

**Bank of Ireland
Group plc**

Country by Country
Reporting
2017

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Bank of Ireland Group plc
Country by Country Reporting
for the year ended 31 December 2017

Country by Country Reporting Schedule

Basis of Preparation

The disclosures contained in this report have been prepared pursuant to the country-by-country reporting (CBCR) requirements for specified institutions¹ under the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD IV), which have been transposed into Irish legislation as Regulation 77 of Statutory Instrument 158 of 2014.

Regulation 77 requires each institution to disclose annually, specifying, by Member State and by third country in which it has an establishment, the following information on a consolidated basis for the financial year:

- a) Name(s), nature of activities and geographical location;
- b) Turnover;
- c) Number of employees on a full time equivalent basis (FTE);
- d) Profit or loss before tax;
- e) Tax on profit or loss; and
- f) Public subsidies received.

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (GovCo) as a credit institution is required to comply with Regulation 77 and this report fulfils that obligation. In July 2017, the Group implemented a corporate reorganisation resulting in Bank of Ireland Group plc being introduced as the listed holding company of the Group and the parent company of GovCo. Bank of Ireland Group plc (the 'Company' or 'BOIG plc') and its subsidiaries are collectively the 'Group' or 'BOIG plc Group' for the purposes of this disclosure.

The Group prepares consolidated statutory financial statements under International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (EU)².

The CBCR disclosures are prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (EU) except as regards the scope of consolidation, which, in line with the EU Capital Requirements Regulations (CRR), is on a prudential basis consistent with the Group's Pillar 3 disclosure².

The principal difference between the statutory consolidated financial statements and prudential basis of consolidation relates to the Group's wholly owned life assurer, New Ireland Assurance Company plc (NIAC), which is fully consolidated in the statutory financial statements but treated as an investment in the prudential consolidation.

In the disclosures that follow:

1. Country of establishment is defined as the geographical location of the business unit booking the transaction.
2. Turnover comprises net interest income, dividend income, net fees and commission income, net trading income and other operating income. Amounts from other countries (if any), which individually and in the aggregate are immaterial, are allocated to 'Other'.
3. Total Turnover and Profit or loss before tax are derived from external activities only, i.e. all intragroup transactions and balances between entities included in the prudential consolidation have been eliminated. However, in the geographical analysis, transactions between entities in different geographical locations are not eliminated.
4. The number of employees on a full time equivalent basis is shown as the average for the year.
5. The tax paid numbers disclosed under CRD IV refer to corporation tax only.
6. Tax charge includes current corporation tax expense but not deferred taxes or any provisions for uncertain tax liabilities.
7. Public subsidies are defined to be direct support by the government. They do not include any central bank operations that are designed for financial stability purposes or operations that aim to facilitate the functioning of the monetary policy transmission mechanism. Moreover, schemes in line with the European Commission's guidance on State Aid are not considered public subsidies in the context of CBCR. Furthermore, general tax incentives do not fall within the definition of public subsidy for the purposes of CBCR.

¹ Credit institutions and Investment firms.

² Copies of the Group's Annual Report and Pillar 3 Disclosures for the year ended 31 December 2017 can be obtained from the Group's website at www.bankofireland.com or from the Group Secretary's Office, Bank of Ireland, 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Principal Undertakings

Name	Principal Activities	Country of Establishment
Bank of Ireland Group plc	Holding Company	Ireland
The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland	Banking and Financial Services	Ireland <i>Additional branches: United Kingdom, United States of America, Germany, France</i>
Bank of Ireland Mortgage Bank ¹	Mortgage lending and issuing mortgage covered securities	Ireland
Bank of Ireland (UK) plc ¹	Retail financial services	United Kingdom
First Rate Exchange Services Limited ²	Foreign Exchange	United Kingdom
N.I.I.B. Group Limited	Personal finance and leasing	United Kingdom

The Group will annex a full listing of Group undertakings to its 2017 Annual Return to the Companies Registration Office.

Turnover, Profit before taxation, Taxation and Employees (Year ended 31 December 2017)

Bank of Ireland Group plc (Prudential consolidation)

Country of establishment	Turnover €m	Profit before tax €m	Taxation paid €m	Taxation charge / (credit) €m	Average FTEs
Ireland	1,937	517	9	(1)	8,168
United Kingdom	741	234	43	30	2,184
United States of America	53	38	9	17	54
France	42	39	20	14	11
Germany	3	1	1	-	8
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,776	829	82	60	10,425

Taxation paid / (refunded) and other supplementary information (unaudited)

In any given year, tax paid may not directly relate to the accounting profits earned in that year because differences can arise between accounting profit and taxable profit as a result of applying local tax legislation.

The taxation paid disclosed under CRD IV relates to corporation tax only and does not include the wider tax contribution to the Irish Exchequer or other tax authorities. In 2017, the Group made payments to the Irish Exchequer of €259 million which in addition to corporation tax, primarily comprised irrecoverable VAT, employers' PRSI contributions and the bank levy (€29 million).

As disclosed in note 35 to the Group Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2017, the Group had a deferred tax asset of €1,253 million (2016: €1,270 million) in respect of operating losses which are available to relieve future profits from tax. In accordance with tax legislation, current year taxable profits have, where appropriate, been offset by these brought forward operating losses. Certain legal entities did not have brought forward operating losses and therefore reflect a current taxation charge and taxation payment for the year.

Public subsidies

No public subsidies were received by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2017.

¹ Direct subsidiary of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland.

² This entity is a subsidiary of First Rate Exchange Services Holdings Limited, a joint venture with the UK Post Office, in which the Group holds 50% of the equity of the business.

Auditors' Report

Independent Auditors' Report to the Board of Directors (the 'Directors') of Bank of Ireland Group plc in connection with the Country by Country Reporting Schedule for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Report on the Country by Country Reporting Schedule for the year ended 31 December 2017

We have audited the accompanying financial information of Bank of Ireland Group plc ('BOIG plc') for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprises the Country by Country Reporting Schedule including the Basis of Preparation for the year ended 31 December 2017 with the exception of the disclosure on page 2 which is denoted as unaudited. The Country by Country Reporting Schedule for the year ended 31 December 2017 has been prepared by management of BOIG plc in accordance with management's basis of preparation (the 'Basis of Preparation').

Directors' responsibility for the Country by Country Reporting Schedule

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Country by Country Reporting Schedule, for the appropriateness of the Basis of Preparation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Country by Country Reporting Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Country by Country Reporting Schedule based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Country by Country Reporting Schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Country by Country Reporting Schedule. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Country by Country Reporting Schedule, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to BOIG plc's preparation of the Country by Country Reporting Schedule in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of BOIG plc's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Country by Country Reporting Schedule.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial information as included in the Country by Country Reporting Schedule for the year ended 31 December 2017 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Basis of Preparation.

Basis of Preparation and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the Basis of Preparation. The schedule is prepared to assist the Directors to meet the requirements of Regulation 77 of Statutory Instrument 158 of 2014. As a result, the schedule may not be suitable for another purpose.

Our report is intended solely for the benefit of the Directors. We do not accept or assume any responsibility or liability to any other party save where terms are agreed between us in writing.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants
Dublin

19 April 2018

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