

Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework

Allocation Report 2021



**Bank of
Ireland**

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31 December 2021

Green Eligible Assets Portfolio			Green Liabilities			
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Green Buildings - Commercial	9	614,931,346	XS2340236327	11-May-21	11-Aug-31 ²	500,000,000
Renewable Energy	7 ³	136,423,339				
Clean Transportation	1,475	30,974,010				
Total		4,127,465,383⁴	Total			1,250,000,000

Total Green Eligible Assets Portfolio* :	€4,127,465,383
Amount of Proceeds allocated to Green Eligible Assets Portfolio (on a portfolio basis) :	€1,250,000,000
Percentage of Proceeds allocated to Green Eligible Assets Portfolio :	100%
Unallocated Green Eligible Portfolio Assets :	€2,877,465,383
New eligible loans added since 31 December 2020 :	N/A

* Amount of Green Eligible Assets outstanding as at 31 December 2021. Criteria as outlined in Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework.⁵ Mazar's Limited Assurance Report in relation to the Green Eligible Assets Portfolio is included on the following pages.

¹ Optional Redemption Date of 10-May-26

² Optional Redemption Period of 11-May-26 to 11-Aug-26

³ Ireland Only

⁴ EUR equivalent amount (Exchange rate of 31 December 2021; GBP 1 = EUR 1.1893)

⁵ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/app/uploads/Green-Bond-Framework-March-2021.pdf>

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Independent Limited Assurance Report

Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Bank of Ireland Group

Bank of Ireland Group plc and its subsidiaries (**Bank of Ireland**) engaged Mazars to provide a limited assurance report in respect of Reported Information, pertaining to the allocation of bond proceeds to eligible assets for the €1.25bn Green Bond issuances (€0.75bn [ISIN: XS2311407352] and €0.50bn [ISIN: XS2340236327]) of March and May 2021, as provided for in the Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework for the year ended 31 December 2021, which can be found online¹

Mazars Conclusion

Based on procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to Mazars attention that causes us to believe that the Reported Information for the year ended 31 December 2021 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 6 (Reporting and External Review) and in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria as described in Section 3 (Use of Proceeds) of the Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework.

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

Reported Information

The scope of Mazars work was limited to assurance over the information shown in Appendix 1 (the Reported Information).

Therefore, Mazars assurance does not extend to information in respect of any other periods or to any other information included in the Annual Report 2021, Sustainability Report 2021 or disclosed online.²

Professional Standards and Level of Assurance

Mazars 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.

Mazars Independence and Quality Control

Mazars 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. Mazars 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. Mazars 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 Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework Reporting requirements and Eligibility Criteria which can be found online³ which Bank of Ireland 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 2021.

¹ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/app/uploads/Green-Bond-Framework-March-2021.pdf>

² <https://www.bankofireland.com/>

³ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/debt-investors/green-bond-framework/>

Work Done

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

- 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 asset files against eligibility criteria.
- Performed selected substantive testing of accounting and other relevant records.
- Reviewed the extraction of Allocation Report information from the green eligible assets portfolio.
- Reviewed the Allocation Report for consistency with relevant bond issuance documentation.

Bank of Ireland Responsibilities

Bank of Ireland 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 Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework; and
- The Reported Information - being the Allocation Report set out in Appendix 1 and available online¹

Mazars Responsibilities

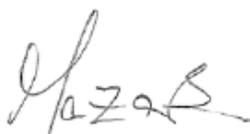
Mazars are responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Reported Information for the year ended 31 December 2021 has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 6 (Reporting and External Review) and in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria as described in Section 3 (Use of Proceeds) of the Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework;
- Forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures Mazars have performed and the evidence Mazars have obtained; and
- Reporting Mazars conclusion to Bank of Ireland.

¹ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/debt-investors/green-bond-framework/>

This report, including Mazars conclusions, has been prepared solely for Bank of Ireland in accordance with the agreement between us and Bank of Ireland, to assist the Green Bond Working Group in reporting sustainability performance and activities relating to the Green Bonds and Reported Information.

Mazars permit this report to be disclosed online¹ for the year ended 31 December 2021, to assist the Green Bond Working Group in respect of the Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework reporting requirements, by obtaining an independent limited assurance report pertaining to the allocation of bond proceeds to eligible assets for the €1.25bn Green Bond issuances (€0.75bn [ISIN: XS2311407352] and €0.50bn [ISIN: XS2340236327]) of March and May 2021. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Mazars do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Bank of Ireland for Mazars work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

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

Mazars

Date: 15 February 2022

¹ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/debt-investors/green-bond-framework/>

Appendix 1: Reported Information

The Reported Information subject to limited assurance procedures is set out below. The Reporting requirements (Section 6 of Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework) and Eligibility Criteria (Section 3 of Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework) available online¹ have been used to prepare the Reported Information. The Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework also details the definitions and terminology used to describe the Reported Information.

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In addition, it should be noted that all of the expected benefits of the projects as described in the Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework may not be achieved. Factors including (but not limited to) market, political and economic conditions, changes in government policy, changes in laws, rules or regulations, the lack of available suitable projects being initiated, failure to complete or implement projects and other challenges, could limit the ability to achieve some or all of the anticipated benefits of these initiatives, including the funding and completion of eligible green projects. In addition, each environmentally focused potential purchaser of Bank of Ireland Green Bonds should be aware that eligible green projects may not deliver the environmental or sustainability benefits anticipated, and may result in adverse impacts. On this basis, all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise which any purchaser of Bank of Ireland Green Bonds or any other person might otherwise have in respect of this Framework or any Bank of Ireland Green Bonds as a result of any failure to adhere to or comply with this Framework is hereby disclaimed to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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