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The 2infrachallenge methodology is supported by an high-level international scientific committee

The 2infrachallenge team is glad to announce the support of an international high-level scientific committee all along the project.

The following members of this scientific committee are:

- **Carel Cronenberg** – Associate Director, MRV Manager – EBRD
- **Stéphane Hallegatte** – Lead Economist – World Bank
- **Mireille Martini** – Policy Analyst, Green Finance and Investments – OECD
- **Morgane Nicol** – Programs Director – I4CE
- **Aurélien Saussay** – Responsable du Pôle Environnement – Sciences Po, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Economiques

This scientific committee aims at challenging and enriching the methodology pillars regarding investment scenarios compatible with the Paris Agreement and climate risks. Also, it will ensure the coherence of methodological choices in light with the latest scientific progress.

About 2infrachallenge

"2-infra challenge" is a new method led by Carbon 4 that will measure the alignment of infrastructure with a 2-degree trajectory and associated climate risks. This project is supported by major players in the infrastructure: **Agence Française de Développement (AFD), La Banque Postale Asset Management, Meridiam et l'EIT Climate KIC**

To achieve the objectives of the Paris climate agreement, it is essential to redirect funding towards resilient and sustainable infrastructure that will enable the low carbon transition. The choices made in terms of infrastructure today are decisive and determine the future emissions related to their use over the decades following construction. In other words, today's infrastructure investment decisions represent a long-term commitment in terms of climate change impact.

In addition, **infrastructure is highly exposed to the risks raised by climate change**, particularly physical risks and transition risks, which can lead to losses in value.

To align their investment strategy with a 2-degree trajectory and to manage climate risks, infrastructure finance actors need operational and shared tools.

The "2-infra challenge" methodology, will allow infrastructure investors and managers to answer two questions:

- Is my investment strategy aligned with the 2-degree objective and how to foster the correct trajectory to achieve this goal?
- To what extent are my assets exposed to climate risks including transition risks and physical risks?

This methodology, which will be multi-sectoral and multi-geographic, can be used by all actors of investment and infrastructure financing.

Launched in October 2018 as part of the Paris InfraWeek, the development of the methodology will run until June 2019.

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About l'Agence Française de Développement

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With aggregated assets under management (LBPAM + Tocqueville Finance) of €220 billion as at 31 December 2018, La Banque Postale Asset Management (LBPAM) is the fifth largest French asset management company. LBPAM became majority shareholder of Tocqueville Finance in June 2018. A subsidiary owned 70% by La Banque Postale, 25% by Aegon AM, and 5% by Malakoff Médéric, LBPAM manages most of the funds offered to individual and wealth management clients of La Banque Postale. To clients that are institutional investors, insurers, mutual insurance companies, large companies, and external distributors, LBPAM offers open-ended funds, dedicated funds, and portfolio management services. As a full-service manager, LBPAM works in all asset classes. In addition to being a credit management and insurance solution specialist, LBPAM also has recognised expertise in private debt fund management (on infrastructure, real estate and corporate sectors). <http://www.labanquepostale-am.fr/>

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About Carbone 4

Led by Alain Grandjean, Jean-Marc Jancovici and Laurent Morel, Carbone 4 is an independent consulting firm, leader in climate strategy, energy transition and adaptation to climate change. Our team supports public and private economic players in the transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient economy. www.carbone4.com

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