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# **IMF Climate Change Indicators Dashboard**

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# Contributing Institutions



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institutions...**

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Organization	Source Data	Contribution to Indicator
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Emissions Accounts</li> <li>Trade in Carbon emissions</li> <li>Annual National Accounts</li> <li>Input-Output tables</li> <li>Inward activity of multinationals by industrial sector</li> <li>Direct investment positions</li> <li>Environmentally Related Tax Revenue database</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual and Quarterly greenhouse gas (GHG) air emissions accounts</li> <li>Carbon emissions per million \$US of output by industry</li> <li>CO2 emissions embodied in domestic final demand, production, and trade</li> <li>Direct investment-related indicators</li> <li>Carbon footprint-adjusted loans to total loans for deposit takers</li> <li>Environmental Taxes</li> </ul>
International Energy Agency (IEA)	CO2 emissions from fuel combustion	Annual and Quarterly greenhouse gas (GHG) air emissions accounts
World Bank Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Financial Development Database</li> <li>Preparedness of Countries to Low-Carbon Transition (Chapter 5). Peszko, Grzegorz et al. 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-life insurance penetration</li> <li>Preparedness of countries for a low-carbon transition</li> </ul>
United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Inventory Submissions to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC, CRF tables)</li> <li>COMTRADE Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GHG emissions national inventories by source</li> <li>Trade in environmental goods</li> </ul>
INFORM* / European Commission	INFORM Risk	Climate-driven INFORM Risk

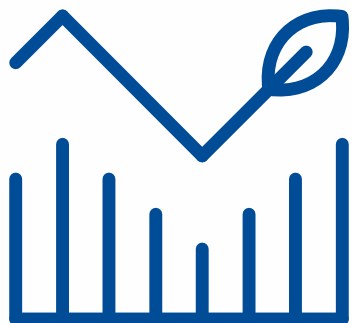
\* INFORM is a collaboration of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Team for Preparedness and Resilience and the European Commission

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Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Data are based on the publicly available Global Surface Temperature Change (GISTEMP) data distributed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Institute for Space Studies (NASA-GISS).	Annual Mean Global Surface Temperature
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly CO2 concentrations measured at Mauna Loa</li> <li>Satellite Altimetry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide concentrations</li> <li>Change in mean sea level [mm]</li> </ul>
University of Louvain /Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters	The Emergency Events Database (EM-DAT) Only climate related disasters (Wildfire, Storm, Landslide, Flood, Extreme Temperature, Drought, Fog, Wave Action and Glacial Lake Outburst) are covered	Climate related disasters frequency
Refinitiv *	Aggregated from bond-by-bond nominal issuances data	Green Bonds

\* Refinitiv is a commercial data provider

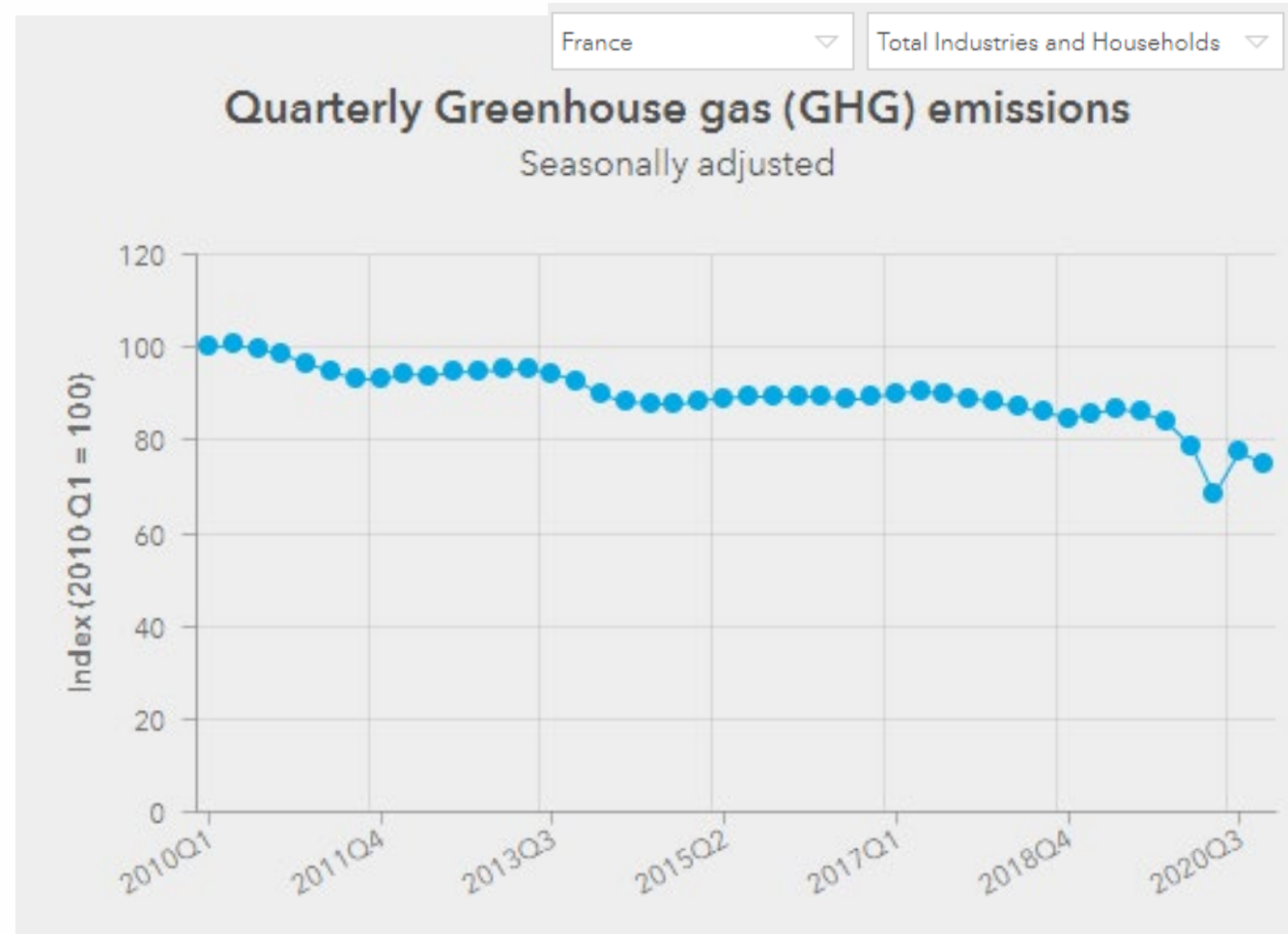
# Economic Activity and Climate Indicators



- **Economic Activity Indicators**
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
    - Quarterly Greenhouse Gas Emissions by activity and for households
    - National Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories and National Mitigation Targets
  - CO2 Emissions per US\$ of Output
- **Climate Indicators**
  - Global temperatures, sea levels and CO2 atmospheric concentrations

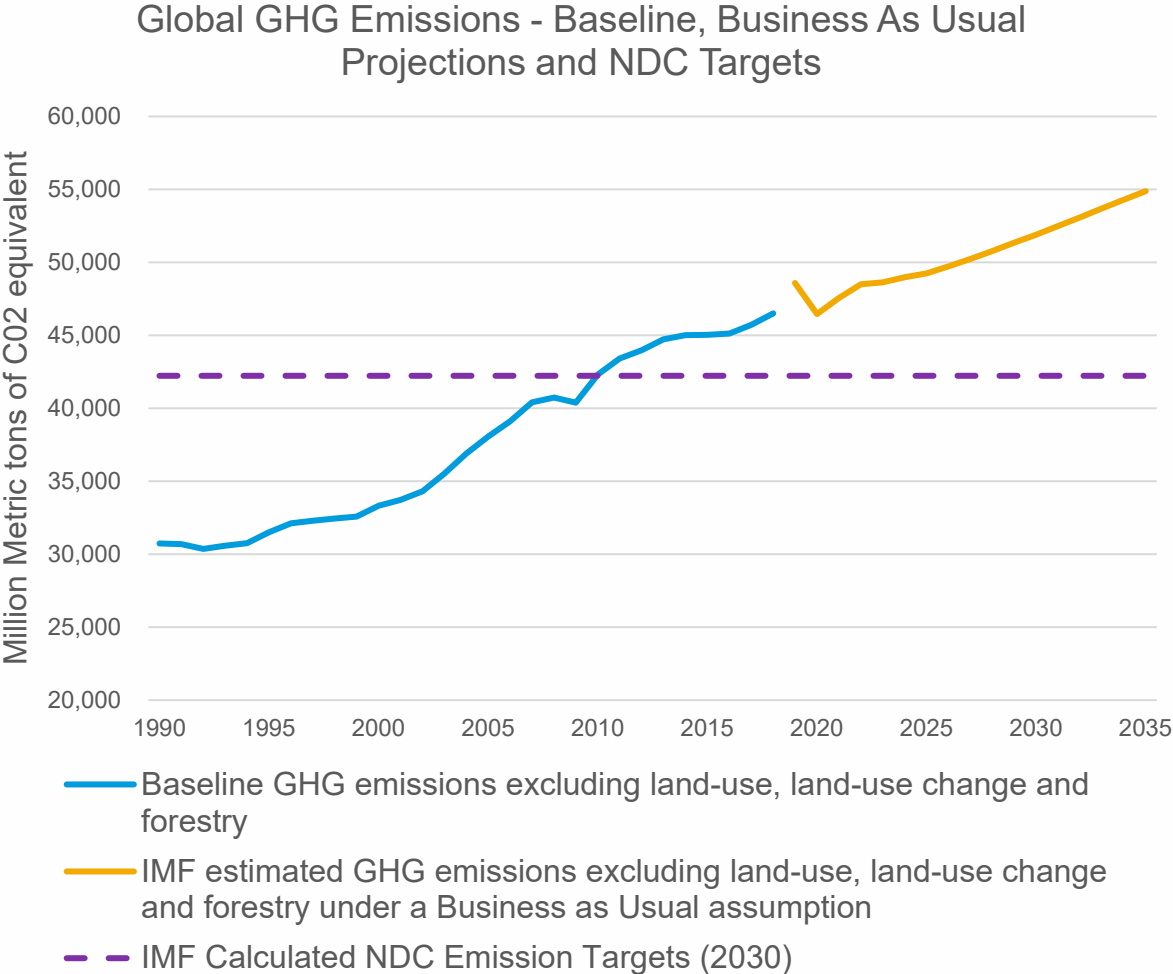
# Quarterly Greenhouse Gas Emissions

**COVID-19 resulted in a large decline in GHG emissions worldwide, specifically the second and fourth quarter of 2020.**



# 2030 Emission Targets

**Worldwide 2030 emissions targets are 10% below 2018 levels.... well above what is needed to limit warming to 2° Celsius by 2050.**

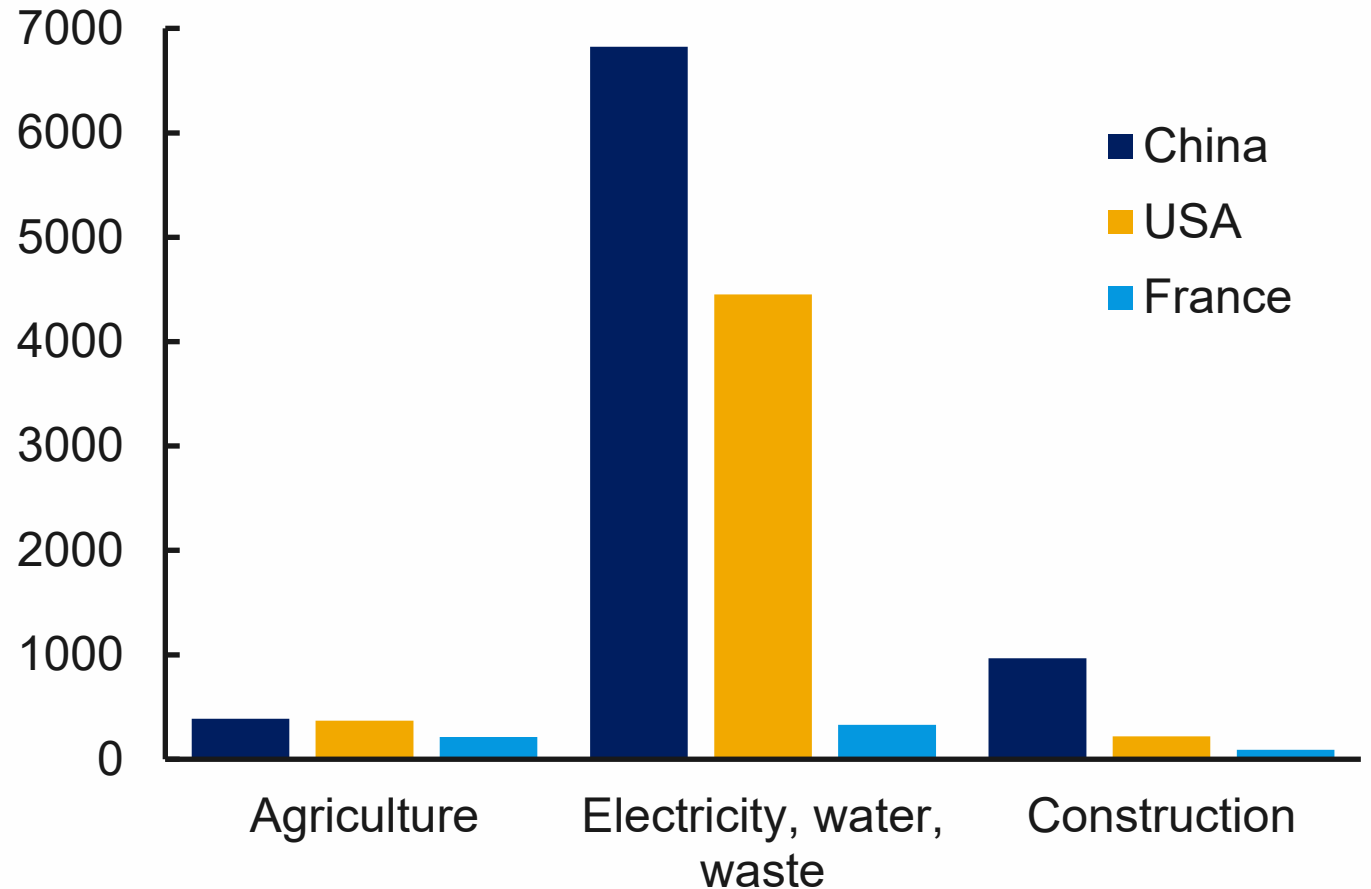




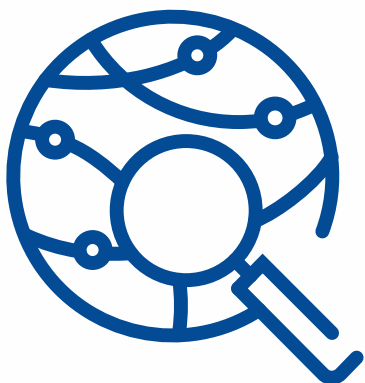
# CO2 emissions in tons per million \$US of output

**CO2 emissions per unit of output from the electricity, water and waste industry in China and the USA far exceed those in France**

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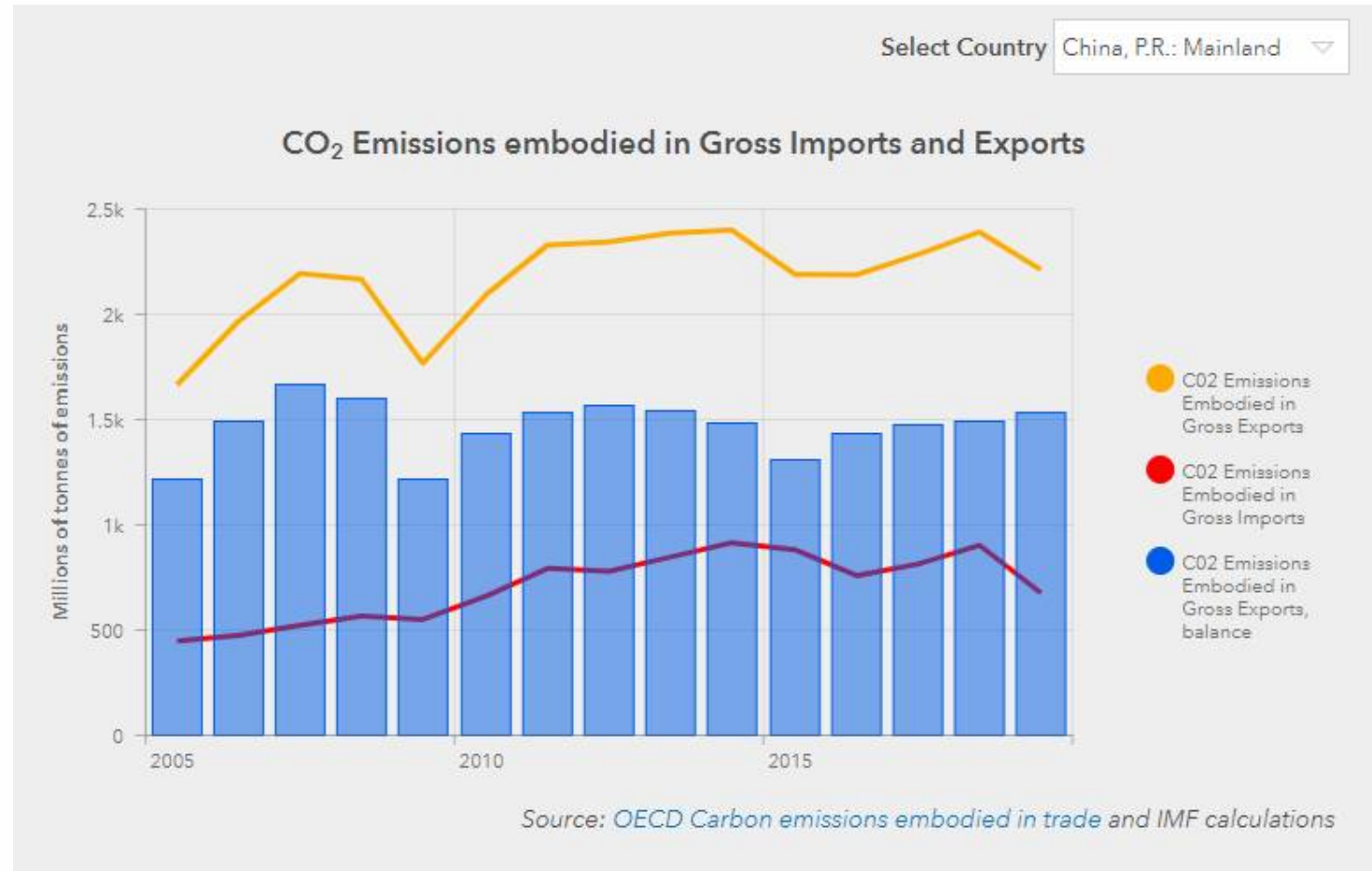
# Cross-border trade indicators



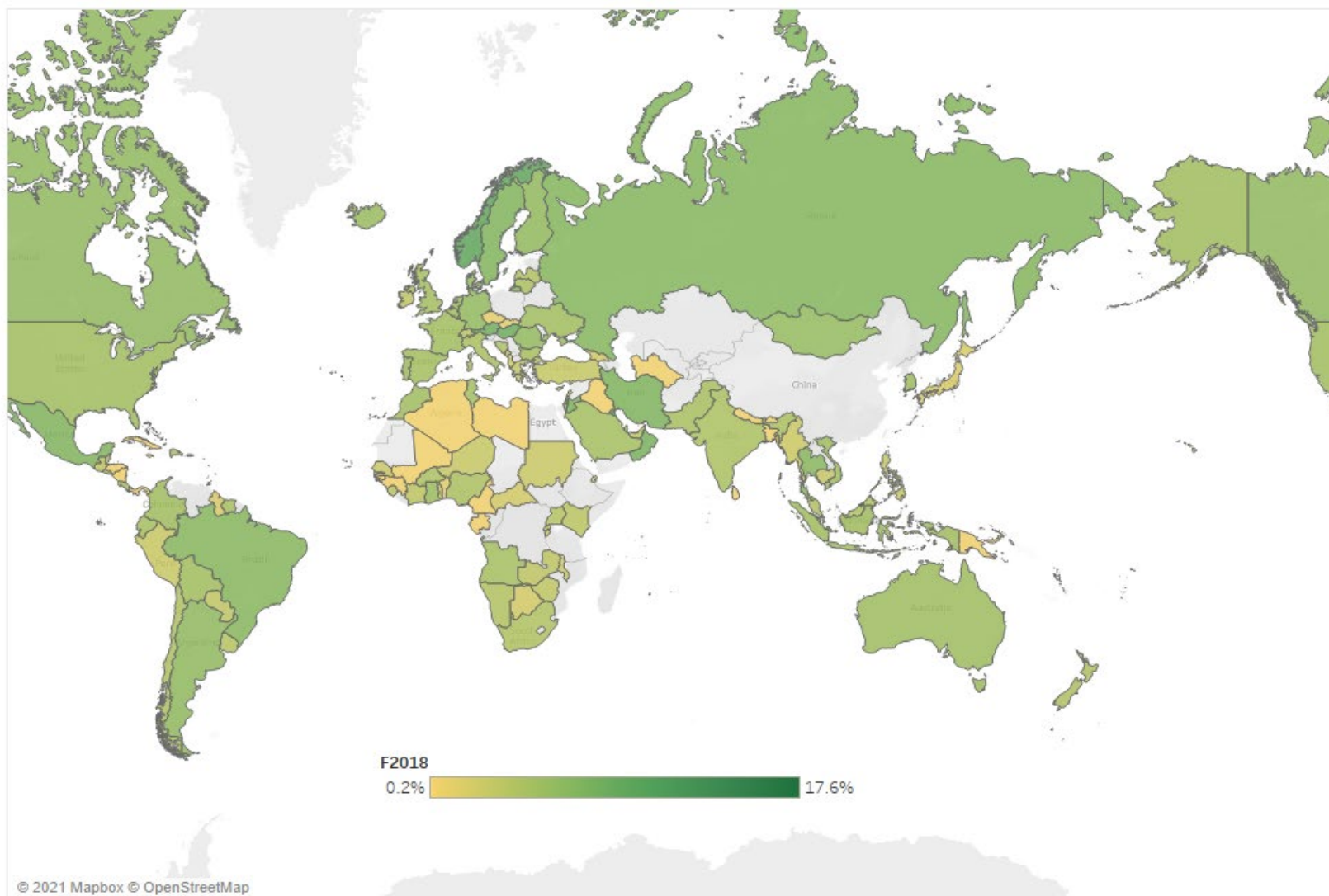
- **Trade related indicators**
  - CO2 emissions embodied in trade
  - Trade in environmental goods
- **Direct investment (FDI) related indicators**
  - CO2 emissions related to new investments financed by FDI
  - CO2 emissions from the operations of foreign MNEs

# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions embodied in trade

- Whether a country is a net exporter or net importer largely reflects the difference between a country's production of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and its demand for them
- Therefore, we need structural changes in both demand and production to reduce global emissions

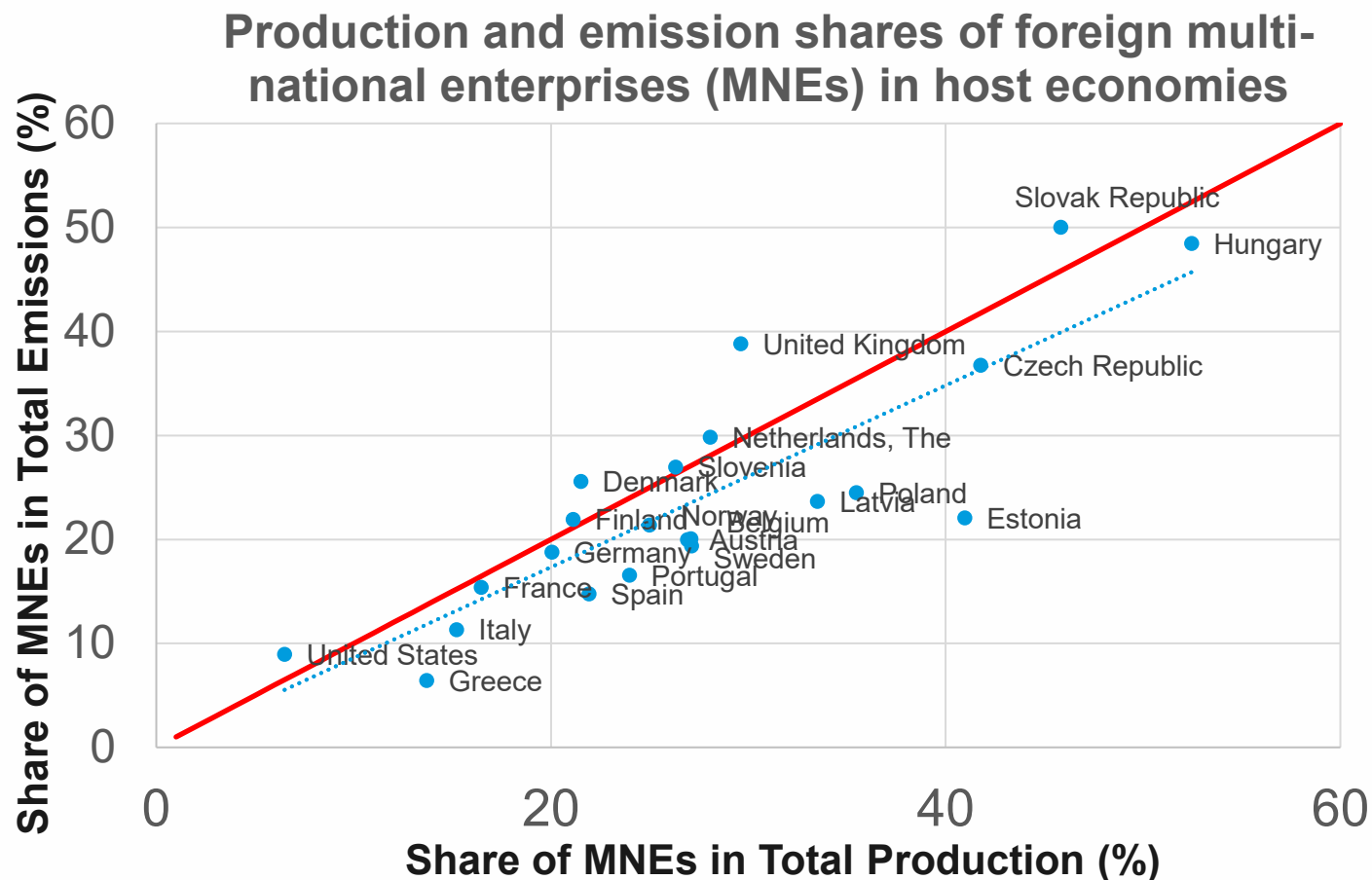


# Cross-border indicators: Environmental Goods Imports as Share of Total Imports, in percent



## Foreign direct investment related indicators

- Foreign-owned companies that are above the orange line emit more carbon than their share of production would suggest (e.g., United Kingdom). While those below the line emit less (e.g., Estonia)
- Experimental indicators that are only a first step in showing how FDI effects carbon emissions in host economies



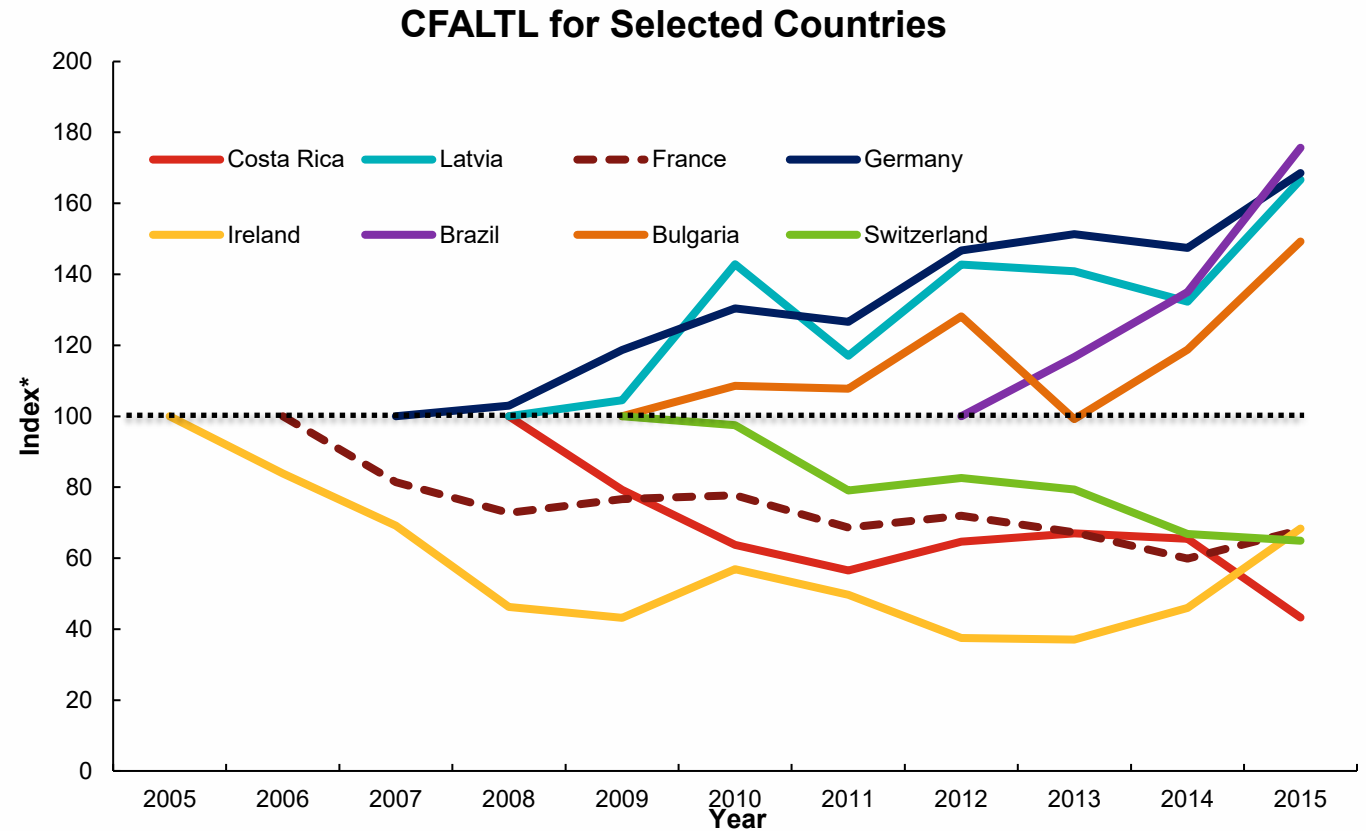
# Financial, Physical and Transition Risks Indicators



- **Carbon footprint-adjusted loans to total loans for deposit takers**
- **Green Bonds**
- **Physical Risk**
  - Natural disasters frequency
  - Climate Driven INFORM Risk
- **Transition Risk**
  - Preparedness of countries for a low-carbon transition

# Carbon footprint-adjusted loans to total loans (CFALTL)

- CFALTL captures the carbon intensity of domestic loans.
- Calculation based on IMF's loans by industry survey and direct carbon emissions per million \$US of output by industry
- CFALTL aims to contribute to the disclosure of the carbon intensity of domestic loans

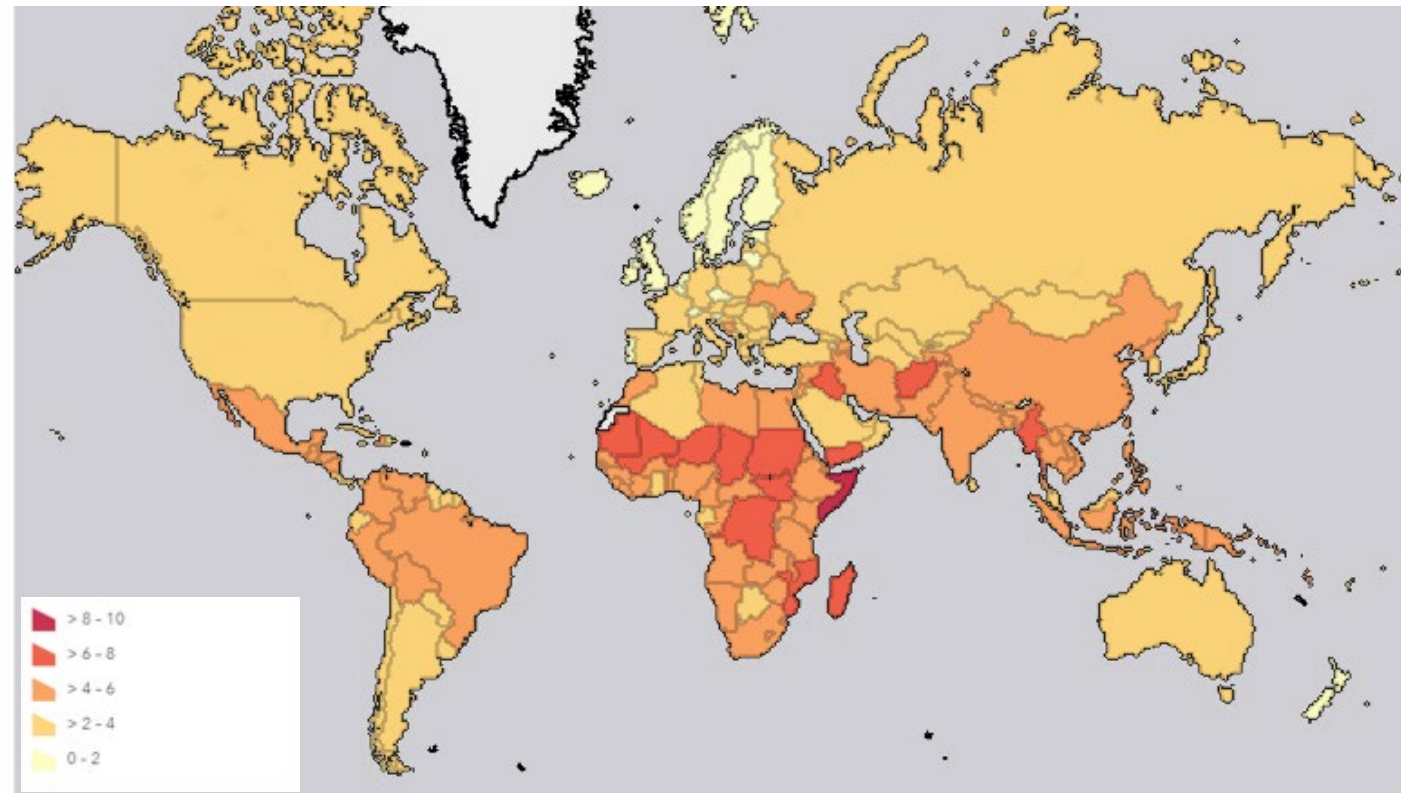


\*CFALTL normalized to 100 for the first available data point for each country

# Climate-driven INFORM risk indicator

- Composite indicator to assess natural disaster exposure risks.
- Three main components:
  - Climate-driven Hazard & Exposure
  - Vulnerability
  - Lack of coping capacity
- Based on INFORM Risk Index 2021 developed by European Commission with IMF's adjustment.

Climate Driven Inform Risk



\*The higher the indicator the higher the risk

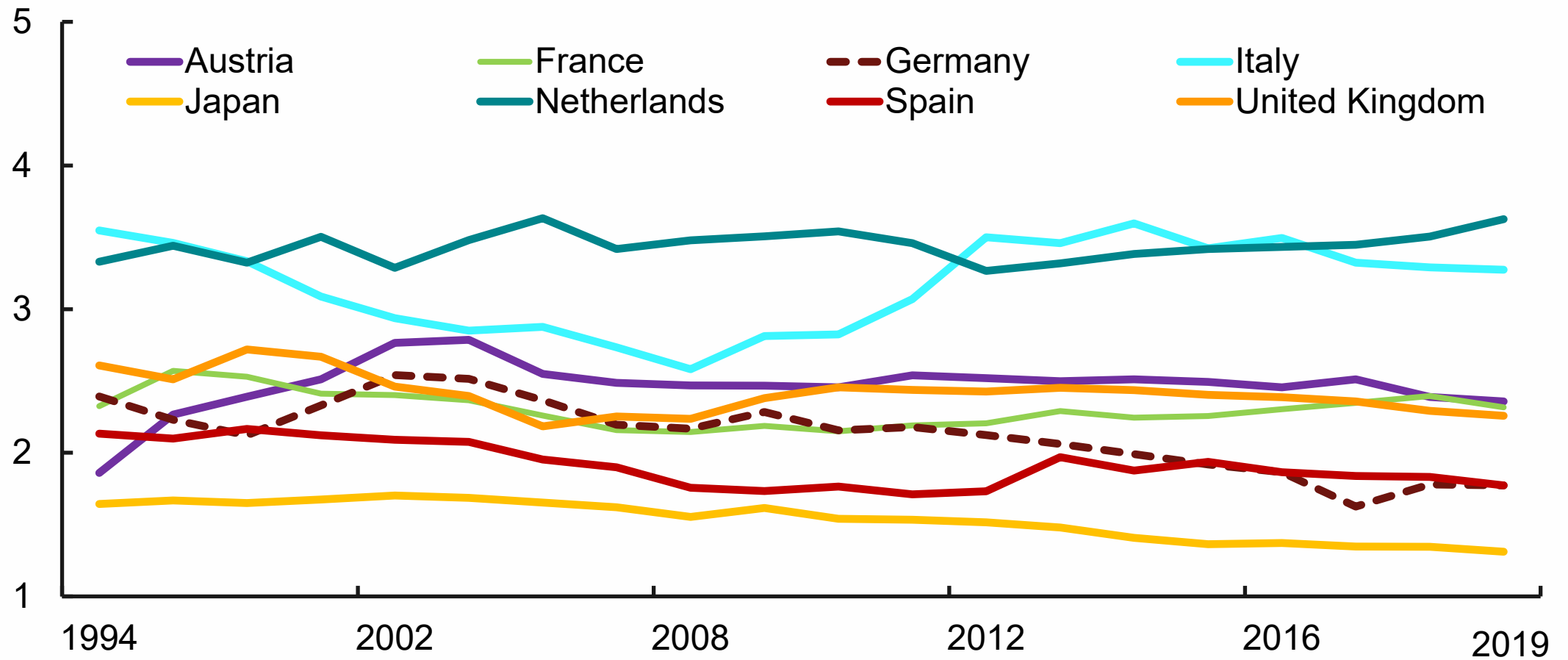


# Government policy indicators

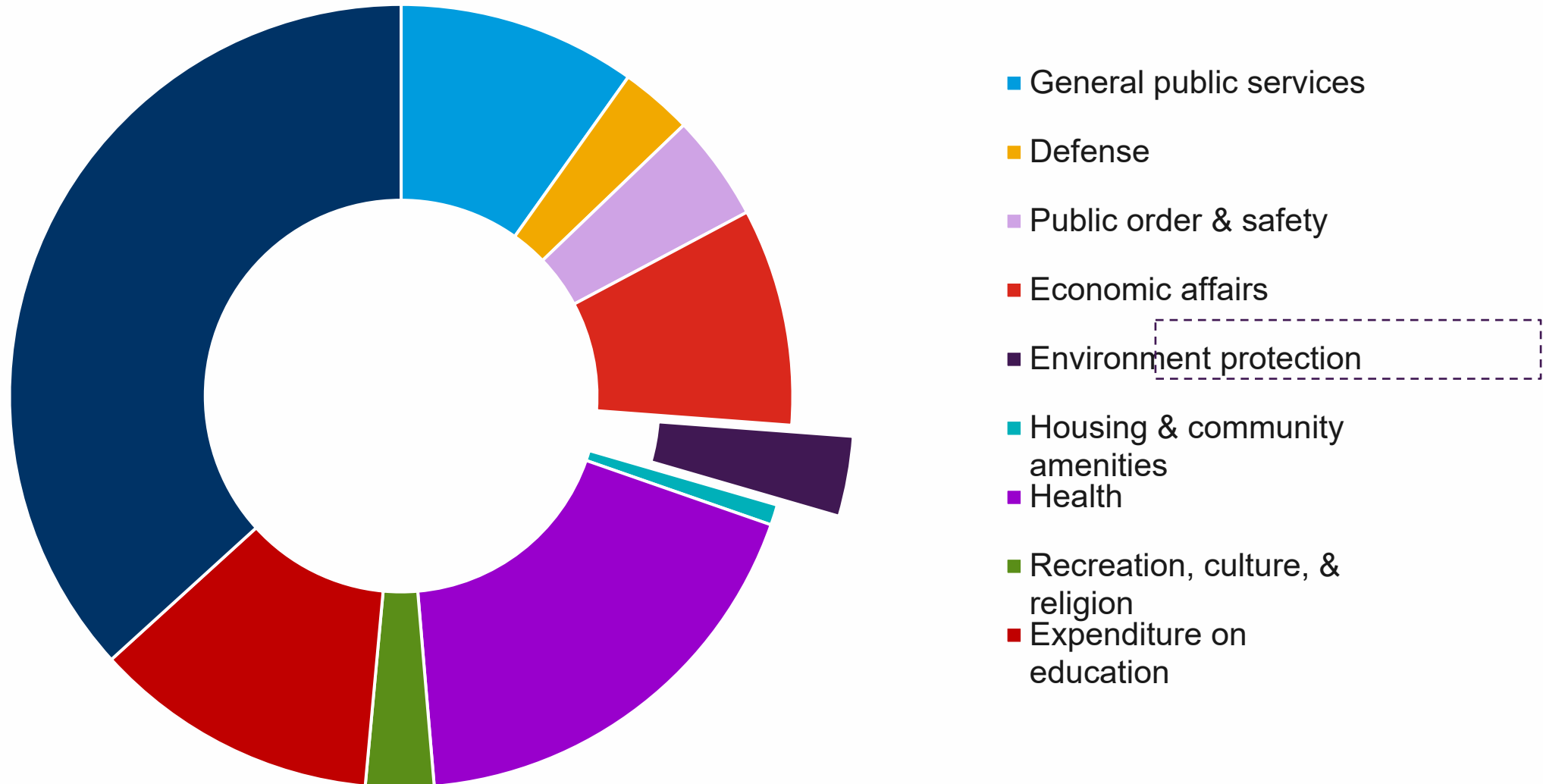


- Government policy instruments to tackle climate change include revenue measures (taxes), expenditure measures (subsidies and other spending, tax expenditures), and regulatory measures (licenses, fees, fines, and permits).
- Initial focus of the dashboard is on revenue and expenditure measures – ***environmental taxes*** and ***government expenditures on environmental protection***.
- Data for these two government policy indicators are based on long standing data collections by the IMF and the OECD and supplemented by additional questionnaire to IMF member countries.

# Environmental Taxes in Percent of GDP



# Netherlands Share of Government Expenditures, 2019





**Future work**

# Future work: a continued effort going forward

## Substantial work ahead:

- Enhance the methodology and the economic activity classification and breakdowns.
- Incorporate indicator on fossil fuel subsidies
- Breakdown of environmental goods by type
- Improve identification of climate related expenditures, as well as government actions through the tax system

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An international statistical initiative focused on climate-related economic indicators



## Economic Activity and Climate Indicators

- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Carbon Emission per unit of Output
- Climate Indicators



## Cross Border Indicators

- Trade-related Indicators
- Direct investment-related Indicators



## Financial, Physical and Transition Risk Indicators

- Carbon footprint-adjusted loans to total loans for deposit takers
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- Physical Risks | Transition Risks



## Government Policy Indicators

- Environmental Taxes
- Government Expenditure on Environmental Protection