

AIB Social Bond Framework **Independent Limited Assurance Report**

22 February 2023

Independent Limited Assurance Report to the AIB

AIB engaged 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 €1.0bn of Social Bond issuances (€1.0bn 04 April 2022 [ISIN: XS2464405229]) as provided for in the AIB Social Bond Framework for the year ended 31 December 2022 (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 2022 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 Report 2022, Sustainability Report 2022 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 2022.

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 2022 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 Bond and Reported Information. We permit this report to be disclosed online at <https://aib.ie> for the year ended 31 December 2022, 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 €1.0bn of Social Bond issuances (€1.0bn 04 April 2022 [ISIN: XS2464405229]). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the AIB for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mazars', is positioned above the company name.

Mazars

DATE 22 February 2023

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.



AIB Social Bond Allocation Report

March 2023

AIB Social Bond Allocation Report

Portfolio Date: 31 December 2022

Eligible Social Assets			Social Liabilities			
ICMA SBP Eligible Category	Eligible Loans (Number)	Amount (EUR)	Instrument (ISIN)	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Amount (EUR)
Access to Education	8	225,836,382	XS2464405229	04/04/2022	04/04/2028	1,000,000,000
Social and Affordable Housing	117	515,937,201				
Access to Healthcare	115	1,003,985,393				
SMEs financing in socio-economically disadvantaged areas	13,583	589,694,149				
Total	13,823	2,335,453,125				1,000,000,000

Portfolio Detail

- Post issuance, AIB were fully allocated for the reporting period 2022¹
- Total Amount Eligible Social Loans: EUR 2,335,453,125
 - Access to Education: 10%
 - Social and Affordable Housing: 22%
 - Access to Healthcare: 43%
 - SMEs Financing in Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Areas: 25%
- Amount of Eligible Social Loans allocated: EUR 1,000,000,000 (usage)
- Number of Eligible Social Loans: 13,823
- New loans added since December 2021: EUR 868,873,985 (37%)²
- New loans added since December 2019: EUR 1,805,366,188 (77%)²
- Geographical distribution of the Eligible Social Loans:

Access to Education		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage (%)
Ireland	154,066,676	68%
UK	43,625,111	19%
OECD	28,144,595	13%
Total	225,836,382	100%

Access to Healthcare		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage (%)
Ireland	544,688,929	54%
UK	269,928,815	27%
OECD	189,367,649	19%
Total	1,003,985,393	100%

Social and Affordable Housing		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage (%)
Ireland	268,951,989	52%
UK	246,985,212	48%
Total	515,937,201	100%

SMEs Financing in Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Areas		
Location	Amount (EUR)	Percentage (%)
Ireland	589,694,149	100%
Total	589,694,149	100%

¹ Allocations are reconciled on a monthly basis.

² New loan additions are based on account set-up/initial draw-down date.

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