

Aligning with 1.5C: Assessment of BASF (BASF SE)

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Key findings and engagement priorities:

Key finding: BASF’s targets are insufficient to align with a 1.5C low/no overshoot pathway. With no scope 3 target, BASF is targeting less than 20 per cent of its total emissions.

Investors should ask BASF to:

- Expand its net zero commitment to include scope 3;
- Set an absolute scope 3 target, covering all relevant upstream and downstream emissions, that is aligned with 1.5C low/no overshoot pathways; and
- Increase the ambition of its scope one and two target to align with 1.5C low/no overshoot pathways.

Key finding: BASF has not yet committed to transition to emissions-neutral chemical production by 2050 at the latest.


Investors should ask BASF to: set out a plan for the short, medium and long term, with intermediate targets, to:


- Phase in electrified chemical production processes, with the aim of transitioning to 100 per cent electrified processes by 2050;
- Increase energy consumption from renewable energy sources, with the aim of transitioning to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2050; and
- Phase in non-fossil-based feedstocks that are emissions-neutral over their entire lifecycle, with the aim of transitioning to 100 per cent emissions-neutral feedstocks by 2050.












Key finding: BASF has not committed to aligning its lobbying with the 1.5C Paris goal. The company has consistently positioned itself against carbon tax policies designed to accelerate emissions reductions in the chemical sector.

Investors should ask BASF to: publicly commit to aligning all of its future lobbying positions and activities with the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global warming to 1.5C.

Full assessment summary and engagement questions:

 Aligned

 Not aligned

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