Sustainability and Community Investments

We focus on our direct impact on natural resources including energy, water and climate that results from our own operations and on the impact we have through our business activities. As we raise awareness by way of community investments and collaborations, we contribute to the socioeconomic development of the society.

**RELATED INDICATORS**

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Garanti BBVA carries on with its support to sustainable development focusing its efforts on combating climate change and inclusive growth for 16 years to support sustainability, which is one of its strategic goals. Drawing on its sector-steering know-how and experience, the Bank leads sustainable development in the market with its business model that embraces the opportunities stemming from sustainable development as well as climate change-related risk management. In this context, Garanti BBVA collaborates with its peers and the business world on a global level to identify new opportunities, capture emerging best practices and products, and remain as a leader in sustainable finance and development in Türkiye.

UNEP FI Principles for Responsible Banking, which were launched in 2016 by 30 founding members among which Garanti BBVA was the only bank from Türkiye, reached more than 270 signatories worldwide. The Principles for Responsible Banking, which are expected to significantly contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement objectives, focus on six main scopes: Alignment, Impact, Clients and Customers, Stakeholders, Governance and Target Setting, Transparency and Accountability. Garanti BBVA releases its Responsible Banking Principles Impact Report annually and discloses its strategic approach to areas in which the Bank has an impact along with its activities.

You can access the UNEP FI Principles for Responsible Banking Impact Report here.
It is among Garanti BBVA’s goals to facilitate the growth of the SMEs, microbusinesses, women entrepreneurs and all startups that play a key role in the sustainable development of history and to help them improve their environmental, social and ethical performances, as well as providing solutions to their financial needs. Garanti BBVA focuses on responsible and sustainable development and actively contributes to 17 goals 70 targets within the scope of Sustainable Development Goals and Targets.

Based on its approach to impact investment, the Bank’s total contribution to sustainable development reached TL 88 billion as of the end of 2022. Within the scope of its combat against climate change, Garanti BBVA:
- has been the first bank from Türkiye to pledge carbon-free coal and to pledge coal phase-out in 2021.
- has become a Carbon-Neutral Bank in 2020.
- In 2020, Garanti BBVA announced its target to reduce its carbon emissions by 29% by 2025 and by 71% by 2035 within the frame of Science-Based Targets in line with the Paris Agreement’s goal to limit temperature rise to 1.5 degrees, and has been the first company to declare such a target in Türkiye. Having reduced its operational emissions by 79% at end-2020, the Bank purchased carbon credits for its remaining emissions and became carbon-neutral 15 years earlier than its reduction target. In 2021 and 2022, the Bank continued to offset its operational emissions by purchasing carbon credits and supports the projects in voluntary carbon markets recognized by international institutions.
- pledged to eliminate the coal exposure of its portfolio by 2040 or sooner.
- With its Climate Change Action Plan released in 2015, which focuses on carbon pricing, reducing deforestation, managing climate-related water risks through climate adaptation and implementing green office standards, the Bank also pledged that a minimum of 60% of the total funds allocated to new energy production facilities would be allocated to renewable investments.
- In 2022, the Bank took these commitments one step further, and announced its decarbonization goals by 2030 in other carbon-intensive industries such as energy, automotive, iron and steel, and cement. These interim targets make up an important phase in reaching emissions targets aligned with net-zero by 2050. In this context, Garanti BBVA is aiming to accompany its customers in their transition to a more sustainable future. The Bank’s decarbonization targets set for 2030 have been prepared using the internationally recognized PACTA (Paris Agreement Capital Transition Assessment) methodology. In keeping with the ever-improving data quality, Garanti BBVA plans to review and update these targets.

With which principles did Garanti BBVA set its targets?
- (Long-Term Vision) Entail a long-time vision to plot the path toward 2050 net-zero targets.
- (Focused on Decision Making) Be conducive for comparison among companies and competitors in decision-making processes.
- (Robust) Be consistent with and based on scientific evidence.
- (Extensive Coverage) Cover a relevant spectrum of activities in the field of decarbonization.
- (Actionable) Based on available and transparent data.
- (Sector-Specific) Homogeneous metrics to make it easier to understand the challenges faced by each company.

What is aimed with the targets set within the scope of the PACTA methodology?
- Expand the financial support needed by customers for measuring their progress in decarbonization processes and for their investments in new technology and production methods in this pathway.
- Mitigate the transition risk in the portfolio by increasing the weight of exposure with clients aligned with the decarbonization scenarios.
- Fulfill the transparency commitment in environmental and social performance disclosures that have lately become highly important for the financial sector.

Garanti BBVA integrates its sustainability vision founded on combating climate change and inclusive growth in its management strategy and business model through its Sustainability Policy. Also aligned with the strategy of the BBVA Group, the policy is updated annually in view of scientific developments and social needs.

Monitoring the Bank’s short-, medium- and long-term targets in accordance with the sustainability strategy, Responsible Banking and Sustainability Committee met twice in 2022 and assessed the Bank’s activities in relation to sustainability and sustainable finance with respect to the UN Principles for Responsible Banking. Targeting to embed its sustainability vision in each structure of its organization, Garanti BBVA also enhanced its sustainability governance in 2022, adopting a more responsible and effective business model with its new organizational structure that separates the responsibility for sustainability strategy and communication from the mobilization of sustainable financing. Additionally, working groups set up within various teams such as risk management and purchasing develop sustainability approaches for different units in cooperation with sustainability and responsible banking teams.

**EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY RISKS**

Given the increased prevalence of the visible impacts of the climate crisis on social life, all financial sector stakeholders, primarily customers and investors, started placing environmental and social governance (ESG) risks into the spotlight of their risk management and governance mechanisms in banking. In 2022, the European Banking Authority (EBA) included Pillar-III ESG reporting within legal disclosures, which enables assessment of banks’ ESG risks and sustainable finance strategies by customers and investors, as well as all stakeholders in the financial sector.

Together with its parent BBVA Group, Garanti BBVA started analyzing the resilience of its banking portfolio against the transition and physical risks arising from climate change in 2022.

In 2022, Garanti BBVA studied the following:
- Measuring transition risks by identifying the risks in sectors nonaligned with the Paris Agreement.
- Monitoring energy performance of basic real estate collateral.
- Emission intensities of the customers in carbon-intensive sectors (PACTA).
- Physical risk exposure of the Bank’s portfolio as a result of climate crisis.
- Financing directed at activities for mitigating the impacts of climate change (Sustainable Finance).

Garanti BBVA also addresses the risks revealed by these studies in setting the course of its combat against climate change.

### Emission reduction targets for carbon-intensive sectors

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<td>Energy</td>
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<td>Iron &amp; Steel</td>
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Note: It is important to emphasize that the baseline of these metrics may change, since the scope of the indices used and the methodology are constantly changing.
These climate risks are measured using a matrix developed based on the heat map revealing sectoral vulnerabilities and the standing of physical climate risks in customers' locations as defined by internationally accepted data sources. Accordingly, it is considered that:

- For 2022, it was evaluated how much of the total loan portfolio could be exposed to chronic, acute and both chronic and acute climate risks. Garanti BBVA already started work towards reducing the exposure of both its customers’ activities and its own activities to climate risks. During 2022, Garanti BBVA also measured physical risks:

  - Against drought, extreme precipitation and extreme temperatures under RCP 2.6 and RCP 8.5 climate scenarios for its renewables portfolio, and released an action plan.

Physical Climate Risk Assessment for Garanti BBVA report can be found here.

Adjustment and actions for Physical Climate Risks can be found at here.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Garanti BBVA implemented its Environmental and Social Loan Policies (ESLP) developed to minimize the indirect impact of the Bank’s lending activities in 2022; the Bank will continue to apply so carefully in line with its commitments to Environmental and Social Loan Policy, and to evaluate and monitor all its customers’ compliance in 2023. Garanti BBVA provides internal training on ESLP with the training video available at Kampüs. 1,001 employees completed the training in the reporting period. Current ESLP can be found here.

Garanti BBVA implements an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Process (ESIAP) within the frame of international best practices to drive improvement across its loan portfolios. This process is totally compliant with international norms and best practices. In addition, the Bank developed the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Model (ESIAM) to classify projects according to their characteristics, scale, vulnerability, location, and E&S impact and to systematically evaluate them with respect to risk. In this scope, Garanti BBVA ensures that the projects financed by the Bank meet the defined amounts/transactions satisfy the social and environmental standards required by legislation and the Bank’s policies: that the project owners undertake an impact assessment, and take determined measures, if necessary, and establish effective control mechanisms.

In 2022, 3 projects with a total loan amount of USD 67 million were subjected to the ESIAP process. To date, 88 projects underwent ESIAP, and thanks to the action plans based on these assessments, Garanti BBVA minimized the indirect impacts of its lending. 36 site visits were conducted in 2022. Garanti BBVA contributed to improvement of environmental and social performances of various customers and financial institutions by providing 15 briefings about environmental and social issues in 2022.

SUSTAINABILITY INDICES

The positive outcome of Garanti BBVA’s effective sustainability structure is manifested with the Bank’s successful results in nationally and internationally recognized sustainability indices.

In 2022, Garanti BBVA was the only company reporting from Türkiye to be included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) Emerging Markets for the eighth consecutive year. Integrating sustainability in all its operations and business strategy, the Bank once again reproduced a successful result obtaining a score of 83. Garanti BBVA achieved the fifth highest score in the global banking sector in the index that presented stricter assessment criteria this year with the integration of more advanced sustainability issues such as decarbonization targets and financed emissions. Increasing its score from 75 in 2021 to 83 in 2022, Garanti BBVA endorsed the soundness of its sustainability governance on the international arena as well.

One of the most important reporting programs for transparently disclosing climate change policies and water management strategies, CDP Climate Program 2022 results placed Garanti BBVA as the only Turkish bank in the Global A List.

With A- score, the Bank achieved leadership level in the CDP Water Program. In addition to that, the Bank continues to be the main supporter of CDP Türkiye since 2009, which evaluates corporations with respect to their governance structures, risk and opportunity descriptions, business strategies, targets, GHG emissions data and interactions with various stakeholders.

In recognition of its management concept that promotes diversity, Garanti BBVA achieved its highest score to date on Bloomberg Gender Equality Index 2022 and has become the only company from Türkiye qualifying for the Index for 7 years in a row.
2022 DEVELOPMENTS

Target Financing low carbon transition

- In 2022, Garanti BBVA took Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA) commitments one step further and announced decarbonization targets by 2030 for other carbon-intensive industries including energy, automotive, iron & steel and cement. These interim targets constitute a key step in achieving emission targets aligned with net-zero by 2050. The Bank works in cooperation with its parent BBVA Group to measure climate risks and to encourage its customers for green transformation.

- Financing only 100% renewables in greenfield electricity generation projects within the scope of its Project Finance Garanti BBVA participated in the Climate Council for many years, Garanti BBVA has been participating in local and international platforms, which allowed for widespread, in addition to following up local and global developments, Garanti BBVA maintains collaborations for the implementation and transition.

- In 2022, total avoided emissions of operational renewable power projects, where Garanti BBVA was involved in their financing, were 14.05 million tCO2e based on the current average grid emission factor for Türkiye. The list of supported initiatives can be found here.

- Garanti BBVA’s Climate Index, launched in 2020 in cooperation with CDP Turkey and Borsa Istanbul, which corresponds to a total volume of USD 2.5 billion. In this portfolio, the percentage of green assets to the loans allocated for electricity generation purposes was 55.8%, whereas the green asset ratio of infrastructure projects such as energy, highway, airport, port and healthcare campus projects was 62.8%.

- The market share of wind power plants (WPPs) and Solar power plants (SPPs), by installed power financed by the Bank is 25.3% and 22.6%, respectively, in 2022. The cumulative financing amount provided to renewable energy investments exceeded USD 6.26 billion.

- In 2022, total avoided emissions of operational/renovable power projects, where Garanti BBVA was involved in their financing, were 34.05 million tCO2e based on the current average grid emission factor for Türkiye.

- USD 2.8 billion to Wind Power Projects (WPPs) for 2.888 MW current installed capacity, which will reach a total installed capacity of 2,908 MW once fully operational.

- USD 2.5 billion to Hydropower Projects (HEPP) for 3.677 MW current installed capacity, which are fully operational.

- USD 266 million to Geothermal Power Plant Projects (GPPP), which will have a total installed capacity of 337 MW once fully operational.

- USD 559 million to Solar Energy Projects (SPP), which will have a total installed capacity of 2,228 MW once fully operational.

- USD 134 million to Biomass to Energy Projects, which will have a total installed capacity of 142 MW once fully operational.

- Garanti BBVA also leads the transformation of the sustainable finance sector in Türkiye. Within this scope, the Bank serves on the Türkiye Banking and Finance Working Group as a Board of Directors member of Global Compact with the aim of advancing the working practices in the financial services sector in Türkiye. In 2020, Garanti BBVA signed the Declaration on Sustainable Finance with 7 other banks from Türkiye, which foresees assessment of environmental and social risks in loan processes and their integration into relevant policies. As one of the first signatories of the Declaration, Garanti BBVA is also actively involved in the annual update of the Declaration on Sustainable Finance up on local and global developments.

- Garanti BBVA participated in the Climate Council organized in Kenya in February 2022 by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change. Presidency of Climate Change to address Türkiye’s new climate change action plan, “Green Growth”, as a reference point for the mobilization of resources in the financial sector.

- Garanti BBVA continues to be a signatory to the European Green Deal and the European Financial System and to the Green Impact Loan and for Green Co-financing, and to support the mobilization of financial resources to the energy transition, in line with the United States Climate Action Plan.

- Garanti BBVA is a member of the UN Principles for Responsible Banking, Global Compact Network Türkiye, the Turkish Business Council for Sustainable Development (TBCSD Türkiye), the Banks’ Association of Turkey Sustainability Working Group and the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) Environment and Climate Change Working Group, and actively participates in or chairs 29 initiatives in total that include numerous platforms.

Demirer Holding Chairman Önder Demirer says: We started our partnership with Garanti BBVA in 2005. Renewable energy is the energy of the future because fossil fuels are getting more expensive day by day, polluting our world. We will continue our renewable investments with Garanti BBVA.

Scan the QR code to watch the video of Demirer Energy Chairman Önder Demirer.
During 2022, 839 Garanti BBVA branches and 52 buildings received IREC certification which proves that their 93 GWh electricity need was entirely supplied from renewables. Thus, 43,879,402 equivalent emissions were avoided which corresponds to the carbon sink capacity of roughly 2.7 million trees.

Garanti BBVA Eco-Efficiency Plan released in 2021 covers the Bank’s goals for renewable energy consumption and reduction of water consumption. The Bank targets to source at least 80% of its development energy from renewables, and to reduce water consumption per square meter each year between 2021 and 2025.

In 2021, Garanti-BBVA set up the Remote Eye System for limiting electricity consumption at 103 locations through infrastructure monitoring and control. By completing the establishment of the third package in 2022, it reached a total of 300 locations. Thanks to the commissioned system, 22% savings were achieved in electricity consumption in 108 of the Bank’s locations compared to the same months of 2019.

The Bank has secured a significant reduction in carbon intensity over the years as a result of long-standing efforts in relation to the carbon footprint. Since the introduction of the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System in 2012, the Bank’s carbon intensity decreased by 97%.

Garanti BBVA Zincirlikuyu Head Office building is the one and only bank from Türkiye that holds a Platinum certificate in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), one of the green-building rating systems; Garanti BBVA Kronos Branch, on the other hand, is the only bank building holding Platinum certificate in the New Buildings category. In addition, Perdikia Technology Campus, Swiss Customer Contact Center and Karşıyaka Imer Building all have LEED Gold certificates.

In 2022, the Bank earned the Basic Level Zero Waste Certification for its Zincirlikuyu Head Office and Perdikia Campus buildings, which is issued by the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change.

Furthermore, the Bank pledged to reduce and avoid the usage of 33,666 tonnes of plastic by 2023 under its commitment to Business for Plastic Initiative.

**Support customers’ sustainable growth**

Garanti BBVA focuses on supporting sustainable development through its sustainability strategy, and financial instruments offered to customers for combating the climate change and enabling inclusive growth.

- **Combating climate crisis:**
  - Under its cooperation established in 2022 with Ergunvek, a digital carbon credit trading platform, Garanti BBVA provides its corporate customers having difficulty in accessing voluntary carbon markets with a carbon credit supply tool that is direct, transparent, secure and entails low transaction costs. Putting this innovative product into action, Garanti BBVA completed the carbon credit auction with the sale of 15,000 tons of carbon credits in 2022. Through this partnership, the Bank aims to accelerate the compliance of its corporate customers and particularly exporter customers with the European Green Deal, the Fit for 55 commitment which is EU’s target to reduce GHG emissions by at least 55 per cent by 2030, and as part thereof, the subsequent EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.
  - Also intending to provide consultancy regarding the impacts of climate change through the services rendered to its customers, Garanti BBVA formed an internal team to support the customers, through its digital channels in 2022. Using the carbon footprint application, corporate customers can monitor their carbon footprint emissions resulting from their activities and benefit from awareness raising guidance. With the sectoral impact analysis, customers can analyze the impacts of their respective sectors on sustainability at a global scale.
  - Furthermore, Garanti BBVA targets to invite its retail customers to take part in actions that improve sustainable transformation and help them set themselves social and environmental goals. “Ecodegàs” tab under the “My Status” section on Garanti BBVA Mobile is intended to raise awareness of customers by allowing them to monitor their carbon footprint, while providing helpful tips and suggestions to help them reduce their footprints. The Bank intends to leverage its technological capabilities towards positively impacting the society and contribute the sustainable development of the world.

- **Inclusive Growth:**
  - Garanti BBVA has long been advocating entrepreneurship as an individual customer group within the frame of inclusive growth that makes the other main heading of its sustainability strategy.

The Bank’s actions in this department can be found on pages 140-141 of the Report.
The Bank’s climate finance contribution, which was verified by a third party independent audit, amounted to TL 10.8 billion. In 2022, the Bank introduced its new sustainability-themed package developed for supporting its customers, mainly:

- Active participation in firefighting efforts and disaster management during the fire,
- Total retail segment lending within the scope of Forestry Commitment is obtained from the borrower according to the environmental and social risk degree of the project. As per Garanti BBVA’s Policy on Forestry Commitment, it is committed to be a responsible bank and focuses on social sensitivities and inclusive growth.

In 2022, Garanti BBVA’s total financing in the form of sustainability-linked loan structures amounted to TL 3.3 billion.

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- Sustainable finance products provided for investments and acquisitions in the areas of waste management, recycling and circular economy implementations surpassed TL 5.9 billion in 2022.
- In 2022, the Bank introduced its new sustainability-themed package developed for supporting its customers, mainly the SMEOs that will be impacted by the European Green Deal and Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism in their exports to EU in reducing their GHG emissions.
- Garanti BBVA keeps helping the business world contribute to gender equality with its Gender Loan product that is introduced as the world’s first in 2019. The first Gender Loan was signed with a leading chemicals company for the amount of USD 33 million. For this facility, gender equality or eria set by the Sustainable Finance Team are evaluated periodically by a third party.
- Introduced in 2022 as the first of its kind in Turkey to support an increased prevalence of hybrid and electric vehicles within the fleets of corporates, the Corporate Green Auto Loan is intended to lead the companies’ transition to more efficient hybrid and electric vehicles at advantageous rates, while contributing to a sustainable future by encouraging replacement of fleets with environment-friendly vehicles. Total lending in this capacity reached TL 207 million as of year-end 2022.
- Total retail segment lending within the scope of Environmentally-Friendly Auto Loan provided for the financing of hybrid and electric automobiles exceeded TL 339 million in 2022.
- Turkey’s first Retail Rooftop Solar Power System (SPS) Shopping Loan for customers wishing to make use of solar power in their buildings.
- Environment-Friendly Building Insulation Loan for supporting efficient energy consumption in buildings and promoting insulation investment.
- Electric Bicycle Special Shopping Loan for supporting green transportation theme are available at advantageous rates within the fleets of corporates, the Corporate Green Auto Loan is intended to lead the companies’ transition to more efficient hybrid and electric vehicles at advantageous rates, while contributing to a sustainable future by encouraging replacement of fleets with environment-friendly vehicles. Total lending in this capacity reached TL 207 million as of year-end 2022.
- Total retail segment lending within the scope of Environmentally-Friendly Auto Loan provided for the financing of hybrid and electric automobiles exceeded TL 339 million in 2022.
- Agriculture takes one of the top spots among the sectors that will take the most devastating blow from climate change according to the European Environment Agency and makes one of the main subjects in European Green Deal’s call-to-action. The agricultural industry acquired an ever-growing role in the Turkish economy and community employment, particularly in recent years.
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COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

Engaged in the banking business with the goal of “bringing the age of opportunity to everyone”, Garanti BBVA moves ahead with the target of having a positive impact on the people, businesses, and the society at large at all times in line with its corporate values. Various policies and internal guidelines of the Bank represent its pledge to be a responsible bank and create value over the long term, which it has communicated to all its stakeholders. Released in July 2021 based on the Board of Directors decision, the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy is intended to emphasize the Bank’s principles, guidelines and commitments related to corporate social responsibility and adapt them to the priorities of the Bank and the society.

When setting its strategies for community investment programs, the Bank focuses on social sensitivities and common issues in Türkiye and in the world that overlap with Garanti BBVA’s values. In keeping with its responsible banking concept, the Bank prioritizes the society’s needs and the stakeholders’ expectations from the Bank in a strategically aligned fashion with its core business lines and devises programs that will yield social benefits.

The Bank carries out its activities aimed at contributing value to the society in three focuses of action within the frame of community investment programs:

- Reducing inequalities and promote inclusive growth
- Education for all
- Frontier knowledge and accessible culture

In addition to these areas on which focus is placed to support inclusive growth, programs are developed to contribute to the fight against the climate change.

Corporate Social Responsibility Policy can be found on www.garantibbyavatrimislikleri.com, under Environment, Social and Governance >Policies tab.
Increasing heat waves and drought due to climate change trigger the increase in fires. Unfortunately, it is the people, nature and our future who suffer the most from this. Within the scope of “Türkiye’nin Canavanaşı” support program, 2 projects have moved to the implementation phase. A Türkiye that is more resilient to forest fires is possible together.

As TURMEPA, the solution we take as our mission and see as the most permanent method is “learning not to pollute”. The Blue Breath Project creates an important awareness in this regard. With this one-off a-kind project, we raise awareness in the fight against the climate crisis and encourage the increase of similar projects.

Scan the QR code to watch the video of TURMEPA

Scan the QR code to watch the video of WWF-Türkiye, Nature Conservation Director Sedat Kalem.
Salt

- Founded by Garanti BBVA in 2011 to support the production of knowledge, culture and arts; Salt continues its activities as an innovative and participatory cultural institution that produces unique works.
- Conducts programs such as exhibitions, film screenings, performances, concerts, conferences and workshops on various topics such as art, architecture, design, urban life and society.
- By producing content that will raise awareness on social issues. Salt helps to increase the quality of information and serves as an open source for everyone.
- Through its diverse archival and research projects, the institution contributes to the memory of Türkiye and its neighboring countries.
- Salt Research archival collections give online access to approximately 2 million documents and resources.
- The library located in Salt’s Galata building which is available to its users free of charge five days a week, has a collection of more than 100,000 publications.
- Since its establishment, Salt hosted more than 3 million visitors.

With the sponsorship of our founder Garanti BBVA, we have so far:
- Hosted 3 million visitors with 108 exhibitions and over 1,000 public programs.
- Reached 6 million users via our digital archive; offered service to more than 500,000 people at our specialized library.
- Extended support to 68 researchers through Salt Research Funds.
- Extended support to 12 Giant Men Basketball Academies, reaching 500,000 people at our specialized library.
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Support to Turkish basketball in keeping with the principle of permanent and sustainable contribution to the society

Garanti BBVA has been extending support to Turkish basketball since 2001. In close cooperation with the Turkish Basketball Federation, Garanti BBVA has so far made significant contributions to Turkish basketball over a broad scale extending from 12 Giant Men Basketball Academies to youth setup national teams, National Women’s and Men’s Teams. Believing that these contributions created a permanent value in the society and social life, Garanti BBVA has also become the sponsor of National Women’s and Men’s Wheelchair Teams. Accordingly, the Bank has been supporting:

- 12 Giant Men (National Men’s Basketball Team) since 2001.
- Prizes of the Court (National Women’s Basketball Team) since 2005.
- 12 Brave Hearts (National Men’s Wheelchair Basketball Team) since 2013, and
- 12 Magical Wints (National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team) since 2013.

With the inspiration drawn from the 12 Giant Men, the 12 Giant Men Basketball Academies project is intended to scout and train the 12 Giant Men and Prizes of the Court of the future.

Garanti BBVA has been involved in long-lived projects that contribute to the society’s vision in music. The festival’s sponsor since 1997, the Bank has been extending support uninterruptedly to Istanbul Jazz Festival and is being instrumental in bringing music lovers together with valuable artists.

Garanti BBVA has been playing a significant role for 22 years in promoting basketball in our country by contributing to the recognition of our national team, our players and schedule through advertising films, composing songs for our teams and sung by the crowds during the games, and preparing numerous communication campaigns.

Scan the QR code to watch the video of Salim Erdogan, Marketing Director of the Turkish Basketball Federation.
Contributed to change by raising awareness on gender equality

2023 PRIORITIES

- Develop sustainability data governance systems
- Broaden sustainability-linked product portfolio
- Set targets in line with our inclusive growth goal
- Disclose interim targets and determine strategies for financing carbon-intensive sectors based on Garanti BBVA Net Zero Banking pathway
- Analyze and manage the climate-related physical risk exposure of the Bank’s portfolio
- Raise increased awareness of climate risks among customers in particular and the society in general

Risk Drivers

Opportunity Drivers

- Climate maladaptation
- Drought and water scarcity
- Energy crisis
- Disrupted global supply chain
- Food and water security
- Ecological Engineering
- Population density and its impacts on public health
- Socioeconomic inequality
- High cost of living
- Natural disaster and extreme weather
- Environmental accidents

Opportunity Drivers

- Green growth options
- Emergence of New Business Opportunities
- Increased conscious and responsible consumer behaviors
- More sustainability-focused national and international policies
- Enhanced awareness of climate crisis risks
- Expansion of electrification
- Development of new energy technologies
- Development of the carbon market
- Increased resources allocated to R&D
- Accessibility of sustainability data through digitalization
- Development of new insurance risk management methods
- Increased diversity of financial products
- Expansion of energy-efficient structures
- Increased means for recycling

Garanti BBVA’s Approach

- Constantly broaden sustainable finance products range.
- Set short-, medium- and long-term goals for combating climate change and inclusive growth targets.
- Support customers’ combat against climate change acting as an advisor.
- Environmental and Social Credit Policies ensure effective management of the positive and negative effects of the Bank’s financing transactions. Support the sustainable business model via sustainability governance model integrated in the Bank’s different units.
- Collaborate with public institutions and organizations to develop sustainable economy and sectoral policies.