



SME Sustainability Assessment Solution

A Software Solution that Connects, Educates, and Solves Sustainable Finance Workflow Challenges

The Challenge

Small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) account for 90% of global businesses and 99% of the EU's economy. Their active participation in ESG disclosure and reporting has the potential to significantly impact on the transition towards a sustainable and net zero economy.

Banks that provide access to mid-financing and lending aim to accurately capture the sustainability profiles and activities of SME clients that seek funding. ESG disclosures enable banks to identify the most responsible businesses on their books and balance sheets, and in turn support climate risk stress test scenarios and regulatory requirements.

However, SMEs and banks reporting on ESG and climate risk trajectories commonly face multiple challenges linked to an ever-increasing number of new frameworks and regulatory reporting requirements, manual operational workflow processes, and thereby rising infrastructure and resource costs.

The Solution

The SME Sustainability Assessment Solution from SIX, powered by Greenomy, is an end-to-end data management Software as a Service (SaaS) solution that enables SIX' global banking clients to measure the sustainability performance of their SME clients, and supports banks to assess their climate and sustainability risk trajectories linked to their lending books, and balance sheets, by facilitating the calculation of a bank's EU's Banking Book Taxonomy Alignment Ratio (EU BTAR).

By providing SMEs with the tool to develop a normative and regulatory disclosure and reporting baseline, and

with educational guidance materials to craft strategic action plans for a more sustainable future, this SaaS solution helps SMEs with transition planning for access to finance and also equips banks with the necessary data to support, monitor, and report on their ESG and climate risk efforts.

Key Benefits

-  **A One-Stop-Shop Solution for Banks**
From engaging with SME customers to complete sustainability reporting and ongoing monitoring of KPIs
-  **Step-by-Step SME Guidance**
Intuitive directions along the assessment journey with an adapted framework, aligned with the EU Taxonomy requirements
-  **Regulatory Compliance**
Retrieve a standardized set of metrics for EU Banking Book Taxonomy Alignment Ratio (EU BTAR) calculations to assess climate risk trajectories and scenarios on banks' balance sheet

Features

- **Streamline** SME ESG data collection with customized framework, aligned with EU Taxonomy
- **Grant free access** to your SME clients to digitized and standardized ESG reporting solution
- **Access** regulatory resource hub to keep up to date with latest legislative changes
- **Retrieve** seamlessly relevant SME ESG metrics via API

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