

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action pledge is aimed at Belgian organisations regardless of size or sector, and whether or not they have already committed to setting greenhouse gas science-based targets. For organisations not currently adhering to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), this document expresses your intention to commit to the initiative and develop and submit emissions reduction targets aligned with the applicable criteria.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is a coalition of Belgian organisations that publicly demonstrate ambitious climate goals. Launched by The Shift and WWF, the coalition acts as a platform for Belgian organisations that are serious about their climate ambitions.

By signing this pledge, you support the message that organisations have to play a major role in achieving the Paris Climate goals and preventing the worst effects of climate change. As an organisation, you commit to reducing your carbon emissions accordingly.

2. PLEDGE

If your organisation has already set [science-based targets](#) or signed the [SBTi commitment letter](#), please refer to option 2. For all other organisations, please refer to option 1.

Option 1

Recognising the urgency of the climate challenge, I am pleased to confirm that my organisation, _____ is joining the movement of leading Belgian organisations aligning their businesses with what the latest climate science says is necessary to prevent the worst effects of climate change, to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

By signing this pledge, I confirm that, within the next 12 months, my organisation will formally commit to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), and will subsequently develop targets, submit them and have them validated by the initiative, all within 24 months after signing the SBTi [commitment letter](#). A summary of the SBTi criteria can be found in annex, full details are available on the [SBTi website](#).

Option 2

My organisation has already developed science-based targets, either at local or at group level, or has formally committed to doing so.

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By signing this pledge, I explicitly provide my support to the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action, for example via one or more of the following activities:

- Engage in dialogues on climate action with suppliers, employees, investors and peers;
- Publish research/thought-leadership on practical steps to deliver a business model in line with climate science and in support of climate targets;
- Mentor or inspire other adhering companies to meet the requirements of the SBTi and accelerate climate action in their own company or sector.

3. BELGIAN ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The purpose of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is

- to practically demonstrate commitment by Belgian organisations to reduce carbon emissions by determining their carbon baseline and a reduction roadmap in line with science-based targets,
- to assist organisations in achieving their reduction targets to effectively lower carbon emissions, and
- to act as a catalyst for wider, complementary initiatives and actions for a net-zero economy.

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action acts as a platform to share best practices, inspiration and knowledge within the framework of this pledge. The organisations signing this pledge commit themselves to participating in and contributing to this knowledge-sharing platform.

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is open to all organisations, regardless of sector or size. Apart from the SBTi target validation fee, the signing of this pledge does not imply any financial contribution. However, dedicated Alliance events will be accessible to members of The Shift only.

4. ADVOCATE FOR NET-ZERO EMISSIONS

As member of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action you commit to using your organisation's network and wider sphere of influence to support and accelerate climate action in line with the ambitions of the Paris agreement. This includes advocating for policy positions consistent with a net-zero future and for supportive government policy and goals that will deliver this net-zero future before, or at the latest by 2050.

5. COMMITMENT

I hereby commit my organisation to the requirements of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action Pledge, as specified above.

Name CEO

Name organisation

VAT identification number organisation

Date

Signature

6. ANNEX

Targets adopted by companies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are considered 'science-based' if they are in line with what the latest climate science says is necessary to prevent the worst effects of climate change – to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

SBTi criteria can be summarised as follows:

- Level of ambition (for Scope 1 and 2 emissions): at a minimum consistent with the level of decarbonisation required to keep the temperature increase to 1.5°C;*
- Boundary: all company-wide Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions (≥ 95%) are in scope;*
- Scope 3: A Scope 3 screening is required. An ambitious Scope 3 target is required when Scope 3 emissions cover 40% or more of total emissions;*
- Timeframe for targets: 5-10 years into the future;*
- Reporting: a company-wide GHG emissions inventory and progress on published targets must be publicly disclosed on an annual basis.*

If your organisation would like to signal its intention to reach net-zero by 2050 at the latest and to bring its net-zero plans in line with the latest climate science, we strongly encourage you to commit to developing science based net-zero targets (or long-term targets) according to the SBTi [Net-Zero Standard](#) and to let those targets be validated.