



# BARCELONA

## BARCELONA CENTRE FINANCER EUROPEU / FOR SUSTAINABILITY

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### Background:

The Barcelona Centre Financer Europeu for Sustainability (BCFE 4S) was established in 1991 with the main objective to help consolidate Barcelona and its economic area of influence as a Financial Centre. The region requires professional teams and services that are up to date and able to take the necessary financial and strategic decisions for their companies as well as contributing to the economy of the region. The BCFE has over 35 members who belong to the financial, professional, business and government sectors. [http://www.barcelonacentrefinancer.cat/home\\_en.html](http://www.barcelonacentrefinancer.cat/home_en.html).

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### Objectives:

The BCFE works to support innovation in, and the development of, financial services and financial professionals through technical forums and providing direct access to state-of-the-art market experts, academics, researchers and regulators, both at the national and international level.

The growth of sustainable finance, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals, has become a crucial goal for the financial ecosystem in the Barcelona area. It was the main reason to join the FC4S Network in 2018. In 2019, BCFE created a top level Steering Committee and a dedicated new initiative inside the association (BCFE 4S) which will focus on organising events on relevant sustainable finance topics and providing impulse to sustainable finance initiatives and projects developed within the region.

BCFE 4S will also act as a center to facilitate access, both domestically and internationally, to information related to sustainable finance such as projects, legislation, news, access to databases, books and articles of interest.

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### Priorities for 2020:

- 1 To increase sustainable finance training in high level educational programs: to train experts that are in demand by the market, as well as spreading knowledge and competence on sustainable finance across all functions in the financial sector.
- 2 To disseminate knowledge on sustainable finance within the industrial and other services' sectors, especially among Small to Medium Enterprise.
- 3 To promote both the investors' demand for, and the offer of, ESG products, as well as financing solutions for projects requiring climate change investments.

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### Links to Social Media:

