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First set of Euro Area indicators for physical and transition risks, and green financial instruments

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