

Press Release

Alpha Bank receives 9 awards at the Circular Economy Awards 2023

The Bank was awarded the Circular Economy Company of the Year award, the event's top distinction, reaffirming its position as a leader in promoting the circular economy and sustainability.

Alpha Bank emerged as the leading organization in the dissemination and adoption of green practices at the Circular Economy Awards 2023, organized by Boussias events. The Bank garnered a total of nine awards, including the **Circular Economy Company of the Year award**.

For the event's top distinction, the jury acknowledged recognized Alpha Bank's effort **to put the circular economy at the heart of its growth strategy**, contributing to the conservation of energy, as well as to the more rational use of natural resources and to tackling climate change.

In addition, the Bank also emerged as a **Winner** in the **Financial Institutions/Banking category**. This award was presented to the Bank in recognition of its initiatives and actions for protecting the Environment and ensuring its own sustainable operation.

In addition to the above awards, Alpha Bank also garnered the following ones:

- Two **Gold Awards**, the first one in the "**Repair and Reuse**" category, for its offer of used material to public benefit organizations, local communities and vulnerable social groups, free of charge; and the second one in the "**Corporate Social Responsibility and Circular Economy**" category, for its program "Circular Economy in Action".
- Three **Silver Awards**: In the "**Waste Reduction**" category, for the reduction of its production of waste and for the reuse of materials, in the "**Battery Recycling**" category, for the rational use of natural resources, and in the "**Hazardous Recycling**" category, for its effective management of hazardous waste.
- Two **Bronze Awards**: One in the "**Waste Prevention**" category, for its reduction of its production of waste by introducing source reduction methods, and the other one in the "**Electrical and Electronic Equipment Recycling**" category, for the Bank's recycling program.

Mrs. Rania Stathopoulou, Head of Alpha Bank's Property Division, made the following statement: *"The presentation to Alpha Bank of the 'Circular Economy Company of the Year' award represents the recognition, for the Bank and its people, of their determination and consistency in being part of the continuous effort to protect the environment, conserve natural resources, reduce CO2 emissions and tackle climate change, working towards a sustainable future. The Bank will maintain its strong focus on sustainability and green growth, building a better future for businesses and individuals."*

Alpha Bank's Strategy for the Circular Economy

The protection of the environment is a standing commitment of Alpha Bank. As a signatory of the six Principles of Responsible Banking of the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI), the Bank is committed to operating responsibly, mitigating the impact of its business activity on the environment and on society, while also helping establish a sustainable banking system.



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Alpha Bank's sustainability strategy incorporates ESG criteria in the operations across the entire value chain of the Bank, as part of its culture, as it relies on the active engagement of employees and the implementation of the Management's decisions in this direction.

Through its sustainability strategy, Environmental Policy and Environmental Management System, the Bank constantly invests in improving its environmental performance. With specific actions aimed at promoting the rational use of natural resources, it reduces its consumption of energy, paper and water consumption and implements programs for waste reduction and for the reuse and recycling of materials. At the same time, it develops sustainable banking products and supports its customers in making investments with a positive environmental impact.