

Newsweek: Intesa Sanpaolo is classified first “green” group in Italy and thirteenth among the 100 largest “green” groups in the world

Intesa Sanpaolo was classified as the first “green” group in Italy and thirteenth among the 100 largest “green” groups in the world according to the list published by Newsweek. This concerns 100 companies that over the last year distinguished themselves thanks to a company policy that respects the environment by favouring sustainable development projects.

The list was drawn up by Newsweek together with MSCI ESG Research on the basis of three criteria as follows:

1. **Environmental impacts (45%):** more than 700 assessment parameters were used, including greenhouse gas emissions, waste management and rational water consumption. (Intesa Sanpaolo was placed eighth at world level with 92.97 points)
2. **Environmental policies (45%):** this parameter was used to assess how companies handle their environmental footprint. More than 700 indicators were used: policies and performance in climate change and pollution, environmental impact of products, administration and management of in-house environmental matters. (In this case Intesa Sanpaolo was placed first among the banks with 82.92 points)
3. **Reputational survey (10%):** the points were assigned on the basis of a survey carried out among CSR professionals, academics and other environmental experts listed on the CorporateRegister.com

Intesa Sanpaolo, a sustainable Bank

Intesa Sanpaolo is a leader in the strategic sector of alternative energy sources and of energy savings, with a strong commitment from within which was rewarded by significant recognition, as well as certification according to the UNI CEI EN 16001 norm, in June 2010, as the first bank and one of the first companies in Italy. The Group has an environmental policy which outlines its approach in the prevention, management and reduction of environmental impacts generated by its own activity (direct impacts) and by its clients and suppliers (indirect impacts) and has instituted the figure of Energy Manager, which guarantees the supervision of the Group's energy policy, the publishing of its Energy Report (included in the Social Report), the identification and promotion of initiatives aimed at rationalising consumption by reducing polluting emissions. Through a wide range of specifically designed loans the Group offers diversified solutions to all kinds of client. These loans converge in **Ecocredito**, a credit line divided into the areas of Family, Business and Companies, which include loans for photovoltaics and new formulae to sustain the diffusion of renewable kinds of energy.

Intesa Sanpaolo subscribes to the **Equator Principles**, which are voluntary guidelines the application of which requires that the project financed, in particular those of greater environmental importance, respond to sustainability requirements (protection of human health and safety, work conditions, safekeeping of cultural heritage and biodiversity, socio-economical impacts on local communities, prevention and reduction of pollution).

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