

# Sustainable Investment with Certificates

Climate change presents us all with one of the greatest challenges that we can only overcome together. In everyday life, everyone can contribute. In mobility and consumption for instance, but we also want to set an example in financial terms!

Our goal is to design our **financial products and services with sustainability in mind**. We are aware of our social and ecological responsibility and want to make a contribution in terms of resource conservation, climate protection and social change.



## Our Sustainability Strategy

In our sustainable investment products, we take into account requirements from the environmental, social and responsible corporate governance areas, also known as ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance).

E	environmental
S	social
G	governance



**"Sustainability** is of central **importance** for us, also for **investing**."

Heike Arbter  
and the Raiffeisen Certificates team



Both we as the issuer and the underlying asset of the investment product are evaluated according to neutral criteria. This means that an ESG Raiffeisen Certificate is comprehensibly sustainable.

## The Guidelines for Sustainable Raiffeisen Certificates

We support the **sustainability initiatives of the European Union** and have also committed ourselves to the following set of rules:



**UN Global Compact:** In 2021, we became a member of the UN Global Compact Network. This is a global pact between companies and the UN. The ten principles of the UN Global Compact in the areas of labor standards, human rights, environmental protection, and anti-corruption clarify which principles the participating organizations must take into account in their strategies, policies and procedures. Therefore, signatories of the UN Global Compact contribute to a fair shaping of globalization.

**UN Principles for Responsible Banking:** The Raiffeisen Bank International Group (RBI) has signed the UN Principles for Responsible Banking as of 2021. This is a global agreement developed between banks and the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI). The Principles for Responsible Banking define the role and responsibility of the banking sector and align it with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015. Raiffeisen Certificates are also committed to this framework.

**Austrian Eco-label:** In 2022, our Capital Protection Certificates received the Austrian Eco-label for sustainable financial products for the first time. As an independent quality seal, the Austrian Eco-label certifies ethically oriented projects and companies in the financial sector that generate profits through sustainable investments.



## The Sustainability Standard for Raiffeisen Certificates

### 1. Analysis of the Underlyings

- **Sustainable stock indices** are developed in cooperation with recognized index providers (e.g. MSCI).
- **For individual stocks** as the underlying, we draw on the expertise of Raiffeisen Research and use their sustainability analysis „ESG scoring“ to select equities for our sustainable investment products.

### 2. Exclusion Procedures

In addition, we apply exclusion procedures **at the level of the underlying and the product**. The selection process at times takes into account turnover limits for non-sustainable businesses. Only those companies that are particularly sustainable in a certain industry or market segment can be selected as underlyings.



→ **Criteria for exclusion in the product**

Leverage products are generally classified as non-sustainable because they typically have a short maturity and do not serve any medium- or long-term investment objectives. Investment products that profit specifically from falling prices (reverse or short certificates) are also considered non-sustainable.

→ **Criteria for exclusion in the underlying**

We explicitly exclude certain underlying assets from sustainable investment products. We have also set strict turnover limits for certain economic activities. No investment products are issued on companies as underlying assets that violate the UN Global Compact. Child labor, disregard for human rights or significant damage to the environment are examples of such serious violations.

### Companies that...



...generate more than 5% of their turnover from tobacco.



...achieve more than 10% of their turnover with armaments.



...derive more than 10% of their turnover from nuclear power.



...earn more than 25% of their turnover from coal mining.



...trade in food essential to all people (soft commodities) on the financial markets.



...are involved in the production of or trade in controversial weapons (especially nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, cluster munitions and anti-personnel mines).

We also exclude as underlying assets states that are classified as unfree by Freedom House on the basis of the current human rights situation.

### 3. Holistic View

Our sustainability strategy also ensures that no environmental or social goal or principle leads to another being violated or even completely disregarded (so-called „do not significantly harm“ principle).

### 4. „Principal Adverse Impacts“ (PAI)

In the case of sustainable Raiffeisen Certificates, principal adverse impacts on sustainability - PAIs for short - are taken into account at two levels:

- At the level of the issuer, i.e. Raiffeisen Bank International, derived from the sustainability report.
- At the level of the underlying, through compliance with the sustainability strategy and consideration of the sustainability standard.



Treibhausgasemissionen



Artenvielfalt (Biodiversität)



Abfallvermeidung



Wasserschutz und Wasserverbrauch



Soziale, arbeits- und menschenrechtliche Belange inkl. Korruption und Bestechung

### Find Sustainable Certificates



You can find further information and the sustainable Raiffeisen Certificates at [raiffeisenzertifikate.at/en/sustainability](https://raiffeisenzertifikate.at/en/sustainability)

### Legal / risk information

Sustainable Raiffeisen Certificates consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (PAI) according to Art. Nr. 7 lit. c) MiFID II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1253. These certificates are not financial products within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088.

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Issuer risk/creditor participation ("bail-in"):

Certificates are not covered by the deposit protection scheme. There is a risk that Raiffeisen Bank International AG will not be able to meet its payment obligations due to insolvency (issuer risk) or possible official orders („bail-in"). In such cases, a total loss of the capital invested may occur. All payments during the term or at the end of the term of the Certificates are dependent on the solvency of the issuer. Investors are exposed to the risk that Raiffeisen Bank International AG, as the issuer, may not be able to meet its obligations under the financial instruments described, for example in the event of insolvency (illiquidity/indebtedness) or an official order for settlement measures by the settlement authorities. In the event of a crisis of the Issuer, such an order by the settlement authority may also be issued prior to insolvency proceedings. In such cases the Winding-up Authority has extensive powers of intervention (so-called "bail-in instruments"). Among other things, it may reduce the claims of investors arising from the financial instruments described to zero, terminate the financial instruments described or convert them into shares of the issuer, and suspend investors' rights. Detailed information is available at: [raiffeisenzertifikate.at/en/basag](https://raiffeisenzertifikate.at/en/basag). A total loss of the capital invested is possible.

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