



## Green Monetary Policy: A Bibliometric Analysis of the Literature Using Bibliometrix

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### Abstract

The rise of global CO<sub>2</sub> discharge and the recurrence of natural disasters and climate risks is prompting the central banks to take a more active role in environmental issues. Agreed in December 2015 at COP21, the Paris Agreement, asks a range of economic stakeholders and governments to accelerate the climate change mitigation by reducing their GHG emissions. Indeed, climate change effects on agriculture, food prices, financial assets and insurance, and economic growth has multiple consequences on the monetary policy objectives and transmission channels. In this context, the central banks integrated the environmental sustainability as a new agenda, by the adoption of green monetary policies. An interesting debate has been sparked by this concept of "greening" in recent years, particularly in developed countries, although it remains relatively unexplored in the existing literature. To enhance our understanding of the progress made in green monetary policy, this study employs bibliometric analysis covering the literature from 2000 to 2024. The data base for this analysis is derived from SCOPUS by the Bibliomatrix R tool and "VOSviewer".

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## 1. Introduction

The continuing rise in climate risks and rising global temperatures have prompted governments, shareholders and members of civil society to reconsider the importance of behavioral change in combating the adverse effects of climate change (Anastasiou et al., 2024). As major societal players, companies are particularly called upon to comply with climate policies and reduce their carbon emissions, due to their significant contribution to global warming (Haigh & Griffiths, 2009). The Paris Agreement (COP21, 2015), adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), aims to contain global temperature rise to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. Achieving this goal requires a thorough understanding of the sources of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions as well as the influencing factors, including economic policies such as fiscal and monetary policies (Accord de Paris, 2015). The seriousness of the climate situation calls for urgent mobilization of all institutional stakeholders, accompanied by a broader understanding of environmental regulatory frameworks (Konadu et al., 2022).

It is with this in mind that the present work aims to provide food for thought on green monetary policy. The concept of “greening” monetary policies has attracted growing interest in recent years, particularly in developed countries, although it remains relatively unexplored in the scientific literature. This study mobilizes a bibliometric approach based on the methodological framework proposed by Eyzaguirre et al. (2023), covering the period 2000-2024. It is based on a SCOPUS database and uses Bibliometrix tools in R and VOSviewer, with the aim of gaining a better understanding of the scientific dynamics surrounding the greening of central banks and monetary policies.

Our work is structured as follows: in the first section, we justify our choice of keywords, which form the basis of our bibliometric analysis. Next, we present the various results of our research, focusing on the scientific evolution of work carried out in this field. Finally, we offer a synthesis of the literature in relation to the main areas explored in our analysis.

## 2. Context of keyword selection

### *2.1 Methodological approach*

Green”, ‘Monetary’ and ‘Policy’ are new words used in environmental economics policy literature. Monetary policy” refers to the actions of central banks and monetary authorities with the aim of stabilizing or recovering the economy. Green” refers to any environmentally-friendly activity. We have used the 3 terms in the SCOPUS database, whose aim is to extract all the work and progress of scientific research into the greening of central banks and their actions. To this end, we drew up a multi-stage documentary research plan, which we carried out in separate stages.

The study of greening monetary policy and green actions by central banks has become an objective for both developed and developing economies for a number of reasons. Firstly, climate change has the potential to damage the transmission of monetary policy in multiple ways, via financial stability and prices, as well as its impact on growth. Secondly, monetary policy has the potential to make up for the inadequacy of fiscal and budgetary tools such as subsidies for sustainable projects and carbon taxation. Finally, the greening of monetary policy acts as a preventive and corrective instrument, anticipating and controlling climate risks that could disrupt the financial system. It strengthens the resilience of the financial system in the face of climate risks, thereby helping to ensure sustainable economic stability.

### *2.2 Documentary search strategy*

In the present work, we have used a bibliometric framework via the biblioshny package in the R language and VOSviewer. The reason is that the bibliometric framework is an analysis method used in many fields to track the evolution of scientific research, authors and citations in a specific field of study. According to Börner et al. (2003), bibliometric analysis is carried

out in four distinct stages. The first is to define the research question, identifying the subject's knowledge base, intellectual structure and research limits. The second stage involves collecting the database from recognized and indexed scientific search engines, such as Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed and Google Scholar.

The next step is to select keywords representing the pre-defined research problem, applying different filters according to research field, keywords, study period, authors, resource affiliations and nature of published documents. The fourth step consists of analyzing the data collected from the scientific search engines, using mathematical approaches, descriptive statistics and correlation analysis, as well as visualization methods such as scatter plots and mapping.

We use this bibliometric approach to identify trends in research on the interaction between central bank actions and environmental objectives. These trends are extracted from the Scopus databases, which represent one of the world's leading sources of scientific articles, books, journals and conference proceedings. If we search for English-language studies containing the keywords “Green”, “monetary” and “policy”, we find that the mass of research studies extracted is divided according to several fields of research, 4 of which are more considerable: firstly, the field of the environment occupies a share of (24%), secondly, we have the field of Economics and Econometrics occupying a share of (22.1%), thirdly, the social sciences field with a share of (17.3%) and finally we have the energy field occupying a share of (11%). Unlike the rest of the fields, which occupy minimal shares (see Figure 1). The results of the bibliometric analysis reveal a significant increase in the abundance of research from our database.

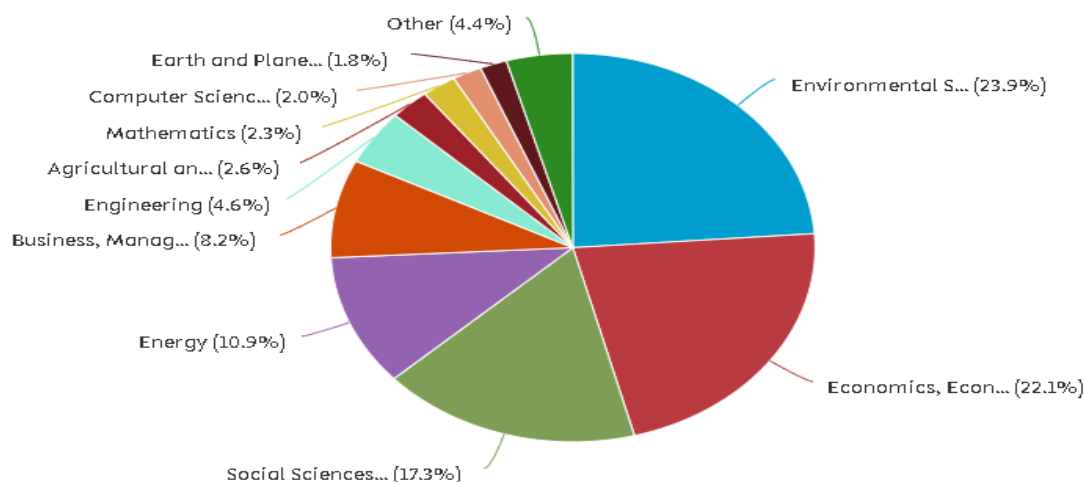


Figure 1. Publications by field of research.

After collecting the necessary data from various fields of research, we carry out an in-depth analysis of the results. We project the evolution of the number of publications and annual citations, while examining the interactions between authors, their affiliations and their citations. Two software packages are used for this purpose: VOSviewer and R, via the “Bibliometrix” package, which enables researchers to explore bibliometric data in the R environment (Aria & Cuccurullo, 2017).

### 3. Bibliometric analysis results

#### 3.1 Publication and citation trends by year.

In Table 1, we have compiled a set of related information after carrying out a filtering process based on several criteria. The total number of research papers included in our bibliometric study is estimated at 327, covering the period from 2000 to 2024, from 194 different sources.

Scientific output in this field is growing at an annual rate of 16.37%, with an average publication age of 4 years. In addition, the average number of citations per document is estimated at 27.98, for a total of 925 authors, of which 59 publications were produced by a single author. The collaboration index between authors from the same country is estimated at 3.06, while collaboration between researchers from different countries reaches 31.5%. Finally, the breakdown of documents includes 323 articles and 4 conference proceedings (see Table 1).

Table 1. General information on bibliometric analysis.

Description	Results
MAIN INFORMATION ABOUT DATA	
Timespan	2000: 2024
Sources (Journals, Books, etc)	194
Documents	327
Annual Growth Rate %	16,37
Document Average Age	4,22
Average citations per doc	27,98
References	18161
DOCUMENT CONTENTS	
Keywords Plus (ID)	1566
Author's Keywords (DE)	1185
AUTHORS	
Authors	925
Authors of single-authored docs	57
AUTHORS COLLABORATION	
Single-authored docs	59
Co-Authors per Doc	3,06
International co-authorships %	31,5
DOCUMENT TYPES	
Article	323
Conference paper	4

The analysis in Table 1 highlights the abundance and constant evolution of scientific work devoted to green monetary policy. The sustained growth of this research underscores the growing importance of monetary policy in climate risk management (Badel et al., 2023). However, the limited number of studies in this field reveals a significant gap in the existing literature (Steinbach, 2022). Furthermore, the relatively low average age of publications indicates a predominance of recent studies, reflecting a research dynamic that has intensified in recent years. The selected research works enjoy wide recognition in the scientific literature, as evidenced by their high citation index. Furthermore, the greening of monetary policy requires international scientific collaboration to promote a coherent and effective approach to environmental challenges.

Figure 2 illustrates the trend in the number of publications in the field under study. Before 2016, this trend remains moderate, followed by a significant increase, particularly marked from 2020 onwards. Two significant peaks appear in 2023 and 2024, with the latter year alone accounting for 30% of total publications. The surge in scientific publications after 2016 could be explained by the signing of the Paris Agreement in 2015, a major event that heightened awareness of climate change as a threat to the global economy.

International institutions such as the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) have advocated the integration of climate issues into policy (Monasterolo et al., 2024 ; Jackson & Bailey, 2024). The rise of macroeconomic models to analyze the role of monetary policy in the ecological transition has contributed to the enrichment of databases on green financial assets. This development facilitates empirical studies that take risk into account (Dafermos et al., 2017).

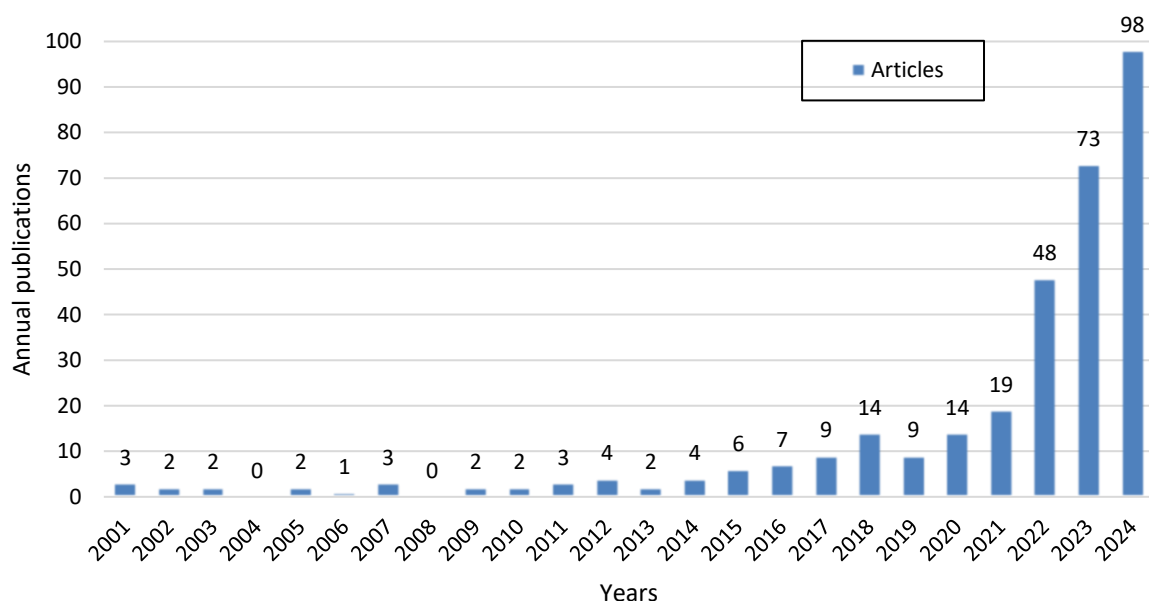


Figure 2. Trend in the number of annual publications.

The analysis in figure 2 is corroborated by the trend in the average number of citations shown in figure 3, which shows a significant drop, due to the increase in publications and the topicality of the subject, resulting in fewer citations of recent work from 2020 onwards.

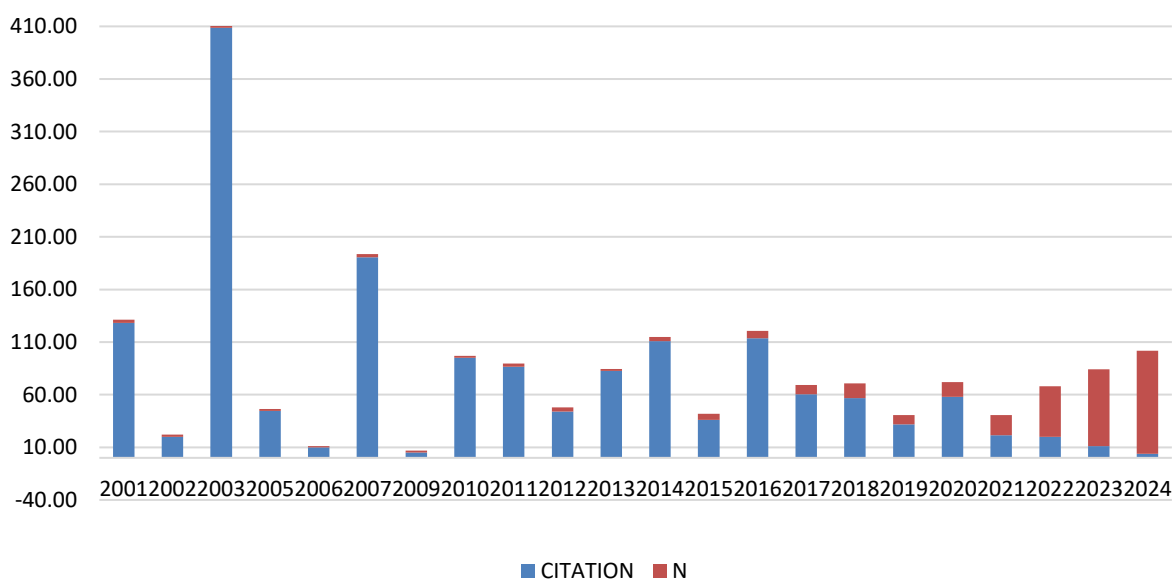


Figure 3. Trend in average citations and number of publications by year.

### 3.2 Distribution of publications by country

Figure 4 shows the distribution of scientific publications in the field of green monetary policy by country, according to two criteria: Single Country Publication (SCP) and Multiple Country Publication (MCP). We note that the UK is the dominant country in terms of scientific publications, mostly in SCP, which means that this research is mainly conducted within the country without foreign collaboration. Secondly, the UK, Germany and the USA have a significant number of PCM publications, indicating strong international collaboration. Thirdly, we note that Italy and France have an average contribution, their publications showing a certain balance between SCP and MCP. Finally, India, Australia, the Netherlands and Poland have a more modest presence, with some of them tending more towards international collaborations.

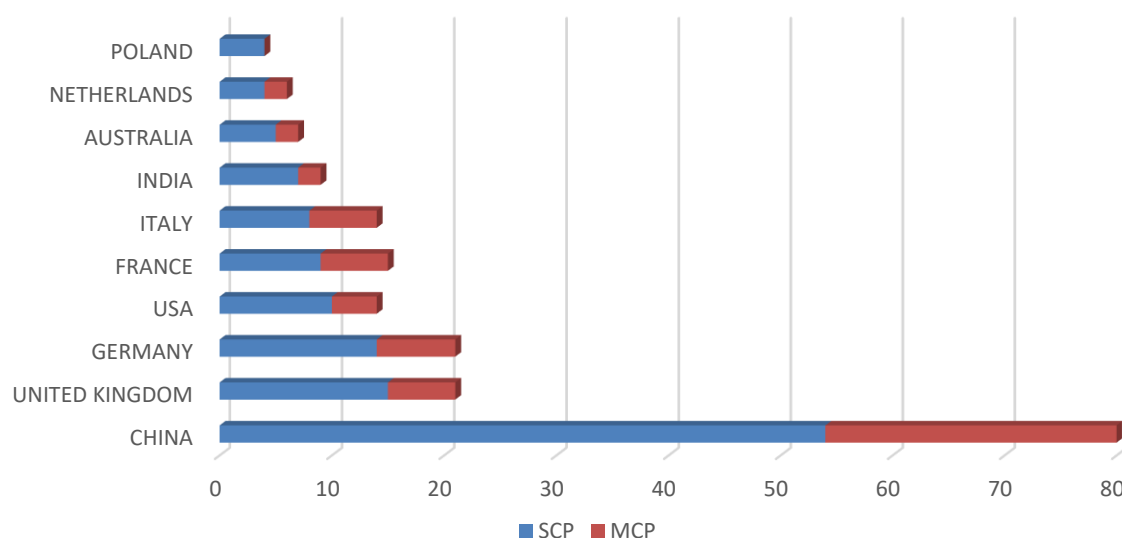


Figure 4. Most relevant countries by number of publications.

The cloud of countries shows that the most advanced in greening monetary policy research are: Mainly China, this country is characterized by green technology(Jian & Zhengjie, 2024)and financial inclusion to ensure green energy strategies (Zhao et al., 2024), through regulation of energy company behavior (Zhang et al., 2024). Chinese monetary policy incorporates green financial assets into procedures to facilitate medium-term lending(Macaire & Naef, 2023). China is using green finance as a lever to restructure the landscape of the Chinese economy (Nie et al., 2024), using green bonds as instruments perfectly supported by central bank actions (Wang & Lu., 2024; Fang et al., 2023), thereby shifting the structure of the Chinese economy towards employment and green investment vert (Liu & Wang., 2024 ; Zhu et al., 2024 ; Li et al., 2023). The evolution of research related to green monetary policy and its instruments in China compared to other countries is obviously due to the availability of statistical data and empirical tools developed such as evaluation methods (double difference, SHP, and other complex tools such as, E-DSGE. Other countries are relatively well developed in terms of green actions by central banks, such as the countries of the European Union. The European Central Bank seems to be one of the global players to have successfully integrated environmental objectives into the construction of monetary policy, which shows the concentrated appearance of research work in these countries (see Figure 5).

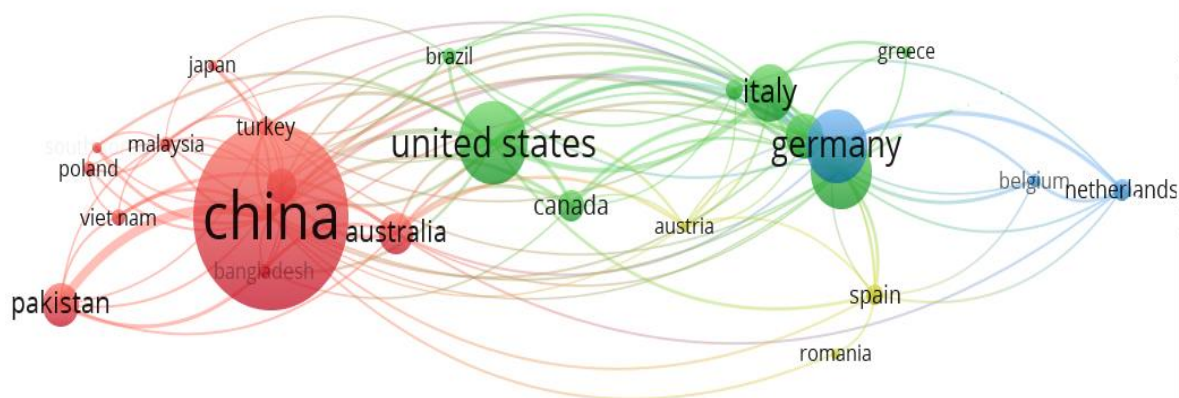


Figure 5. Co-authors by country.

### 3.3 Affiliations and relevant authors.

In this section, we look at the top 10 authors with the highest number of publications in the field of green monetary policy. AHMAD M and BAILEY D have published 5 articles, with different “Articles Fractionalized” indicators. The former is a more significant individual contributor than the latter. D’ORAZIO P differs from 3 published articles with a fractionalized score of 2. Other authors involved are WANG J, WANG X, WANG Y, ABAKAHEJA, ALI S, and CHAN YT.

Table 2. Most relevant authors by number of documents.

Authors	Articles	Articles Fractionalized
AHMAD M	5	1,87
BAILEY D	5	3,33
WANG J	4	0,89
WANG X	4	1,21
WANG Y	4	1,07
D’ORAZIO P	3	2,00
JACKSON J	3	1,33
ABAKAH EJA	2	0,53
ALI S	2	0,45
CHAN YT	2	0,67

The distribution of scientific publications based on institutional affiliations depicts Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Technische Universität Berlin as leading contributors with ten publications each, reflecting their commitment to research in green monetary policy. The University of Freiburg and Xihua University follow closely with nine publications each, showing a focus on environmental sustainability and climate integration in economic policies. Other notable institutions like Beijing Normal University, Columbia University, and Tsinghua University are highlighted for their significant contributions to knowledge dissemination in this field. These institutions collectively form a vibrant research core, indicating an international

collaboration around environmental concerns within the monetary and financial realm.

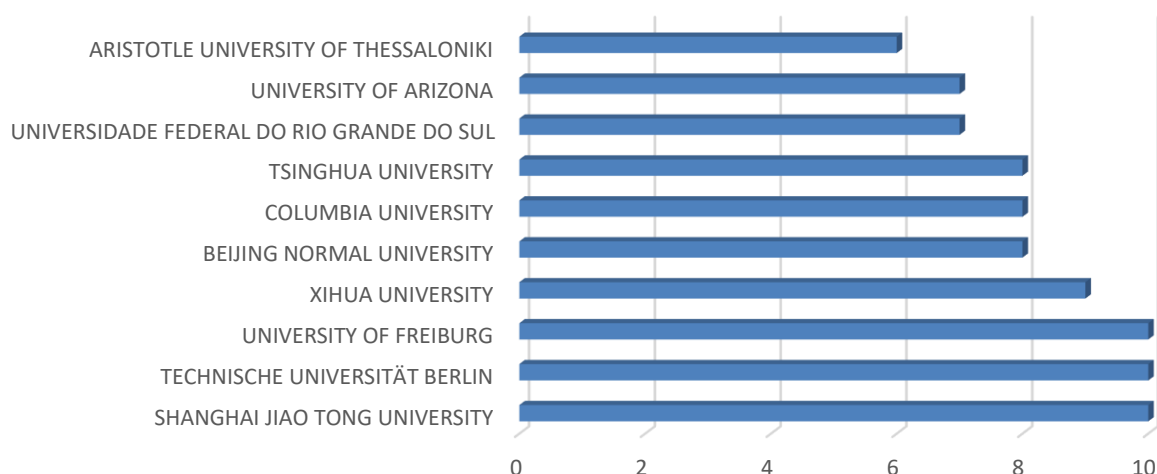


Figure 6. Number of publications by affiliation.

### 3.4 Relevant newspapers by number of publications.

This table shows the two journals with the most significant contributions in the field of green monetary policy. Leading the way is *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, launched in 2022, with a total of 326 citations. Next come journals such as *Ecological Economics*, *Climate Policy*, *Resources Policy* and *Energy Economics*, which emerged in this field after 2016. Conversely, publications such as *Environmental and Resource Economics* and *Landscape and Urban Planning* stand out for their older presence. In addition to the number of citations, these journals are also distinguished by several bibliometric indicators: the h-index of Hirsch (2005), which establishes a link between the volume of publications and the number of citations; the g-index proposed by Egghe (2006), which gives more weight to the most cited articles; and finally the m-index, which relates the h-index to the number of years since the first publication, thus enabling scientific productivity to be assessed over time.

Table 3. Most relevant authors by number of documents.

Source	H_index	G_index	M_index	TC	NP	PY_start
Environmental Science and Pollution Research	7	14	1,75	326	14	2022
Energy Economics	6	13	0,75	173	14	2018
Resources Policy	6	9	2	123	9	2023
Climate Policy	7	8	1,4	234	8	2021
Ecological Economics	7	8	0,7	1322	8	2016
Energy Policy	7	7	0,5	357	7	2012
Journal of Cleaner Production	5	7	0,556	356	7	2017
Sustainability (Switzerland)	4	7	0,667	95	7	2020
Environmental and Resource	4	4	0,19	265	4	2005

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### 3.5 Most cited relevant works

In Table 4 we list the 10 most relevant authors in the field of green monetary policy, indicating their total, average and normalized citations.

Table 4. The ten most cited articles.

Paper	DOI	TC	TC/An	N/TC
TANNER C, 2003, PSYCHOL MARK	(Tanner & Kast, 2003)	798	34,7	1,95
CAMPIGLIO E, 2016, ECOL ECON	(Campiglio, 2016)	441	44,1	3,88
KONG F, 2007, LANDSC URBAN PLANN	(Kong et al., 2007)	426	22,42	2,23
DAFERMOS Y, 2018, ECOL ECON	(Dafermos et al., 2018)	359	44,88	6,33
BARÓ F, 2014, AMBIO	(Baró et al., 2014)	328	27,33	2,96
TYRVÄINEN L, 2001, J ENVIRON MANAGE	(Tyrväinen, 2001)	237	9,48	1,85
LO AY, 2010, URBAN FOR URBAN GREENING	(Lo & Jim, 2010)	190	11,88	2
KREKEL C, 2016, ECOL ECON	(Krekel et al., 2016)	187	18,7	1,65
HELM D, 2020, ENVIRON RESOUR ECON	(Helm, 2020)	179	29,83	3,09
LIU H, 2022, ENVIRON SCI POLLUT RES	(H. Liu et al., 2022)	178	44,5	8,88

The works cited in Table 4 discuss the integration of the environment among monetary policy mandates and central banks' responses to climate risks. Krekel et al. (2016) et Campiglio (2016) in their work dealing with the crucial role of central banking and macro-prime policies in the ecological transition, propose the integration of banking network regulation for collateral credits Enabling banks to be wooed towards financing green projects. The ecological model developed by Dafermos et al. (2018) Supports this regulation by emphasizing the crucial role of quantitative easing (QE) don't financial stability and environmental sustainability goals. In the same vein, the work of H. Liu et al. (2022) discusses the importance of green financing and financial inclusion and fintech for energy efficiency in G7 countries. Using cost-benefit methods. The Tyrväinen (2001) study in Finland shows demining preferences towards urban forests, which provokes a demand for a green urban policy supported by the banks. This work is similar to that of Lo & Jim (2010) in Hong Kong and Krekel et al. (2016) in Germany. Finaelemnt Helm (2020) stresses the importance of an integrated approach that includes monetary measures to support a green transition rather than simply a conventional economic stimulus.



community today (Anastasiou et al., 2024). Its repercussions, often catastrophic, significantly affect production, prices and all the major macroeconomic and financial variables. As a result, the effectiveness of economic policies, particularly budgetary and monetary policies, is severely limited (Roy, 2024). According to forecasts by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the global average temperature is set to rise by 1°C above pre-industrial levels by 2030, and by 4°C by 2100, with direct effects on global production. Climate change also compromises key monetary policy mandates, such as price stability (Dées & Weber, 2021), economic growth (Yusifzada, 2024) and financial stability (Fabris, 2020). Extreme temperature episodes exacerbate the adverse effects of climate disruption by impacting agricultural supply through the degradation of crops and rural activities (Berg et al., 2018), while weakening energy infrastructures (Odongo et al., 2022). These disruptions reduce fossil fuel production, leading to the price adjustments needed to restore equilibrium on goods and services markets.

The idea of greening monetary policy is to interrogate the potential effects of central bank actions on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, which contribute to global warming and worsening global temperatures. The literature highlights several channels through which monetary policy can influence CO<sub>2</sub> emission levels (Lau et al., 2023 ; Ozili., 2025). Notably, expansionary monetary policies - whether conventional, via lower interest rates, or unconventional - have been associated with increased carbon emissions, particularly prior to the Paris Agreement (Nguyen et al., 2022; VAN DEN ENGEL et al., 2024; Nguyen et al., 2022). Lower interest rates boost household purchasing power, leading to higher consumption. To meet this increased demand, companies step up production, often using fossil fuels, resulting in a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions (Attilio et al., 2024; VAN DEN ENGEL et al., 2024; Chishti et al., 2021).

Insofar as monetary policy exerts both direct and indirect effects on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, any change in central banks' key actions on financial markets can lead to significant variations in emission levels. This paper aims to explore the existing literature on the ways in which central banks can adapt their instruments to actively contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One aspect of the existing literature that remains largely unexplored concerns environmental integration within the Taylor (1993) rule. Several recent empirical studies suggest adding an environmental component to this rule, thereby giving central banks a greater role in driving the ecological transition (Ramlall, 2023 ; Jawadi et al., 2024). A second strand of the literature focuses on unconventional monetary policies, in particular the green monetary policy implemented through quantitative easing. This approach involves redefining the eligibility criteria for financial assets, discriminating between those with high and low carbon intensity. It has two notable effects on economic and financial variables. On the one hand, it encourages the creation of bank reserves through the purchase of financial assets by the central bank (Lenza et al., 2010 ; Gagnon et al., 2010 ; Finnegan & Kapoor, 2023). On the other hand, this policy can improve commercial banks' liquidity, by increasing the value of their asset portfolios, now bought back by the central bank ((Rodnyansky & Darmouni., 2017; Christensen & Gillan., 2022). Finally, monetary policy can contribute to the ecological transition by mobilizing its power of collateralization, thereby influencing refinancing operations and, in turn, the real economy and financial markets (Dafermos et al., 2021).

## 5. Conclusion

The bibliometric analysis carried out as part of the present work highlights a major gap in the literature concerning green monetary policies and sustainable actions by central banks, which nonetheless represent a central lever in the ecological transition. Central banks are in a position to adapt to environmental challenges by integrating the climate dimension into their objectives, alongside their traditional mandate. The risks induced by climate change can now affect price and financial stability, giving environmental stability an increasingly recognized role in their mandate. Through analysis of keyword co-occurrence, it appears that this field of research has notable interactions with other fields, including energy, energy transition, green finance, financial assets and markets, green bonds, macroprudential policies, climate change, among others. This approach has enabled us to identify several aspects that are still little explored in

the current literature on the greening of monetary policy, including green quantitative easing programs, green collateral policy frameworks, as well as conventional instruments incorporating green criteria.

Finally, a notable limitation of this study lies in the exclusion of work indexed on other scientific platforms such as Web of Science, the inclusion of which could help to fill some of the gaps identified in the existing literature.

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