

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING | COURSE BROCHURE

Certificate of Practice in ESG and Climate Risk Management

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

This course provides professionals with the knowledge and skills to effectively manage Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors and climate risks within their organisations. Participants will learn to integrate ESG considerations into decision-making processes and develop strategies for sustainable practices.

Organisations are increasingly held accountable for their ESG performance and climate risk management. Stakeholders, including investors, customers, and regulatory bodies, demand transparency and proactive strategies. Professionals must navigate complex regulations, assess risks, and implement sustainable practices to avoid reputational damage and financial losses. This course equips participants with essential skills to identify and mitigate ESG-related challenges, ensuring compliance, fostering trust, and driving sustainable growth. By mastering these competencies, professionals will be better positioned to influence their organisations' strategic direction and enhance their market competitiveness.
Participants will engage in practical exercises that simulate real-world scenarios, enabling them to assess ESG risks and develop actionable strategies. By practising the integration of ESG factors into business operations, attendees will enhance their decision-making skills and contribute to their organisation's sustainability goals. They will learn to communicate effectively with stakeholders, develop comprehensive ESG strategies, and implement climate risk management plans, all of which are critical for driving organisational success in a rapidly evolving landscape. This hands-on approach ensures that participants leave with applicable skills and tangible outputs that can be immediately utilised in their roles.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
- Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
- Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

The course employs a blend of case studies, interactive workshops, and simulations to build practical skills in ESG and climate risk management. Participants will analyse real-world scenarios, collaborate in teams to develop ESG strategies, and present their findings. Outputs include risk assessments, strategic plans, and stakeholder engagement proposals. Each session is designed to reinforce learning through hands-on activities, ensuring that participants can apply their knowledge in their organisations. By the end of the course, participants will have created tangible work products that demonstrate their understanding of ESG principles and climate risk management techniques, enhancing their professional capabilities and confidence in addressing these critical issues.



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Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Assess ESG factors impacting organisational performance and reputation through detailed analysis.
• Analyse climate risk scenarios using established frameworks and tools to inform decision-making.
• Design an ESG strategy tailored to specific organisational contexts, addressing stakeholder needs.
• Prioritise stakeholder engagement strategies for effective ESG communication and collaboration.
• Construct a climate risk management plan addressing identified vulnerabilities and mitigation strategies.
• Justify the integration of ESG metrics into financial reporting processes for transparency and accountability.
• Evaluate the effectiveness of ESG initiatives in achieving organisational sustainability goals.

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Risk Managers: Responsible for identifying and mitigating risks related to ESG and climate factors.
• Sustainability Officers: Tasked with implementing sustainable practices within their organisations.
• Compliance Professionals: Ensure adherence to regulations related to ESG disclosures and climate risks.
• Investment Analysts: Evaluate the impact of ESG factors on investment decisions and portfolio management.

Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:
• Conduct comprehensive ESG risk assessments to identify vulnerabilities.
• Develop actionable climate risk management strategies tailored to organisational needs.
• Facilitate stakeholder engagement on ESG issues to enhance collaboration.
• Integrate ESG considerations into financial analysis for informed decision-making.
• Implement monitoring frameworks for ESG performance to ensure compliance.
• Communicate ESG strategies effectively to diverse audiences for transparency.

Course outline

Day 1: Understanding ESG and Climate Risks

Applied activity: Participants will analyse a case study of a company facing ESG-related challenges. They will identify the key ESG factors at play, assess their implications, and propose initial recommendations for improvement, considering stakeholder perspectives and regulatory requirements.
Output: A detailed report summarising the ESG factors, their implications, and proposed recommendations.

09:00–09:54	Define ESG and its components: Environmental, Social, Governance, and their interconnections.



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09:54–10:48	Explore the regulatory landscape surrounding ESG and climate risks, including key legislation.
10:48–11:00	Identify key stakeholders and their expectations regarding ESG performance and reporting.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Identify key stakeholders and their expectations regarding ESG performance and reporting. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Discuss the impact of climate change on business operations and strategic planning.
13:06–14:00	Review frameworks for assessing ESG performance and their application in practice.

Day 2: Frameworks and Tools for ESG Analysis

Applied activity: Working in groups, participants will select an ESG framework and apply it to a fictional organisation. They will gather data, assess risks, and prepare a mock ESG report based on their analysis, focusing on key metrics and stakeholder interests.
Output: A mock ESG report using the chosen framework, including risk assessments and performance metrics.

09:00–09:54	Examine established frameworks for ESG risk assessment (e.g., TCFD, SASB) and their relevance.
09:54–10:48	Learn to use tools for measuring and reporting ESG performance effectively.
10:48–11:00	Discuss the role of data analytics in ESG decision-making and risk assessment.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Discuss the role of data analytics in ESG decision-making and risk assessment. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Explore best practices for ESG disclosures and reporting to stakeholders.
13:06–14:00	Evaluate the effectiveness of different ESG metrics and their impact on performance.

Day 3: Developing an ESG Strategy

Applied activity: Participants will develop an ESG strategy for a fictional company, considering its unique context, stakeholder expectations, and industry challenges. They will present their strategy to the group for feedback and refinement, focusing on implementation feasibility.
Output: A comprehensive ESG strategy document that outlines objectives, initiatives, and expected outcomes.

09:00–09:54	Identify organisational goals and align them with ESG objectives for strategic coherence.
09:54–10:48	Explore strategies for integrating ESG into corporate governance and operational practices.
10:48–11:00	Discuss the role of leadership in driving ESG initiatives and fostering a culture of sustainability.



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11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Discuss the role of leadership in driving ESG initiatives and fostering a culture of sustainability. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Learn to set measurable ESG targets and KPIs to track progress effectively.
13:06–14:00	Evaluate case studies of successful ESG strategies and their outcomes in various sectors.

Day 4: Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

Applied activity: Participants will create a stakeholder engagement plan for their fictional organisation, outlining strategies for communication, feedback mechanisms, and engagement activities to address stakeholder interests and concerns. They will role-play stakeholder interactions to refine their approach.
Output: A stakeholder engagement plan detailing strategies for effective communication and engagement.

09:00–09:54	Identify key stakeholders and their interests regarding ESG issues and climate risks.
09:54–10:48	Learn techniques for effective stakeholder engagement and building trust through transparency.
10:48–11:00	Discuss the importance of clear communication in ESG reporting and stakeholder interactions.
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Discuss the importance of clear communication in ESG reporting and stakeholder interactions. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Explore methods for addressing stakeholder concerns and incorporating feedback into ESG strategies.
13:06–14:00	Evaluate case studies of successful stakeholder engagement and communication strategies.

Day 5: Integrating Climate Risk Management

Applied activity: In teams, participants will develop a comprehensive climate risk management plan for a fictional organisation, identifying potential risks, proposing mitigation strategies, and outlining implementation steps. They will present their plan to the class for critique and discussion.
Output: A climate risk management plan that includes risk identification, mitigation strategies, and implementation recommendations.

09:00–09:54	Assess climate risks using scenario analysis and stress testing to inform strategic decisions.
09:54–10:48	Discuss the role of insurance and financial instruments in climate risk management and mitigation.
10:48–11:00	Explore strategies for mitigating climate-related risks and enhancing resilience.



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11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Explore strategies for mitigating climate-related risks and enhancing resilience. (continued)
12:12–13:06	Learn to communicate climate risks to stakeholders effectively and transparently.
13:06–14:00	Review case studies of organisations successfully managing climate risks and their lessons learned.

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in EUR, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (EUR)
Singapore Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**€2,650.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Dubai Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**€2,450.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**€2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€2,860.-**



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Cape Town Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**€2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**€1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**€2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**€1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**€3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**€1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**€2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**€1,250.–**



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