

## Summary of Requirements for Signatories

The Poseidon Principles are a framework for assessing and disclosing the climate alignment of ship finance portfolios. The sector-specific methodology enables signatories to ensure business activities align with the goals of the international shipping industry and support responsible lending activities.

### BACKGROUND

The shipping industry is a cornerstone of international trade, transporting around 90% of all global goods. However, its significant carbon footprint poses an urgent challenge: for the world to decarbonise, shipping must decarbonise. Recognising the pivotal role finance plays in this transition, workshops held in 2018 in Singapore, London, and New York explored practical approaches to integrating climate risk into financial decision-making in the maritime industry, eventually leading to the launch of the Poseidon Principles in June 2019. The drafting group included Citi, Societe Generale, DNB, industry representatives from A.P. Møller-Mærsk, Cargill, Euronav, Gram Car Carriers, Lloyd's Register, and Watson Farley & Williams, along with the support of the Global Maritime Forum, the Rocky Mountain Institute, and the University College London.

The Poseidon Principles aim to bring together committed financial institutions and establish a set of principles to help members integrate climate considerations into their business activities and support the implementation of other environmental initiatives and reporting requirements. The principles of assessment, accountability, enforcement, and transparency govern a methodology for calculating the climate alignment of shipping finance portfolios designed to ensure that lending practices align with the climate-related goals set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Climate alignment is currently the only environmental metric considered by the Poseidon Principles, however the scope is intended to evolve over time based on the interests of the members and the international shipping community.

### SIGNATORY OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

Joining the Poseidon Principles as a signatory is applicable to relevant lenders, lessors, and financial guarantors, including export credit agencies (ECA). Signatories must report on all business activities:

- that are credit products (including bilateral loans, syndicated loans, club deals, and guarantees) secured by vessel mortgages, finance leases secured by title over vessel, or unmortgaged ECA loans tied to a vessel; and
- where a vessel or vessels fall under the purview of the IMO, e.g., vessels engaged in international voyages with a gross tonnage of 5,000 and above that have an established Poseidon Principles trajectory whereby the emissions intensity can be measured with IMO DCS data.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Poseidon Principles are tailored to enable ship financiers to report on the environmental impact of their business activities. The framework has been designed to support the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the UNEP FI Principles for Responsible Banking, and the methodology is recognised by other initiatives, such as the 2 Degrees Investing Initiative, the Climate Bonds Initiative, and the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). The benefits include:

- Joining a leading climate alignment initiative tailored for shipping that has set the standard for transparent disclosure and inspired other industries (i.e., steel, aviation, aluminium).
- Using transparent, well-defined data collection methods that help with the strategic management of

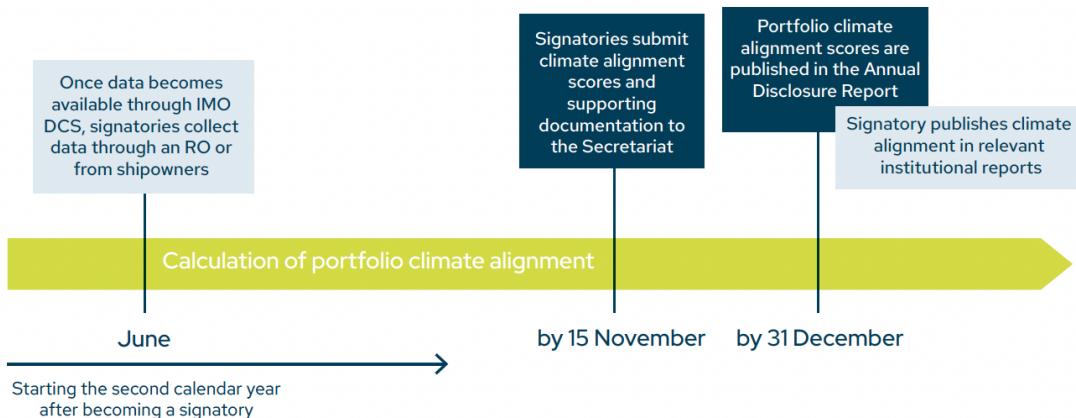
maritime assets and internal decision-making.

- Participating in working groups and other meetings to shape methodology evolution and gaining access to industry-specific learning opportunities, including exchanging expertise and best practices from members in different geographies.
- Connecting with peers and joining a network of like-minded organisations. The Poseidon Principles Association has 36 signatories as of January 2026, which represents approximately two-thirds of the global ship finance market.
- Signalling support for ESG topics, the efforts made by the international shipping industry to decarbonise, and the IMO GHG ambition.
- Using the Poseidon Principles methodology, branding, and logo (which is trademarked) for inclusion in internal and external corporate reports, websites, social media, etc.
- Being featured in the Poseidon Principles Annual Disclosure Report and included as a member on the website and other materials.

## OBLIGATIONS AND FEES

Signatory obligations are defined by the four principles below:

1. **Assessment:** Signatories will annually measure the emissions intensity and assess climate alignment of their shipping portfolio using the methodology established by the Poseidon Principles in line with the Technical Guidance.
2. **Accountability:** Signatories will rely exclusively on classification societies or other IMO-recognised organisations, and on mandatory IMO standards, for the provision of information used to assess and report climate alignment.
3. **Enforcement:** Standardised covenant clauses will be made contractual in new business activities to ensure access to high-quality data.
4. **Transparency:** Portfolio climate alignment scores will be submitted and published each year in the Poseidon Principles Annual Disclosure Report.



The sign-on fee for signatories is €12,000 and is paid once to the Poseidon Principles Association upon joining. The annual fee for signatories in 2026 is €10,000 and is paid annually to the Poseidon Principles Association in accordance with the Governance Rules. In the first year, the annual fee is required in addition to the sign-on fee.

## HOW TO JOIN

Entities wishing to become a signatory must submit the following documents to the Secretariat of the Poseidon Principles Association:

- **Standard Declaration for Signatories:** The formal commitment required of the financial institution to become a signatory, which announces the intent of the financial institution to implement the Poseidon Principles.
- **Membership Agreement:** The formal agreement between the financial institution and the Poseidon Principles Association for the institution to become a member of the Association. By signing the membership agreement, the new member agrees to abide by the Association's Governance Rules.
- **Application:** Outlines the primary contacts responsible for reporting, invoicing and other necessary functions so that the Poseidon Principles are implemented and maintained by the financial institution.

Reach out to the Secretariat at [info@poseidonprinciples.org](mailto:info@poseidonprinciples.org) for documents listed above and more information.