



## Statement on Carbon Neutralisation 2024

In Danske Bank we recognise our responsibility to minimise our environmental impact, and we are committed to ensuring and advancing sustainability throughout our operations and workplaces. Even though our biggest environmental impact occurs through our balance sheet, we recognise the importance of minimising our own environmental footprint as being vital for our performance and credibility on the overall sustainability agenda. Since 2009, Danske Bank has been balancing out the accounted carbon emissions from our own operations by purchasing verified carbon credits. Offsetting is done on an annual basis, based on total emissions for the current year at the time of reporting, and does not take into account any restatements of historical figures. In 2024, the Group continued to compensate for the carbon emissions from our own operations by investing in carbon credit projects and buying renewable energy certificates.

We have since 2015 purchased renewable energy certificates for 100% of our electricity consumption. Since 2022, we purchase country-specific renewable biogas certificates for the few remaining sites in Denmark which are powered through on-site gas heating.

While the most important tasks in terms of our own carbon footprint are to reduce emissions produced through our own operations, the instruments offered through carbon offsetting, helps neutralise the CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions we have not yet been able to eliminate. By offsetting what we have not yet managed to reduce, carbon neutralisation also offers a cost incentive for enhancing organisational efficiency.


Our equation for carbon neutralisation in 2024 is as follows:

CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions (tonnes)	2024
Scope 1 <sup>1</sup>	210
Scope 2 (market-based) <sup>2</sup>	2015
Scope 3	8.363
Total registered CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions	10.588
Estimated CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions from operations without registered data	288
Total CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions for neutralisation	10.876
Neutralised by carbon credits from projects	10.876

<sup>1</sup> Danske Bank has purchased biogas Guarantees of Origin for 100% of gas use in Denmark.

<sup>2</sup> Danske Bank is purchasing renewable electricity certifications under guarantees of origin (GOO) and the renewable energy guarantees of origin (REGO).

Besides reducing our own CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions, we work to integrate climate risk considerations and climate opportunities throughout the operations of our business and



actively engage with customers, employees and other stakeholders to support the decarbonisation of the economy.

In this statement of carbon neutralisation, you can read about the accounting principles for CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions on which the carbon neutralisation equation is based. Furthermore, description on the scope of our emissions and the way we define our operational and organisational boundaries regarding CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions can be found in this document. The reporting period for 2024 runs from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

## 1.1. Comment on developments in 2024

Our total CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions decreased by about 3% from 2023 to 2024 driven mainly by decrease in air travel.

Scope 1 includes direct emissions from company vehicles within our operational control and from company facilities (onsite heating from gas and oil) and increased by 7% compared to 2023.

Scope 2 includes indirect emissions from district heating, district cooling and electricity supplied by external suppliers. Our emissions from electricity consumption were reported as zero due to the purchase of renewable electricity certifications under guarantees of origin (GOO) and the renewable energy guarantees of origin (REGO). Emissions from purchased heating and cooling increased by 18% compared to 2023, mainly due to developments in Sweden.

Scope 3 includes indirect emissions from three categories. Scope 3.1 - Purchased goods and services includes emissions from paper consumption, that increased by 46% compared to 2023, mainly due to changes in emission factor values. Scope 3.6 - Business travel decreased by 7%. This is mainly driven by the aforementioned decrease of emissions from air travel (-6%) compared to 2023. Emissions from air travel is significantly lower than our baseline year 2019 (-60%). Business travel by road has reduced by 50% since 2019. Scope 3.7 - Employee commuting includes emissions from working from home, which reduced from 2023 levels by 13%. This can be explained by an increase in office-based working encouraged by Danske Bank policy following the first years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on our main carbon reducing initiatives, please see our Climate Progress Report available for download through our Group website at <https://danskebank.com/sustainability/publications-and-policies>.

## 1.2. Consolidation approach

We measure and calculate CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions for all of the Group's operations in Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Lithuania for which we have operational control. For our operations outside these countries, we use extrapolations to calculate the emissions. These operations account for 3% of our total CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions. The reporting period for the year 2024 runs from Q4 2023 to Q3 2024. Due to Danske Bank's sale of Danske IT, a fully owned subsidiary encompassing our Indian

operations, the data includes India until the effective date of 1 September 2023.

The data covers investment property only if it is used as a premise for the Group's own activities.

### 1.3. Carbon credits

From 2009 to 2021, to offset the CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions that the Group cannot eliminate, we supported 10 projects located in India, Lithuania, Turkey, Uganda and Colombia: one reforestation project, seven wind power energy projects, one biogas energy projects and one cook stove project.

From 2022, we only purchase carbon removal offsets. Most of our offset portfolio in 2024 is built on Nature-Based removal solutions such as reforestation or afforestation projects.

As we want to ensure the quality and additionality of our actions, our emissions from own operations are offset through ICROA-approved certified projects. Where the small number of Technology Based solution offsets are still awaiting ICROA-certification, we bundle them with avoidance certified project offsets.

Below is an overview of the projects from which we bought CO<sub>2</sub>e credits in 2024:

#### Danske Bank's carbon credits, 2024

Project	Verification standard	Retired [tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e]
Reforestation project - Mexico, purchased in 2024	VCS	10.478
European biochar, purchased in 2024	EBC C-Sink, awaiting ICROA endorsement	398
Waste-water to energy - China, bundled with Biochar offsets to ensure 100% ICROA approved offsetting, purchased in 2024	VCS	398 (bundled with Biochar offsets)



Read more about our investments in reforestation and biochar technologies in our Sustainability Fact Book 2024 available on our Group website at <https://danskebank.com/sustainability/publications-and-policies>.

## **1.4. Reporting principles**

For further details on our accounting methodology, please consult our environmental data reporting principles on the Climate Progress Report 2024. The report is available for download through our Group website at <https://danskebank.com/ir>.