



GRC Summer School

Session 1: Sustainability & ESG

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About Us

- ⚙️ Experienced Risk & Compliance Professionals
- ⚙️ We offer GRC software solutions and services
- ⚙️ We offer ESG Software Solution - GreenFeet
- ⚙️ Headquartered in Ireland
- ⚙️ Client base in Financial Services, Public Sector and Not-for-Profit, among others





Agenda

- 🌀 Are we Making Progress?
- 🌀 Will we all Be Impacted?
- 🌀 Is Behaviour really Changing?
- 🌀 Do we really Own It yet?



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Many hands make light work

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My Granny

COP 29 Achievements



1. Climate Finance Goal established
2. Agreement on Carbon Markets
3. Agreement on a Loss and Damage Fund
4. Commitment by all nations to submit their National Climate Plans by February 2025

Are We Making Progress?

🌀 Yes on the **E**

- Europe is ahead of its 2030 Emissions Target
- Some members will miss national targets, others will exceed theirs
- The UK is ahead of target also
- Technology is advancing in almost every sector

🌀 Less so on some aspects of the **S** and **G**

Will We All Be Impacted?

- ❁ Seeing more Record Temperatures
- ❁ Rising Sea Levels
- ❁ Incidents of Climatic Extremes
- ❁ More Retreating Ice
- ❁ More Data
- ❁ More Known Un-Knowns

Is Behaviour Changing?

⦿ Not as much as hoped for

- ⦿ Recycling Volumes are Increasing
- ⦿ EV Uptake Increasing globally, and across Europe
- ⦿ Implementation of Supporting Infrastructure

But

- ⦿ Growth in Air Travel across the world

Do We Really Own It Yet?



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Take Action

- ⦿ The objective is to reduce your carbon footprint to net zero (or better).
- ⦿ Reporting is an outcome of the programme(s) and actions taken to achieve the objective.
- ⦿ Do it... then prove you did it.
- ⦿ **Plan, Do, Check, Act, Report**
- ⦿ There is far more happening than is being reported.

Useful Links

- 🌀 Climate Action Tracker - <https://climateactiontracker.org/countries/eu/>
- 🌀 UK Energy Storage - <https://theconversation.com/is-the-uks-energy-storage-growing-fast-enough-251867>
- 🌀 Sustainable Aviation Fuel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLGEMy9o6b4saf>
- 🌀 Jet Fuel From Trash - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Du7tKWtseU>
- 🌀 The Q , Issue 3 - <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/issue-3-27th-june-2025-calqrisk-3hlie/?trackingId=JPnTHf5KROezJqaknqSsMQ%3D%3D>
- 🌀 ESRS Revision: Progress Report as of 20 June 2025 - <https://www.efrag.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2025-06/Status%20report%20ESRS%20Simplification%2020%20June%202025.pdf>
- 🌀 Key Takeaways from COP 29 - <https://unglobalcompact.org/compactjournal/key-takeaways-cop29>
- 🌀 GreenFeet, powered by CalQRisk - <https://www.calqrisk.com/greenfeet-esg/>



Thank You

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Session 2: Risk Appetite: Small Phrase, Big Concept!

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