

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COUNTRY PROFILE



UNITED KINGDOM

QUICK FACTS¹

2,618.9 billion US\$ GDP (2016)

65.6 million Population (2016)

1.8% GDP growth (2016)

39,899 US\$ GDP per capita (2016)

FINANCIAL MARKETS

- **1,858** Domestic listed companies (2014)²
- **1,868.2 billion US\$** Market capitalisation of domestic listed companies (2008)²
- The value of stocks traded represented **0.8%** of GDP in 2014.²
- Sustainability-related indices are **provided** on the country's stock exchange.³
- National sustainability reporting policies are **in place**.⁴
- **0 billion US\$** Green bonds issuance (as of September 2017)⁶

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DRIVERS

- **0.4% of GDP** Infrastructure investment gap (2016-2030)⁵
- Climate vulnerability **Low**⁷
- Carbon vulnerability **Moderate**⁷

FINANCIAL INCLUSION²

- **25.2** Bank branches per 100,000 adults (2013)
- **98.9%** Share of adults with a bank account (2014)

WORK WITH THE INQUIRY

- The Inquiry is engaged with British financial institutions and research centres, and co-hosted with the City of London Corporation the launch of its Green Finance Initiative.

MEMBERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INITIATIVES



13
members



3
members



244
signatories



Member

POLICIES AND MEASURES⁸

- 2000: Amendments to 1995 Pensions Act: Pension disclosure regulation
- 2001: Trustee Act
- 2005: Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment) Regulations
- 2007: The Social Stock Exchange
- 2008: Climate Change Act 2008
- 2010: UK Stewardship Code
- 2012: Mandatory Disclosure of Carbon Emissions for Listed Companies
- 2013: Companies Act 2006 updated
- 2014: UK Corporate Governance Code revised
- 2015: Guide to Responsible Investment Reporting in Public Equity
UK Flood RE
- 2016: DC Code of Practice 13 on the governance and administration of occupational trust-based schemes providing money purchase benefits
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Governance and administration of occupational trust-based schemes providing money purchase benefits (DC Code of Practice 13)
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The Impact of Climate Change on central banks
- 2017: Guidance for ESG reporting
Transition Pathway Initiative

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The United Kingdom: Global Hub,
Local Dynamics



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