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## Transparency

This section states the requirements for the Transparency principle and provides the expectations and intent of each requirement. It also provides an outline of the timeline for the participation in and compliance with the Poseidon Principles.

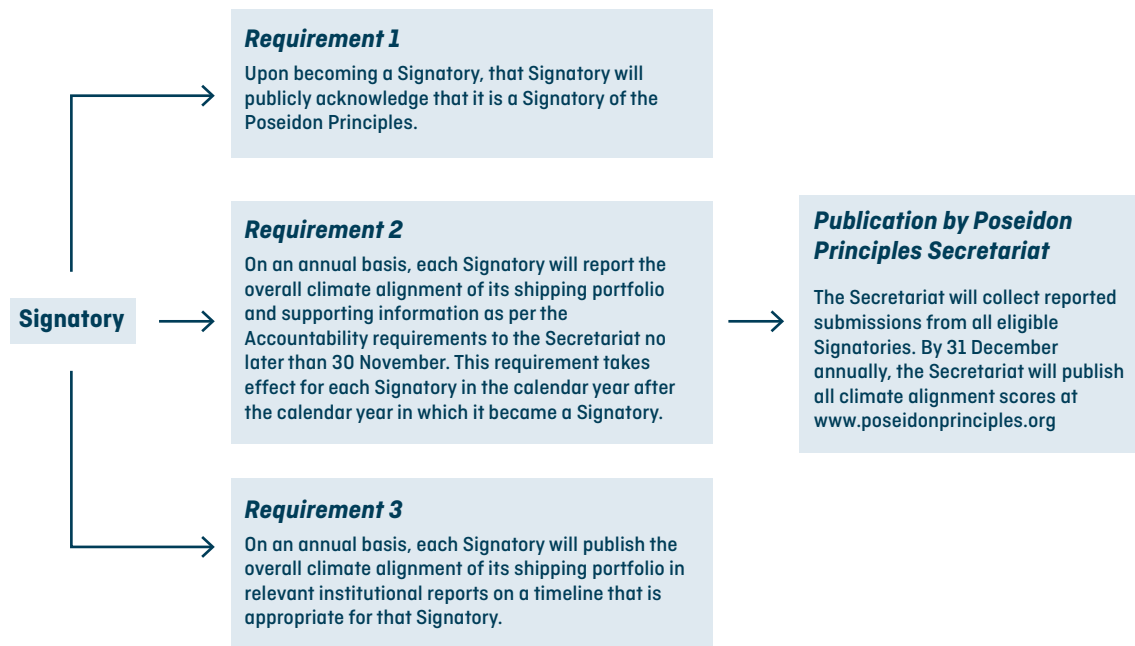
### PRINCIPLE

**We will publicly acknowledge that we are a Signatory of the Poseidon Principles and we will publish the results of our assessment of the climate alignment of our Business Activities at the portfolio level in line with the Technical Guidance on an annual basis.**

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Upon becoming a Signatory, the Signatory will publicly acknowledge that it is a Signatory of the Poseidon Principles.
2. On an annual basis, each Signatory will report the overall climate alignment of its shipping portfolio and supporting information as per Accountability requirements to the Secretariat no later than 30 November. This requirement takes effect for each Signatory in the calendar year after the calendar year in which it became a Signatory.
3. On an annual basis, each Signatory will publish the overall climate alignment of its shipping portfolio in relevant institutional reports on a timeline that is appropriate for that Signatory. This requirement takes effect for each Signatory in the calendar year after the calendar year in which it became a Signatory.

## 4.1 Information flow



**Figure 15.**

Information flow for transparency requirements

Figure 15 demonstrates the information flow for each Transparency requirement. Below, expectations and intent of each Transparency requirement are further clarified.

### How to meet the requirements

1. The expectations of Transparency requirement 1 are that a Signatory should make publicly known that it is a Signatory to the Poseidon Principles in a manner that is suitable for its organization. The intent of this requirement is to simply ensure awareness of the Poseidon Principles and to ensure that it is clear which organizations are Signatories without creating any significant burden to them.
2. The expectations of Transparency requirement 2 are that a Signatory should report all required information to the Poseidon Principles Secretariat (climate alignment of portfolio and supporting information as per Accountability requirements) in a timely manner in accordance with the Assessment, Accountability and Enforcement, and Transparency Technical Guidance. The intent of this requirement is to ensure that accurate information can be published by the Poseidon Principles Secretariat to [www.poseidonprinciples.org](http://www.poseidonprinciples.org) in a timely manner. The required reporting timeline is intended to create as little burden as possible to Signatories.
3. The expectations of Transparency requirement 3 are that a Signatory should identify relevant institutional reports and ensure that the climate alignment of its shipping portfolio is included in them. Due to different institutional timelines, no specific expectations have been set for when reports including portfolio climate alignment scores should be published. The intent of this requirement is not to specify precisely where this information should be published or create a significant burden for Signatories. Instead, it is intended to ensure awareness of the Poseidon Principles and their approach.

## Example: Transparency

In this example, a lender becomes a Signatory of the Poseidon Principles in November 2019.

**Requirement 1:** Lender issues a press release announcing that it is a Poseidon Principles Signatory in November 2019.

**Requirement 2:** Prior to 30 November 2020, the Signatory submits its portfolio climate alignment score (for 2019) and supporting information as per the Accountability requirements. The Signatory has a score of +4% indicating that it is +4% above the decarbonization trajectory.

**Requirement 3:** The Signatory includes its portfolio climate alignment score in its annual sustainability report.

**Publication by Poseidon Principles Secretariat:** All eligible Signatories' 2019 climate alignment scores will be published online prior to 31 December 2020.

