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Rens van Tilburg is Director of the Sustainable Finance Lab (SFL) at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. SFL is an academic think tank whose members are mostly professors from different Dutch universities.

The aim of the Sustainable Finance Lab is a stable and robust financial sector that contributes to an economy that serves humanity without depleting its environment. To this end it develops ideas and provides a platform to discuss these, thus bridging science and practice.

Since its inception in 2011 it has worked on topics as diverse as the architecture of the eurozone, the structure of the banking sector and equity regulation for individual banks, culture and purpose at banks, and increasingly also climate and biodiversity risks.

Important co-authored publications in these field from Rens are 'The Price of Doing Too Little Too Late: The impact of the carbon bubble on the EU financial system' (2014), 'What role for financial supervisors in addressing systemic environmental risks?' (2015), '6 Guidelines to empower financial decision-making in the circular economy' (2017), 'Reducing exposure to physical climate risks may increase longer-term risks' (2018), 'The New Unconventional' (2020) and 'Targeting a sustainable recovery: Green TLTRO' (2020).

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