# Belgian Alliance for Climate Action Pledge

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action pledge is aimed at Belgian organisations regardless of size or sector, and whether or not they have already committed to setting greenhouse gas science-based targets. For organisations not currently adhering to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), this document expresses your intention to commit to the initiative, and develop and submit emissions reduction targets aligned with the applicable criteria.

## 1. Introduction

The "Belgian Alliance for Climate Action" is a coalition of Belgian organisations that publicly demonstrate ambitious climate goals. Launched by The Shift and WWF, this coalition acts as a platform for Belgian organisations that are serious about their climate ambitions.

By signing this pledge, you support the message that organisations have to play a major role in achieving the Paris Climate goals and you commit your organisation to reduce your carbon emissions accordingly.

## 2. Pledge

If your organisation has already set science-based targets or signed the SBTi commitment letter, please refer to option 2. For all other organisations, please refer to option 1.

### ☐ Option 1

Recognizing the urgency of the climate challenge, I am pleased to confirm that my organisation, _____ is joining the movement of leading Belgian organisations aligning their businesses with the goals of the Paris Agreement, to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C or well-bellow 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

By signing this pledge, I confirm that, within the next 12 months, my organisation will formally commit to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), and will subsequently develop targets, submit them and have them validated by the initiative, all within 24 months after signing the SBTi commitment letter.  A summary of the SBTi criteria can be found in annex, full details are available on the SBTi website.

### ☐ Option 2

My organisation has already developed science-based targets, either at local or at group level, or has formally committed to do so.

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By signing this pledge, I explicitly provide my support to the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action, for example via one or more of the following activities:

- Engage in dialogues on climate action with suppliers, employees, investors and peers;
- Publish research/thought-leadership on practical steps to delivering a business model in line with climate science and in support of climate targets;
- Provide mentoring or inspiration to other adhering companies in meeting the requirements of the SBTi and accelerate climate action in their own company or sector.

## 3. Belgian Alliance for Climate Action

The purpose of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is
- to practically demonstrate commitment by Belgian organisations to reduce carbon emissions by determining their carbon baseline and a reduction roadmap in line with science-based targets,
- to assist organisations in achieving their reduction targets to effectively lower carbon emissions, and
- to act as a catalyst for wider, complementary initiatives and actions for a net-zero economy.

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action acts as a platform to share best practices, inspiration and knowledge within the framework of this pledge. The organisations signing this pledge commit themselves to participate in and contribute to this knowledge sharing platform.

The Belgian Alliance for Climate Action is open to all organizations, regardless of sector or size. Apart from the SBTi target validation fee, the signing of this pledge does not imply any financial contribution. However, dedicated Alliance events will be accessible to members of The Shift only.

## 4. Advocate for net-zero emissions

As member of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action you commit to using your organization's network and wider sphere of influence to support and accelerate climate action in line with the ambitions of the Paris agreement. This includes advocating for policy positions consistent with a net-zero future and for supportive government policy and goals that will deliver this net-zero future before, or at the latest by 2050.

## 5. Commitment

I hereby commit my organization to the requirements of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action Pledge, as specified above.

Name CEO

Name Organisation

Date

Signature

# 6. Annex

Targets adopted by companies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are considered "science-based" if they are in line with what the latest climate science says is necessary to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement – to limit global warming to well-below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

SBTI criteria can be summarized as follows:

- Level of ambition (for Scope 1 and 2 emissions): at a minimum consistent with the level of decarbonization required to keep temperature increase to well-below 2°C while efforts towards 1.5°C are encouraged
- Boundary: all company-wide Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions (≥ 95%) are in scope
- Scope 3: A Scope 3 screening is required. An ambitious Scope 3 target is required when Scope 3 emissions cover more than 40% of total emissions
- Timeframe for targets: 5-15 years into the future
- Reporting: a GHG emissions inventory must be disclosed on an annual basis.

If your organisation would like to signal its intention to set targets or align its already validated targets to the most ambitious aim of the Paris Agreement, to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels and reach net-zero by 2050 for the best chance of avoiding the worst impacts of climate change, we strongly encourage you to join the **Business Ambition for 1.5°C campaign**, a global coalition of UN agencies, business and industry leaders.