

Summary of requirements and implications for signatories

The Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance create common global baselines that are consistent with and supportive of society's goals to better enable insurers to assess and align their portfolios with responsible environmental impacts.

The Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance are consistent with the policies and ambitions of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), including its revised 2023 GHG Strategy, which aims for net-zero emissions from international shipping by or around 2050. The Principles are applicable to insurance providers who provide hull and machinery coverage (H&M), and are supported by insurance brokers and business partners. They apply to all global shipping activities where a vessel or vessels fall under the purview of the IMO.

Climate alignment is currently the only environmental factor considered by the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance. The scope will be reviewed and may be expanded by signatories on a timeline that is at their discretion, with the support of affiliate members. The scope of coverage, as well as additional environmental factors, can be added to this initiative over time.

BACKGROUND

Inspired by the launch of the Poseidon Principles for financial institutions in June 2019, and the Sea Cargo Charter in October 2020, the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance were developed in recognition of insurance providers role in promoting responsible environmental stewardship throughout the maritime value chain. Industry-wide change is possible when all parties take responsibility for contributing to meeting the greater goals of the society they serve.

Virtual workshops and drafting group calls held in 2020 and 2021 explored practical approaches for integrating climate assessment into insurance portfolios and into decision-making in the maritime industry. The drafting group has subsequently constituted to develop the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance together with the Global Maritime Forum, Swiss Re Institute, and UMAS.

THE PRINCIPLES AND THEIR REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for signatories fall under four Principles:

1. Assessment

Signatories will annually measure the emissions intensity and assess climate alignment (i.e., the emissions intensity relative to established decarbonisation pathways) of their H&M portfolio using the methodology established by the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance and laid out in the Technical Guidance.

2. Accountability

For each step of assessment, signatories will exclusively rely on data types, data sources, and service providers identified in the Technical Guidance.

3. Enforcement

Signatories will agree to work with shipowners, clients, brokers, and business partners to collect and process the information necessary to calculate emissions intensity and climate alignment.

4. Transparency

Signatories agree to publicly disclosing their climate alignment scores on an annual basis in both the Annual Disclosure Report published by the Secretariat and their own corporate reports.

CONSISTENT WITH OTHER INITIATIVES

The Principles for Marine Insurance are aligned with the Poseidon Principles for Financial Institutions and the Sea Cargo Charter, and are also intended to support other initiatives, such as the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD), and UNEPFI Principles for Sustainable Insurance (UNEP PSI).

BECOMING A SIGNATORY

Companies wishing to become a signatory of the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance must submit the **Standard Declaration, Membership Agreement**, and the **Signatory Application** to the Secretariat of the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance Association. Once accepted into the Association, the signatory will have five months to complete and submit the Signatory Self-Assessment to the Secretariat.

Companies interested in becoming a signatory to the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance are invited to reach out to the Secretariat at info@poseidonprinciples.org.

FEES FOR SIGNATORIES

The Sign-up Fee for 2025 is €12,000 and is paid once to the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance Association when becoming a signatory.

The Annual Fee for 2025 is €14,000 and is paid annually to the Poseidon Principles for Marine Insurance Association in accordance with the Governance Rules. In the first year, the Annual Fee is required in addition to the Sign-up Fee.