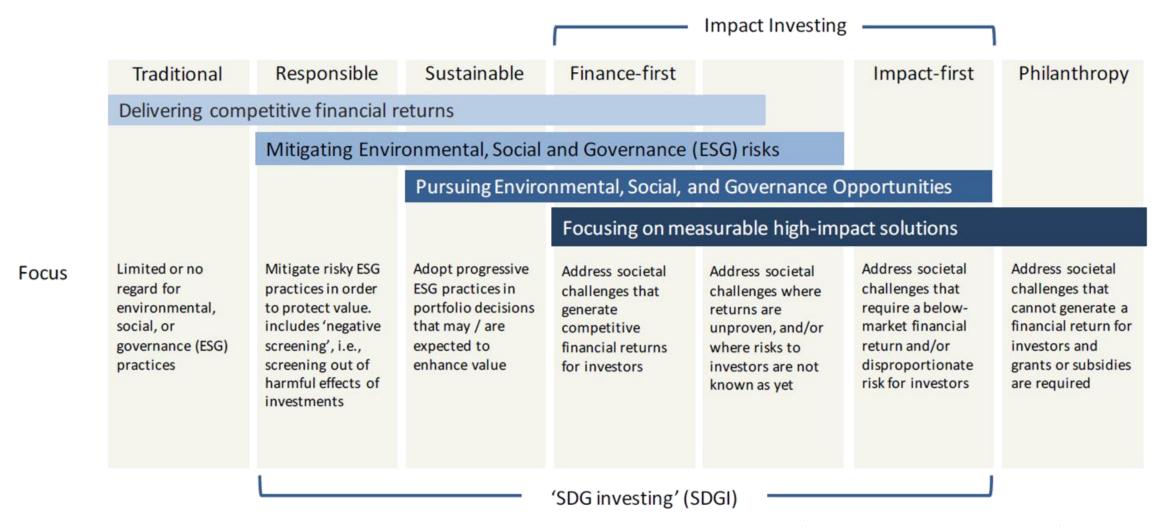
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Mitigate **negative** impact of **own** operations

Mitigating



## SDG Investing spectrum





### Financing instruments & initiatives

- Green bonds
  - Belgian Green OLO
  - Issues by corporates and banks
  - Green covered bonds
- Green loans
- Sustainable or ESG loans
- Circular Economy Finance guidelines
- Blended finance: Smart cities
- EEMAP
- SRI products

















## Sustainable financial products





### **Sustainability strategies**

A multi-faceted approach to sustainability



#### No harm

Some things do not belong in a sustainable portfolio



### **Transparency**

What is taken into account and how?



### **Information**

Helpful information for the client



### **Supervision**

Walk the talk





### Data

- Metrics
  - Translation: SDG => Metric => Funding => Impact
  - EU taxonomy
  - SDG indicators

- Availability & disclosure
  - EU proposals
  - TCFD





# Questions?