AIB Social Bond Framework

Independent Limited Assurance Report

18 February 2025

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Independent Limited Assurance Report to AIB

AIB engaged Forvis Mazars to provide a limited assurance report in respect of Reported Information, pertaining to the allocation to eligible assets of an amount equal to bond proceeds of €1.75bn of Social Bond issuances (€1.0bn 04 April 2022 [ISIN: XS2464405229], €0.75bn 23 January 2023 [ISIN: XS2578472339]) as provided for in the AIB Social Bond Framework for the year ended 31 December 2024 (available online at https://aib.ie)

Our Conclusion

Based on procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the 'Reported Information' for the year ended 31 December 2024 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 6 (Reporting) of the AIB Social Bond Framework.

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what is stated in the remainder of our report.

Reported Information

The scope of our work was limited to assurance over the information shown in Appendix 1 (the "Reported Information"). The Reported Information is set out in Appendix 1. Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of any other periods or to any other information included in the Annual Financial Report 2024, Sustainability Disclosures for 2024 or disclosed online at https://aib.ie.

Professional Standards and Level of Assurance

We performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information', issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants (CAI) Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. We apply International Standard on Quality Control (ROI) 1 and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our work was carried out by an independent team with experience in sustainability reporting and assurance.

Reporting and Measurement Methodologies

The Reported Information needs to be read and understood together with the AIB Social Bond Framework Reporting requirements and eligibility criteria which can be found online at https://aib.ie which AIB is solely responsible for selecting and applying. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques and can affect

comparability between entities and over time. The Reporting requirements and eligibility criteria used are as at 31 December 2024.

Work Done

We are required to plan and perform our work in order to consider the risk of material misstatement of the Reported Information. In doing so, we:

- Conducted interviews with management and examined relevant documentation to obtain an understanding of the key processes, systems and controls in place over the preparation of the Allocation Report.
- Performed selected substantive testing of project files against eligibility criteria.
- Performed selected substantive testing of accounting and other relevant records.
- Reviewed the extraction of Allocation Report information from the social assets portfolio.
- Reviewed the Allocation Report for consistency with relevant bond issuance documentation.
- Reviewed listing of assets used in the Impact models for consistency with the social assets portfolio.

AIB's Responsibilities

AIB is responsible for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over information relevant to the preparation of Reported Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- Establishing objective Reporting requirements for preparing the Reported Information;
- Measuring and presenting the Reported Information based on the Reporting requirements and eligibility criteria detailed in the AIB Social Bond Framework; and
- The Reported Information - being the Allocation Report set out in Appendix 1 and available online at https://aib.ie.

Our Responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the 'Reported Information' for the year ended 31 December 2024 has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 6 (Reporting) of the AIB Social Bond Framework;
- Forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- Reporting our conclusion to AIB.

This report, including our conclusions, has been prepared solely for AIB in accordance with the agreement between us, to assist AIB in reporting sustainability performance and activities relating to the Social Bonds and Reported Information. We permit this report to be disclosed online at https://aib.ie for the year ended 31 December 2024, to assist AIB in respect of the Social Bond Framework Reporting requirements, by obtaining an independent limited assurance report pertaining to the allocation to eligible assets of an amount equal to bond proceeds of €1.75bn of Social Bond issuances (€1.0bn 04 April 2022 [ISIN: XS2464405229], €0.75bn 23 January 2023 [ISIN: XS2578472339]). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than AIB for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

Forvis Mazars

DATE 18 February 2025

Appendix 1: Reported Information

The Reported Information subject to limited assurance procedures is set out below. The Reporting requirements (Section 6 of AIB Social Bond Framework) and eligibility criteria detailed in Use of Proceeds (Section 3 of AIB Social Bond Framework) available at https://aib.ie have been used to prepare the Reported Information. The AIB Social Bond Framework also details the definitions and terminology used to describe the Reported Information.

Social Bond Assets and Liabilities

Social Bond Assets as at 31 December 2024

Total Social Bond Loan Portfolio: € 3.3 Billion

ICMA SBP Eligible Loan Category	Number of Eligible Loans	Amount (€)
Access to Education	20	431,425,338
Social and Affordable Housing	1,568	1,062,102,158
Access to Healthcare	121	1,165,470,193
SME financing in Deprived Areas	13,170	616,961,862
Affordable Basic Infrastructure	6	18,938,561
Total	14,885	3,294,898,112

Social Bond Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

Total Outstanding Social Bonds: €1.75 Billion

Instrument (ISIN)	Settlement	Maturity	Amount (€)
XS2464405229	04/04/2022	04/04/2028	1,000,000,000
XS2578472339	23/01/2023	23/07/2029	750,000,000
Total			1,750,000,000

AIB were fully allocated for the reporting period 2024[1]

- Total Amount Eligible Social Loans: EUR 3,294,898,112
  - Access to Education: 13%
  - Social and Affordable Housing: 32%
  - Access to Healthcare: 35%
  - SME Financing Deprived Areas: 19%
  - Affordable Basic Infrastructure: <1%
- Amount of Eligible Social Loans allocated: EUR 1,750,000,000 (usage)
- Number of Eligible Social Loans: 14,885
- New loan amount added since December 2023: EUR 840,718,539 (25%)[2]
- New loan amount added since December 2021: EUR 2,455,679,785 (75%)[2]

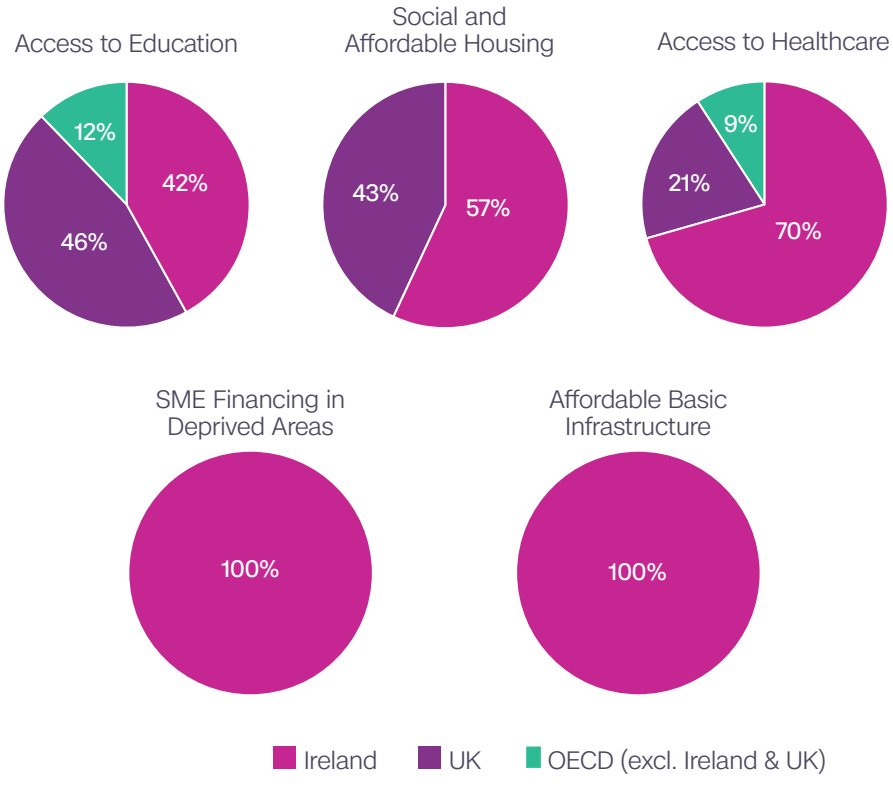
1. Allocations are reconciled on a monthly basis by AIB
2. New loan additions are based on account set-up/initial draw down date.

Social Bond Assets Distribution

Growth of AIB's Social Bond Programme 2021 to 2024

Eligible Social Bond Assets by Geographical Distribution

Total Social Bond Loan Portfolio: €3.3 Billion



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