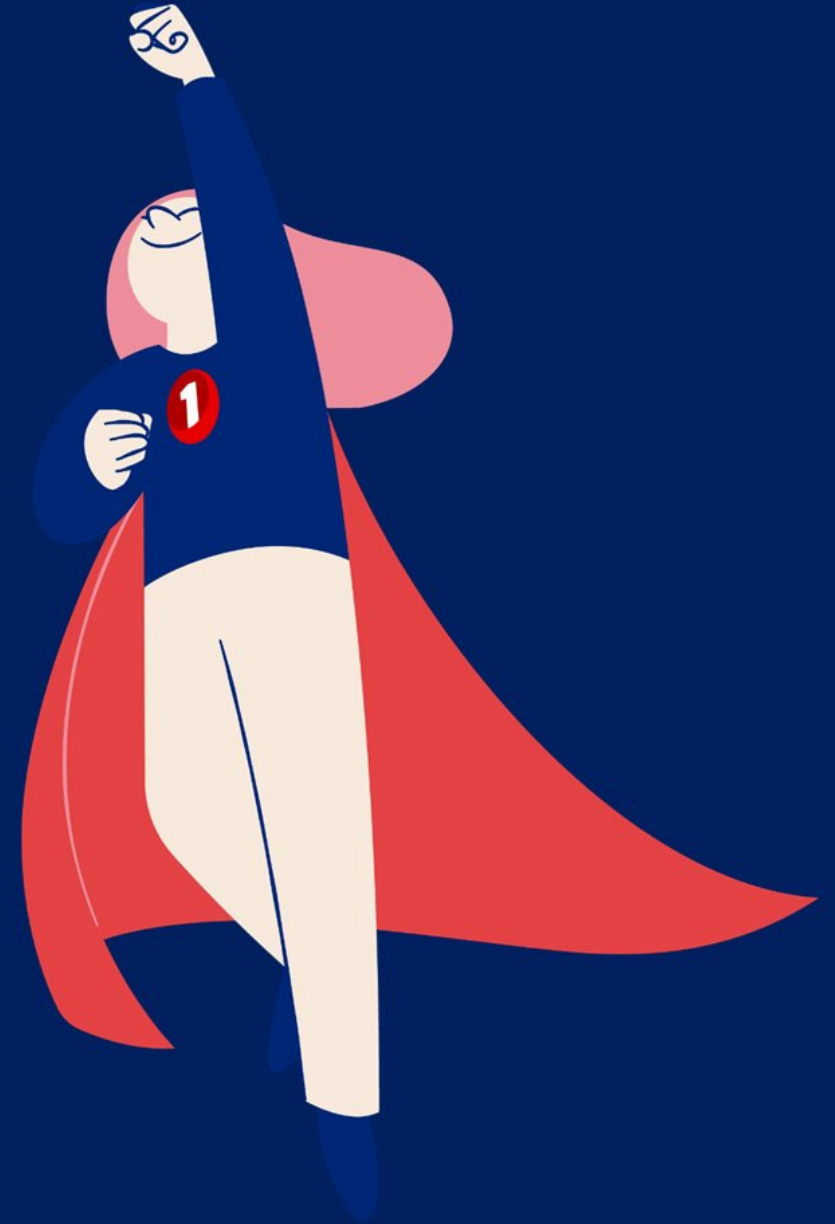


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Principle 1: **Alignment**

SpareBank1 Østlandet reported in accordance with CSRD in 2024.

The Bank's overarching sustainability goal is to contribute to a zero-emission society that does not compromise planetary boundaries by 2050 or earlier. Our work is based on a researchbased sustainability concept, where sustainability will be a key component of a successful overarching corporate strategy. The work and responsibility are embedded in the Board of Directors, and sustainability has been integrated as an operational tool throughout the value chain. Additional information can be found in the annual report 2024 and our business operations, from page 49.

Principle 2: **Impact & Target Setting**

Our overarching sustainability goal is to contribute to a zero-emission society within the planet's limits by 2050.

The double materiality assessment in 2024 identified 5 material sustainability topics:

- Climate change
 - read more in the annual report from page 118
- Own workforce
 - read more in the annual report from page 139
- Affected communities
 - read more in the annual report from page 158
- Consumers and end-users
 - read more in the annual report from page 164
- Business conduct
 - read more in the annual report from page 174

Compared to the previous materiality assessment in 2023, resource use and circular economy, as well as biodiversity, are no longer identified as significant. A new significant sustainability topic in 2024 is affected communities.

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Principle 3: **Clients and Customers**

Good customer relations are one of four key target areas in SpareBank 1 Østlandet's current strategy. Four positive and one negative material impacts on consumers and end-users have been identified. These five impacts relate to social inclusion and access to information. Significant impacts on consumers and end-users are described in the annual report from page 164.

To read more about how we work towards influencing our customers to consider climate change adaptation and mitigation, see the annual report page 118.

Principle 4: **Stakeholders**

Stakeholder dialogue is a central part of any sustainability work, as it ensures a holistic understanding of how our activities as a bank impact the surrounding environment. Through active involvement of stakeholders in the double materiality assessment, we gained valuable insights that help us further develop our work. Stakeholder dialogue will continue to be a central part of the bank's work with significant impacts, risks, and opportunities (IROs) and material topics, and to ensure that measures, activities, and goals are in line with the expectations and requirements of our stakeholders. Additional information can be found in the annual report page 57, 58, 143, 159 and 167.

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Principle 5:

Governance & Culture

The operational responsibility for monitoring our significant impacts, risks, and opportunities lies with the sustainability department and the head of sustainability. The sustainability department is under the Finance and Economics division and reports continuously to the Executive Vice President of Finance and Economics. Follow-up in the division is carried out through ongoing strategy follow-up in the executive management team, as well as quarterly meetings with business areas and reporting to the Board. Additional information can be found in the annual report from page 65.

Information about the corporate culture can be found in the annual report page 176.

Principle 6:

Transparency & Accountability

The group's sustainability report is assured by an external auditor in accordance with ISAE 3000 with moderate assurance. External auditor in 2024 was Deloitte. Auditors limited assurance report can be found on page 297 in the annual report 2024.