

PRiME

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About the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)

The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) is a United Nations-supported initiative founded in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of sustainability in their classrooms through Seven Principles focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet.

PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic and sustainability goals, while drawing attention to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aligning academic institutions with the work of the UN Global Compact. Driven by its mission to transform management education, PRME equips today's business students with the understanding and ability to deliver change tomorrow. As a voluntary initiative with over 800 signatories worldwide, PRME has become the largest organized relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.



“*The PRME initiative was launched to nurture responsible leaders of the future. Never has this task been more important. Bold leadership and innovative thinking are needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*

Antonio Guterres

Secretary-General (2017 - Present)

United Nations

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Principles of PRME



Purpose

We advance responsible management education to foster inclusive prosperity in a world of thriving ecosystems.



Values

We place organizational responsibility and accountability to society and the planet at the core of what we do.



Teach

We transform our learning environments by integrating responsible management concepts and practices into our curriculum and pedagogy.



Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.



Partner

We engage people from business, government, civil society, and academia to advance responsible and accountable management education and practice.



Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.



Share

We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, all 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future for all – laying out a path over the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of Agenda 2030 are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets that address the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time. The SDGs clearly define the world we want – applying to all nations and leaving no one behind. Successful implementation of the SDGs will require all players to champion this agenda; the role of higher education is critical to this.





Getting Started

This section provides foundational information about Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gGmbH, including key details and basic institutional data.

Mission

Frankfurt School enables individuals and organisations to flourish and grow. We are a vibrant community committed to developing lifelong partnerships and creating new finance and management perspectives for a sustainable future.

Vision

To become Europe's leader in scientific excellence for impactful finance and management education.

Strategy

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Strategy Alignment

Strategic Alignment for Sustainable Development, the Common Good, and Quality Education

Sustainable corporate governance and the promotion of economic and social transformation towards more sustainable societies and economies are essential elements of Frankfurt School's business model. They are therefore embedded in its mission, vision, values and strategic goals. These priorities are integrated into the School's overarching institutional strategy and shape its organisational structure, governance framework, institutional culture, portfolio and operations.

Through research, education, networking, advisory services and asset management, Frankfurt School promotes the generation, transfer and practical application of knowledge in finance and management, recognising these fields as key drivers of sustainable development and transformation. This work is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

The School's broad portfolio—including on-campus and online degree programmes, professional training and continuing education courses, conferences and symposia, advisory services, and impact investment management—enables it to support and drive this transformation globally across two strategic domains: **Ecologically and Economically Sustainable Business** and **Sustainable Human Development and Democracy**.

The first strategic domain encompasses sustainable business leadership and the economic and technological transformation towards more sustainable economies and societies, contributing particularly to SDGs 12 and 13.

The second focuses on promoting individual and collective well-being, social cohesion, and resilience to economic, political and environmental stress factors, contributing particularly to SDGs 4 and 11.

Outcomes generated in both strategic domains also contribute to SDGs 5, 8, 10 and 17.

Together, these activities generate positive impacts for the economy, society and the environment.

Graduates & Enrollment

2025 Statistics	Number
Graduates	1,115
Faculty & Staff at the Institution	616
Student Enrollment at the Institution	4,161

Degrees Offered

Bachelor Programs

-  Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. or B.S.)
-  Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Masters Programs

-  Master of Science (M.Sc. or M.S.)
-  Master of Arts (M.A.)
-  Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Doctoral Programs

-  Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)



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Letter of Commitment



PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION (PRME)

Letter of Continued Commitment
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management



FRANKFURT SCHOOL OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT continues to uphold and advance the Principles for Responsible Management Education as a central reference point for its activities in education, research and engagement with practice. At a time characterised by accelerating technological change and growing societal challenges, the role of business schools as educators of responsible, forward-looking leaders is becoming more important than ever.

Over the past year, the School has further strengthened its engagement with transformative technologies, with a strong focus on artificial intelligence. The School's collaboration with OpenAI reflects its commitment to embracing innovation within clear academic and ethical frameworks. This approach enables students and faculty to engage with AI not only as a powerful tool but also as a technology whose far-reaching implications require critical reflection and responsible use.

At the same time, Frankfurt School has continued to consolidate its academic profile and impact. Its position in international rankings and the recognition of its programmes underline a commitment to excellence and relevance. The continued expansion of its research activities is reflected in initiatives such as the Philipp Sandner Memorial Award in Digital Finance Research, launched together with WM Gruppe to recognise outstanding research and strengthen the dialogue between academia and practice. Another example is the Centre for European Transformation, which brings together researchers, business leaders and policymakers to address the challenges arising from Europe's economic transformation. Through conferences, policy briefs and international dialogue formats, the Centre contributes research-based perspectives to current debates on European capital markets, transformation investment and the role of artificial intelligence in finance. Together, these activities demonstrate Frankfurt School's commitment to combining rigorous academic research with engagement on pressing challenges facing business, policymakers and society.

Institutional development has also been marked by a strong emphasis on collaboration and ecosystem building. Frankfurt School plays an active role in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship through strategic partnerships that connect academia, industry, investors and public institutions. A prominent example is its close involvement with Futury, a leading ecosystem for founders and start-ups in the Rhine-Main region, which supports entrepreneurial ventures from ideation through to scaling. In 2025, Frankfurt School, Goethe University Frankfurt, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and the Technical University of Darmstadt joined forces with Futury to launch the Future Factory. The initiative aims to strengthen academic entrepreneurship in the Rhine-Main region by connecting research more closely with entrepreneurial practice and supporting the creation and development of knowledge- and technology-based start-ups. Futury's success in the German Federal Government's EXIST Startup Factories lighthouse competition further strengthens this regional entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Across all these dimensions, responsibility and sustainability are embedded as guiding principles rather than isolated priorities. They inform the design of programmes – such as the Master in Financial Technology and the Master in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science – the orientation of research and the way in which Frankfurt School operates and evolves as an institution. Continuous improvement mechanisms and governance structures ensure that these commitments are systematically implemented and aligned with the School's strategic direction.

Looking ahead, Frankfurt School will continue to deepen the integration of responsible leadership, innovation and impact across its activities, with particular attention to the responsible use of AI in education, research and institutional practice. By equipping students to use emerging technologies critically, ethically and effectively, and by strengthening the connection between innovation and responsibility, the School aims to educate leaders who are prepared to navigate uncertainty and create sustainable value in a complex global environment.

Frankfurt School remains an active and committed member of the PRME community and will continue to contribute to its advancement through sustained engagement and measurable impact.



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Values

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Who Champions Responsible Management Education at Our Institution

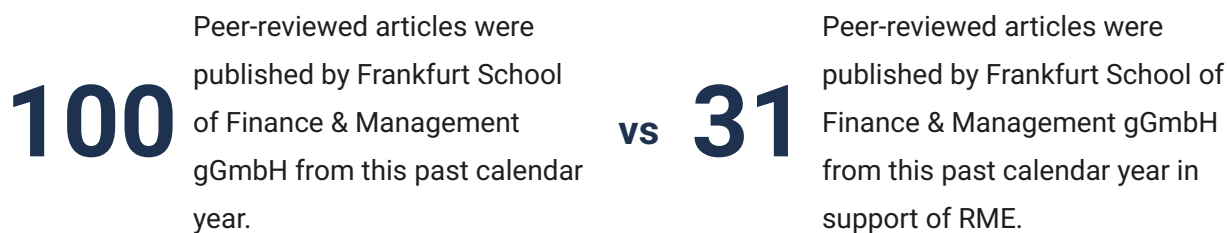
- ❖ Individual leader
- ❖ Interdisciplinary efforts across business school
- ❖ Interdisciplinary efforts across parent organization
- ❖ Research or issue group, society, or club leading sustainability efforts
- ❖ Senior leadership office
- ❖ Student contributor



Research

We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.

Research vs Research for RME/Sustainable Development



Research Funding

In 2025, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gGmbH was awarded funding for research that is:



**Institution
Specific**



Local



Regional



National



International

Socializing Research

In 2025, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gGmbH contributed research findings to:

- ❖ Government and policy makers
- ❖ Industry and business networks
- ❖ International media
- ❖ Local media
- ❖ National media
- ❖ Open-access platforms



Partner

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Institutional Partnerships

- ❖ AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)
- ❖ AMBA (Association of MBAs)
- ❖ Financial Times
- ❖ Local institutions and associations
- ❖ Times Higher Education (THE)
- ❖ Ministries of Education, Higher Education, or similar national bodies
- ❖ United Nations Global Compact non-business signatory
- ❖ United Nations organs other than the UN Global Compact
- ❖ EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development)

Student Organization Partnerships

- ❖ None



Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.

Institutional Policies and Practices

- ❖ Buildings/real estate
- ❖ Campus operations guides
- ❖ Environmental stewardship policies
- ❖ Ethical leadership or good governance policies
- ❖ Faculty hiring, tenure, and promotion guidelines
- ❖ Greenhouse gas emissions
- ❖ Local staff/student/faculty transportation
- ❖ Professional training opportunities
- ❖ Responsible procurement policies
- ❖ Student equity, diversity, inclusion
- ❖ Sustainability strategy or strategic plan (school or university level)
- ❖ Travel guides
- ❖ Water
- ❖ Zero-waste guides
- ❖ AI use guide



Share

We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

Engagement Opportunities

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gGmbH offers transparent engagement opportunities for members of our institution and community to contribute to our sustainability and responsibility efforts in the following ways:

- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Annual reports
- ❖ Community events and consultation forums
- ❖ Feedback mechanisms (e.g., surveys, suggestion boxes)
- ❖ Open faculty and student meetings and town halls
- ❖ Partnerships with local organizations
- ❖ Public events and panel discussions
- ❖ Publicly accessible sustainability data and dashboards
- ❖ Student and staff volunteer programs
- ❖ Sustainability-focused research and collaboration Opportunities

Communication Audiences

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gGmbH communicates its policies and progress on sustainable development and responsibility with:

- ❖ Accreditation bodies
- ❖ Alumni and donors
- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Business and industry partners
- ❖ Chamber of commerce and local communities
- ❖ Faculty and staff
- ❖ Government and policy makers
- ❖ Media and public relations channels
- ❖ Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- ❖ Prospective and current students
- ❖ Research and academic networks

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