



# Agenda

- 1. Why is sustainability relevant to you!?
- 2. Why do we need Sustainable Scaling?
- 3. Challenges and Solutions
- 4. Observations & Discussion

## Purpose of this seminar



**UNDERSTAND** why sustainability is relevant?



**WHICH** solutions to sell?



WHAT values can you offer to your customers?



**HOW** to engage your customers?



## WHY is it relevant for you?

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#### A prerequisite for doing business tomorrow



Becoming a **legislative** requirement enforced by regulators



Becoming a prerequisite for future sales



People want to be a part of a **solution** 



Interest rates applicable to loans are linked to the sustainability KPIs and targets

**Sustainable Scaling** 

# Sustainability Journey – Turning Ambition into Action

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39%

of the global economy is committed to decarbonization, but companies face major challenges in reducing emissions

Action Targets Deadline SCIENCE BASED TARGETS DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION **Implementing Targets Target Setting and** (Transformation) Approval by SBTi Scope 1,Scope 2 Scope 3 upstream emissions Scope 3 downstream emissions emissions End of Material acquisition & pre-Distri Production Use bution Life processing **Ambition** 

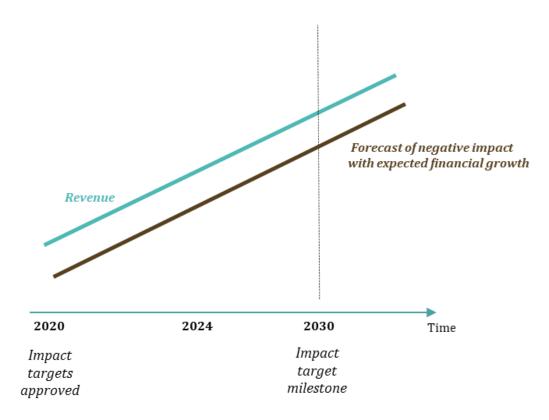
**CSRD Reporting** 

Impact mapping & risk scoring

\* Different levels of maturity

# Impact reductions are dependent on business change

*Impact coupled to growth* 

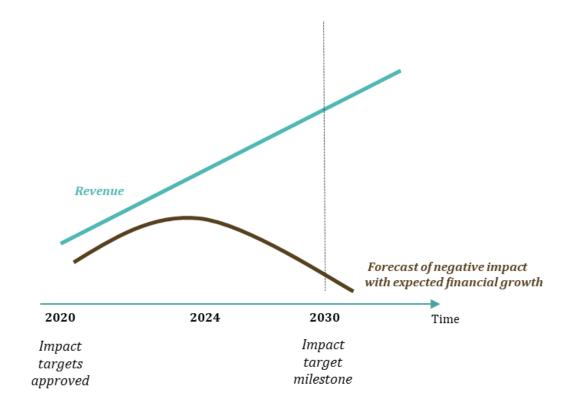


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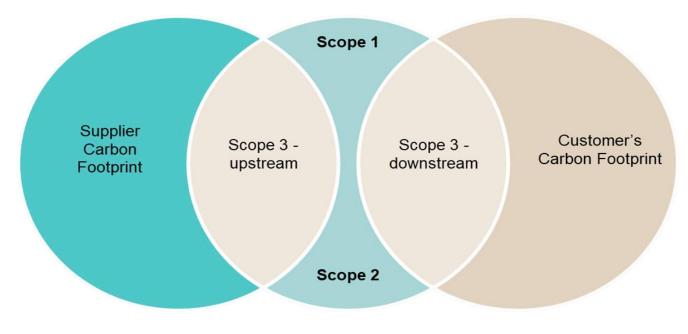
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**Entity A** 



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#### **VALUE CHAIN** Scope 1 Supplier Supplier Customer's Scope 3 -Scope 3 -Sco Carbon Carbon Carbon Footprint downstream upstream ups Footprint Footprint **End-product** Scope 2

**Entity B** 







### **Challenge #1**

Need to de-couple growth from negative impact



### **Challenge #2**

Need to re-align your commercial engine

## ...because it requires change...



#### **VALUE CHAIN**



We need the Right Products

**Done Right** 

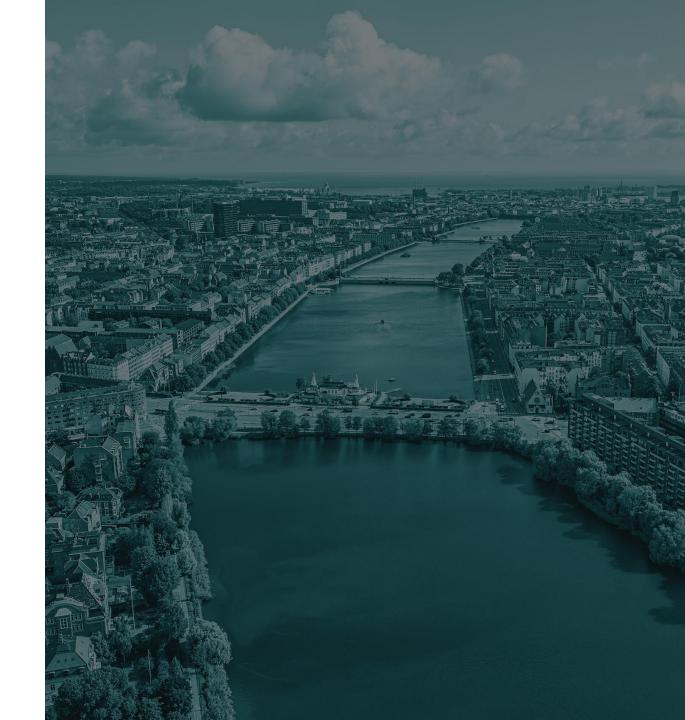


We need the Right Products

**Sold Right** 



# Right products done right

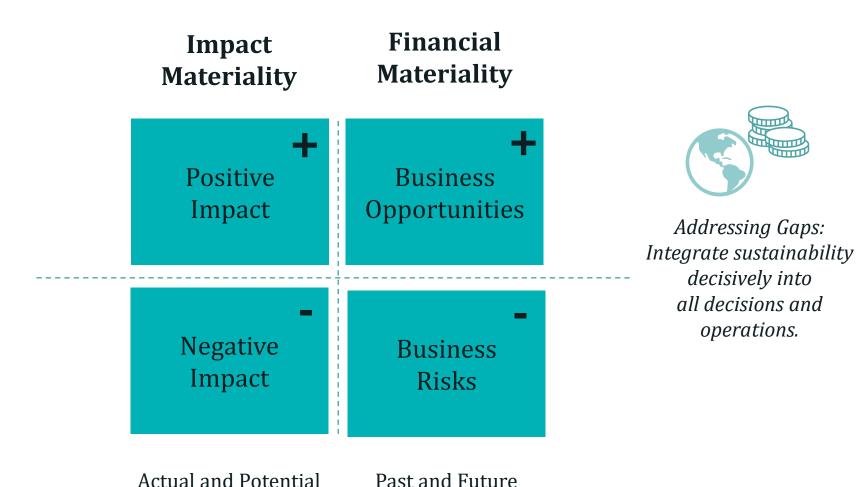


# How do you define a 'Right Product/Project' if you want to decouple growth from your environmental impact as a company?

## Double Materiality is a key driver



Companies need to integrate both dimensions into portfolio level decision-making

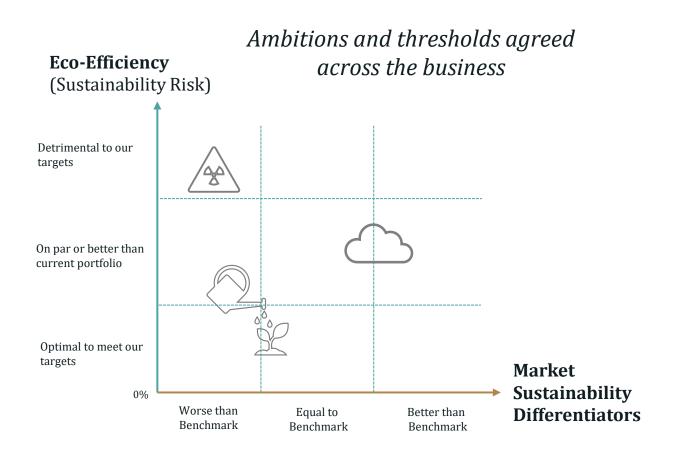


Sustainable Scaling Actual and Potential Past and Future

## Select the right products for us & our clients

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Decoupling growth from negative impact requires quantification at early-stage NPD





Right Products Done Right

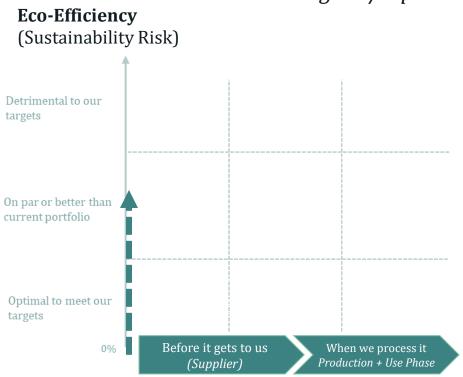
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## Select the right products for us & our clients



Beyond understanding whether a New Solution is good or bad, we need to understand whether it helps us to drive our strategy or hinders our efforts to achieve our environmental targets





Internal perspective: Based on our materiality and own targets

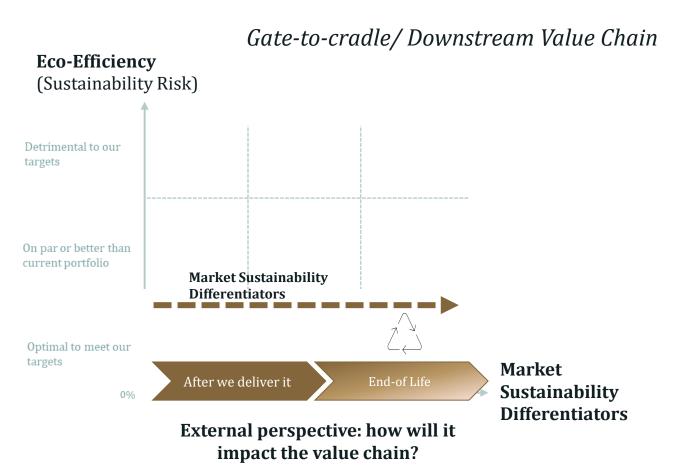


Right Products **Done Right** 

## Select the right products for us & our clients



Market signals captured via market sustainability differentiators





Right Products Done Right

## Apply solid methodology and tools



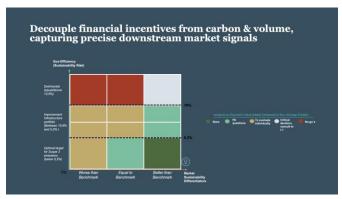
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Framework needs to be analytically solid: e.g. aligned to material issues/targets, include cannibalization etc., and requires inputs from e.g. sales & marketing teams, sustainability officer etc.



#### **Thresholds for Decision-Making**

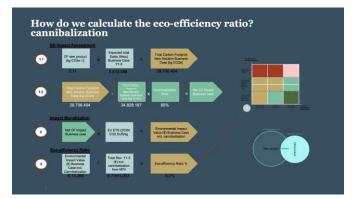
Set thresholds based on targets to guide decisions and decouple financial incentives from carbon emissions and volume.





#### **Analysis and Quantification**

Use detailed analysis and quantification, such as carbon pricing, EU ETS tax, and potential cannibalization.





#### **Align with Market Standards**

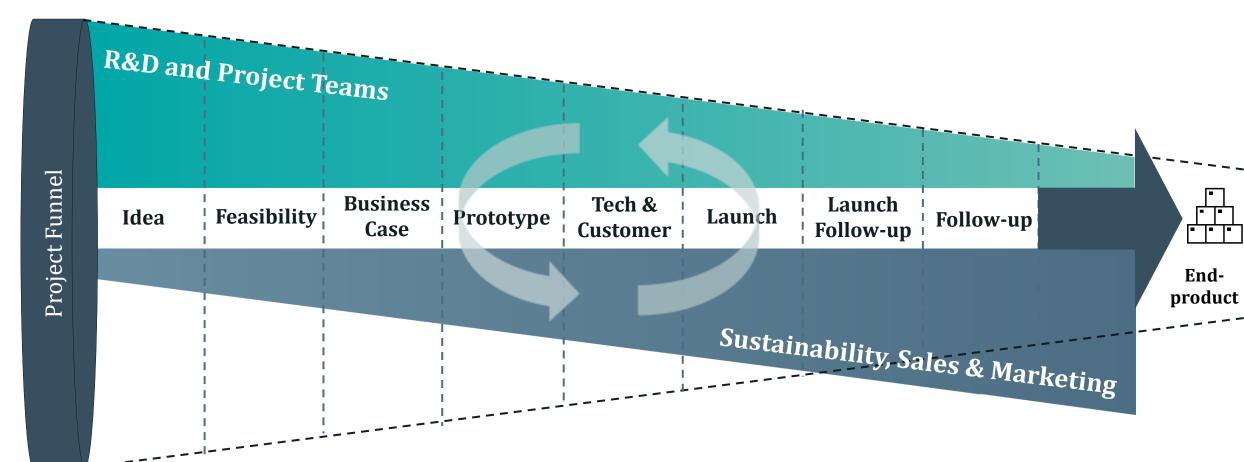
Align sustainability value drivers with legislation, industry standards, and trends to differentiate sustainability efforts.



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# Securing cross-functional involvement from day one





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## Case Example





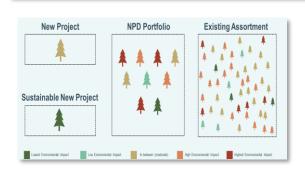
#### Issues

- Not able to deliver on SBTI Scope 3 commitments within the existing NPD process. Emissions are coupled to volume and revenue.
- Projects financial and sustainability business cases were reviewed isolated from each other
- Low success-rate of "sustainable product" launches

#### **Value Proposition**

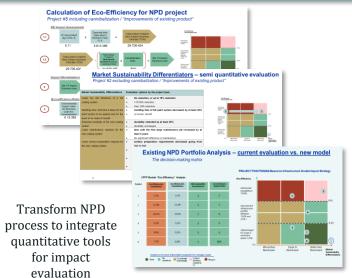
- Integration of environmental sustainability in portfolio level decision-making.
- NPD Decisions aligned with own long-term sustainability targets
- Inclusion of customer and market sustainability value-propositions in NPD

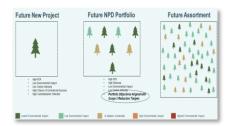
#### **Approach**



Assess current NPD selection process, gates and decision criteria

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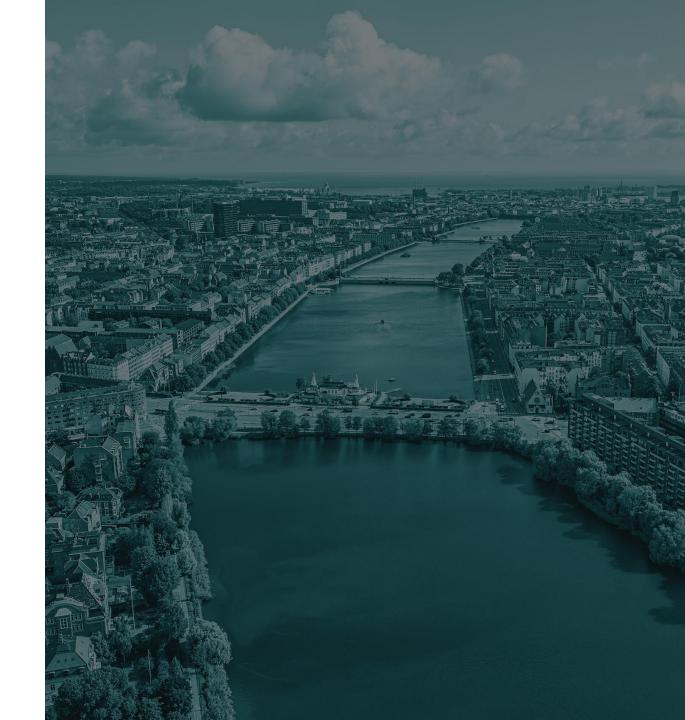
New projects / products with focus on internal & external sustainability fit

#### Success factor

- Aligning NPD Portfolio with companies financial and sustainability Objectives
- Solid and data-driven approach to selecting new products to bring to market
- Increased collaboration with sales, marketing and product management to ensure traction

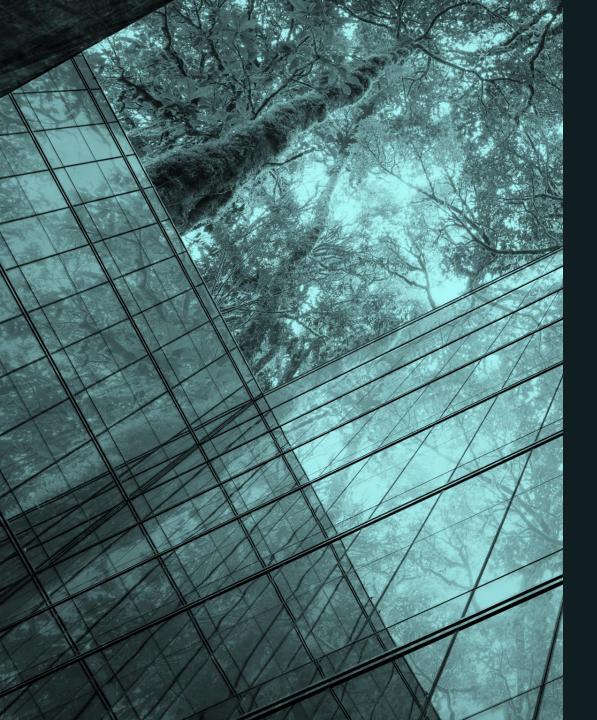


# We need the Right Products SOLD Right



# What challenges do you face with "selling" sustainability to your customers?





### Overview





Re-define your VPs on sustainability



Re-segmentation of your customers



Re-vamp you Sales Process & develop your sales teams' competencies

# Do we have the right Value Propositions? C





Understand the specific value of key sustainability elements



Target The Value Propositions to address different stakeholders' key pains



Substantiate with data and relevant benchmarks

**Target** customers material sustainability issues



## Have we (re-)segmented our customers?





Identify which customers are ready for the sustainability dialogue (with you)



Evaluate ESG (added) value before adding premium price



Start with "low hanging fruits" to build confidence and momentum

Define the customers that are ready and willing to listen



# Have we aligned to a new buying process? C



We need to align our sales process to a new buying process



Map new ESG stakeholders and evaluation criteria



Support your customers – they may now know how (yet)

Revamp your sales process & train your sales teams





## **Case Example**





#### **Issues**

Super sustainable solutions, relevant for all target customers

Strong market interest but low win-rate of sales opportunities

Long sales-cycles and frequent stalling

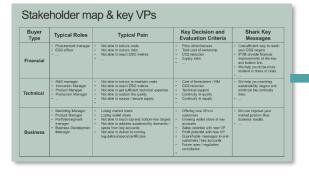
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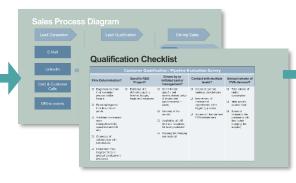
Tight segmentation of customers, target mature ones first

New sales process and supporting messages

#### **Approach**



Strengthen Value Proposition and align with new stakeholders and their business pains



Re-segment target customers and qualify "hot" opportunities early

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Sales Process

Identify changes in buying process, stakeholders and decision-makers, and align own sales process

#### Success factor

Sales process align with new buying process

"Education" of customers in how to buy the solution

Tough customer-selection

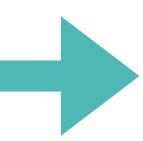
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Updated sales process aligned to new buying process







Case-based training of relevant sales teams



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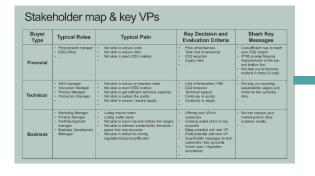
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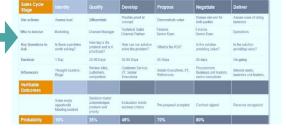


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"Education" of own team and customers

Tougher customer-selection and qualification



# Get moving from Ambition to ACTION



Change focus on sustainable business outcome



Alignment of all functions is needed



Expect internal resistance



It is NOT a simple task for either buyers or sellers!



Rather start "small" to get the snowball rolling



Has many characteristics of a major product launch

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