

# Press Release

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## Commerzbank has become Signatory to Equator Principles

- Commerzbank signed Equator Principles to address environmental, social, human rights, and climate risks in project-related financing
- Commitment underscores Commerzbank's dedication to sustainable finance and responsible banking practices

Today, Commerzbank signed the Equator Principles (EPs). This commitment contains a set of ten principles voluntarily adopted and applied by financial institutions to address environmental, social, human rights, and climate risks in project-related financing. As at year-end 2024, a total of 128 Equator Principles Financial Institutions (EPFIs) across 38 countries had officially adopted the EPs.

“This commitment underscores our dedication to sustainable finance and responsible banking practices. We believe that integrating these principles into our operations will contribute to the well-being of local communities and the environment surrounding the projects financed by Commerzbank,” said Chief Sustainability Officer Bettina Storck. Signing the EPs and following their standard for due diligence, responsible decision-making, and monitoring mark another piece of the puzzle in Commerzbank's well-established sustainability strategy covering the dimensions Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) and reflecting the Bank's commitment to responsible financing practices.

By adopting these principles, Commerzbank commits to conducting its project-related financing activities within its Corporate Clients business in a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable manner.

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### About Commerzbank

With its two business segments – Corporate Clients and Private and Small-Business Customers –, Commerzbank, as a full-service bank, offers a comprehensive portfolio of financial services. It is the leading bank for the German Mittelstand and a strong partner for around 24,000 corporate client groups. Commerzbank transacts approximately 30% of Germany's foreign trade financing. The Bank is present internationally in more than 40 countries in the corporate clients' business – wherever its Mittelstand clients, large corporates, and institutional clients need it. In addition, Commerzbank supports its international clients with a business relationship to Germany, Austria, or Switzerland and companies operating in selected future-oriented industries. With more than €400 bn assets under management, Commerzbank is also one of the leading banks for private and small-business customers in Germany. Under the brand Commerzbank, it offers a wide range of products and services with an omni-channel approach: online and mobile, via phone or video in the remote advisory centre, and personally in its around 400 branches. Under the brand comdirect, it offers all core services as a digital primary bank 24/7 and, as a performance broker, solutions for saving, investing, and securities trading. Its Polish subsidiary mBank S.A. is an innovative digital bank that serves

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approximately 5.8 million private and corporate customers, predominantly in Poland, as well as in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

### **About Equator Principles**

The Equator Principles (EPs) are intended to serve as a common baseline and risk management framework for financial institutions to identify, assess and manage environmental and social risks when financing projects. Large infrastructure and industrial projects can have adverse impacts on people and on the environment. Equator Principles Financial Institutions (EPFIs) implement the 10 Equator Principles through their internal environmental and social risk management policies, procedures and standards in order to align with the Equator Principles. EPFIs may (at their own discretion) choose to utilise the Equator Principles for additional financial products outside the scope of the Equator Principles.