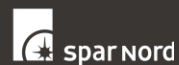


Spar Nord

Exclusions for lending



Spar Nord believes in the benefits of engaging and entering into dialogue with companies rather than excluding them no matter what. We believe that helping to steer non-sustainable business models towards a more sustainable future has a positive sustainable impact on society.

Despite our focus on engagement and dialogue, Spar Nord has a general ban on financing companies involved in production of controversial weapons such as cluster munitions, landmines, chemical and biological weapons and nuclear weapons outside the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Spar Nord does not finance companies involved in the exploration, extraction or production of unconventional oil and gas, which includes tar sands, shale oil and shale gas, Arctic oil and gas and deep sea oil and gas, as well as companies with more than 5 % of their revenues stemming from coal mining, oil sands and arctic drilling. The ban applies to all forms of lending and financing activities.

Exclusion may also be implemented if a company or a country violates international standards and conventions and fails to demonstrate willingness to take responsibility. This applies to breaches of the UN's Global Compact, the UN's Declaration of Human Rights, the OECD's guidelines for multinational companies and The ILO labour market conventions on decent conditions for labour. Spar Nord complies with UN and EU sanctions and thus also excludes financing in companies in sanctioned countries.

Spar Nord's Sustainable Finance Committee has decision-making powers to exclude a company from Spar Nord's lending portfolio.

Spar Nord ensures consistency across the bank's financing and investment activities, which is why there is consistency between the principles set out for exclusion on lending and investment and the listed companies on the exclusion lists.

Exclusion list for lending is valid from December 2023.