

For a #SustainableRecovery

CaixaBank signs manifesto promoting green and sustainable recovery to emerge from the crisis

- **More than 240 figures from the world of politics, civil society and business in Spain are asking the Spanish Parliament, through the Social and Economic Reconstruction Committee, for recovery plans based on sustainable criteria.**
- **Signees of the manifesto cover social, economic, cultural, community, scientific, religious and professional sectors. From major IBEX CEOs to small business directors, cooperatives and NGOs, with a presence in different autonomous regions and cities.**

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CaixaBank, Spain's leading retail bank, together with more than 240 figures from the world of politics, business, trade unions, social organisations, universities, NGOs and governments has signed a manifesto promoting a green and sustainable recovery in order to manage a smooth exit from the crisis in Spain.

Through the Social and Economic Reconstruction Committee created in the Spanish Parliament, the signing companies and organisations have requested that the stimulus policies arising from COVID-19 be aligned with sustainability policies and the European Green Deal, as well as be effective from a social and economic point of view.

This movement emerges under the same principles through a letter submitted today to the aforementioned committee. This letter proposes sustainable recovery criteria and requests that they be considered in the work carried out towards that aim.

The signees of this declaration are in favour of a recovery that allows a sustainable and robust economy and demand the establishment of cross-cutting partnerships between political parties, companies, trade unions, the media, NGOs and civil society. All of this is aimed at launching an economic stimulus package based on sustainability criteria, supported by scientific evidence and best practices, and that allows advancing towards a more prosperous, more sustainable, healthier, fairer and more resilient society.

The plurality of all parties adhering to the manifesto and the fact that they are appearing together is a sign of the awareness of the need to act together in this common path.

This initiative is led by ECODES, Grupo Español de Crecimiento Verde, SEO/BirdLife, Researchers of the Basque Centres for Climate Change (BC3), the Elcano Royal Institute and the Polytechnic University (ItdUPM), and it is open to the whole of society who can sign the manifesto at <https://www.porunarecuperacionsostenible.net/manifiesto/>.

CaixaBank, a benchmark in socially responsible banking

CaixaBank is a company with a far-reaching social vocation. As a result of the legacy bequeathed to it, the bank upholds an attitude of serving society and its customers.

The bank stands out for its responsible activities, which are recognised by the main international bodies. The global Dow Jones Sustainability Index ranks it among the best banks in the world in terms of corporate responsibility. Similarly, the international organisation CDP acknowledges CaixaBank as the leading bank in the struggle against climate change. Furthermore, through VidaCaixa and CaixaBank Asset Management, the United Nations has awarded the bank the maximum rating (A+) in terms of sustainable investment.

CaixaBank, within its 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, seeks to be a leading and innovative financial group with the best customer service, while also being a benchmark for socially responsible banking. To do so, it is developing a plan that has five priority lines of action: Integrity, transparency and diversity, to strengthen its responsible actions; Governance, to maintain the best governance model possible; Environment, to collaborate in the fight against climate change; Financial inclusion, the bank's founding inspiration; and, lastly, Social action and volunteering, to contribute to responding to social challenges around us.

This plan strengthens CaixaBank's different way of banking, a model based on closeness and commitment to its customers, shareholders, employees, suppliers and the wider society.