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Bank of Ireland Group plc  
Country by Country Reporting



**Bank of  
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# 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 institutions<sup>1</sup> 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).

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. Bank of Ireland Group plc is 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)<sup>2</sup>.

The CBCR disclosures are prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU except as regards the scope of consolidation, which, in line with the EU Capital Requirements Regulations, is on a prudential basis consistent with the Group's Pillar 3 disclosure<sup>2</sup>.

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, 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, net fee and commission income, net trading income / (expense) and other operating income. Amounts from other countries (if any), which individually and in the aggregate are immaterial, are allocated to 'Other'. In deriving 'turnover' by country, intercompany turnover arising within a country is eliminated but intercompany turnover is reported in the above turnover by geography.
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 an FTE basis is shown as the average for the year.
5. The taxation paid numbers disclosed under CRD IV refer to corporation tax only.
6. The taxation charge represents the corporation tax expense / (credit) for the current year and excludes deferred taxes, adjustments in respect of prior years and 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.

<sup>1</sup> Credit institutions and investment firms.

<sup>2</sup> Copies of the Group's Annual Report and Pillar 3 disclosures for the year ended 31 December 2020 can be obtained from the Group's website at [www.bankofireland.com](http://www.bankofireland.com) or from the Group Secretary's Office, Bank of Ireland, 40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

## Principal undertakings<sup>1</sup>

Name	Principal Activities	Country of Establishment
Bank of Ireland Group plc	Holding company	Republic of Ireland
The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland	Banking and financial services	Republic of Ireland Additional branches: United Kingdom, United States of America, France, Germany and Spain.
Bank of Ireland Mortgage Bank <sup>2</sup>	Mortgage lending and issuing mortgage covered securities	Republic of Ireland
Bank of Ireland (UK) plc <sup>2</sup>	Retail financial services	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 2020 Annual Return to the Companies Registration Office.

## Turnover, (loss) / profit before taxation, taxation and employees (year ended 31 December 2020)

Country of establishment	Turnover €m	(Loss) / profit before tax €m	Taxation charge / (credit) €m	Taxation paid €m	Average FTEs
Republic of Ireland	1,749	(695)	1	27	7,567
United Kingdom	664	(107)	(2)	11	1,951
United States of America	73	24	15	15	43
France	11	6	2	-	12
Germany	2	-	-	-	13
Spain	3	1	-	-	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>(771)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>9,587</b>

### 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 2020, the Group made payments to the Irish Exchequer of €224 million which in addition to corporation tax, primarily comprised irrecoverable VAT, employers' PRSI contributions and the bank levy (€35 million).

## Public subsidies

No public subsidies were received by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2020.

<sup>1</sup> This table shows the principal undertakings of the Group which are included in the prudential basis of consolidation. For further detail refer to the basis of preparation on page 2. The Group's principal undertakings are listed in note 56 of its 2020 annual report for the purposes of annual statutory reporting and in section 1.3 of the 2020 Pillar 3 Disclosures in which statutory accounting compared to prudential consolidation is further explained.

<sup>2</sup> Direct subsidiary of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland.

## Auditor's Report

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Directors of Bank of Ireland Group plc

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Country-by-Country (CBC) financial information of Bank of Ireland Group plc (BOIG) for the year ended 31 December 2020 pursuant to European Union (Capital Requirements) Regulations, 2014 (the 'Regulations') which is required to be audited by Regulation 77 of those Regulations. The CBC financial information set out on pages 2 to 3 in the CBC report (collectively the 'CBC financial information'), is prepared on a consolidated basis in accordance with management's basis of preparation as set out in the basis of preparation on page 2.

In our opinion, the CBC financial information for the year ended 31 December 2020:

- is prepared in all material respects in accordance with the basis of preparation set out on page 2; and
- discloses the items of CBC financial information required to be published, having applied the relevant principles of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union, by Regulation 77 of the European Union (Capital Requirements) Regulations, 2014.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)), including ISA (Ireland) 805. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the CBC financial information section of our report. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of BOIG in accordance with the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of matter - basis of preparation

We draw attention to the disclosure made on pages 2 to 3 of the BOIG CBC report concerning the definitions applied by BOIG to the items of CBC financial information required to be published. Regulation 77 of the European Union (Capital Requirements) Regulations, 2014 does not set out definitions of the items of CBC financial information to be disclosed. BOIG has applied definitions, as applicable, to the items of CBC financial information which are consistent with the definitions of those items in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU and of those items in the BOIG's annual statutory financial statements, except as regards the scope of consolidation, which, in line with the EU Capital Requirements Regulations (CRR), is on a prudential basis. As a result, the CBC Information may not be suitable for other purposes. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

The CBC financial information is compiled from the BOIG financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, and 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.

In auditing the CBC disclosures, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the BOIG financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 is appropriate and considered the adjustments relevant to CBC disclosures basis of preparation.

Our evaluation of the Director's assessment of the BOIG's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- We used our knowledge of BOIG, the financial services industry, and the general economic environment to identify the inherent risks to the business model and analysed how those risks might affect BOIG's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. The risks that we considered most likely to adversely affect BOIG's available financial resources over this period were:
  - the availability of funding and liquidity in the event of a market wide stress scenario in which the global COVID19 pandemic continues to unfold; and
  - the impact on regulatory capital requirements in the event of an economic slowdown or recession.
- We considered whether these risks could plausibly affect the availability of financial resources in the going concern period by comparing severe, but plausible, downside scenarios that could arise from these risks individually and collectively against the level of available financial resources indicated by BOIG's financial forecasts.
- Our procedures also included:
  - we benchmarked significant assumptions included in the Directors' downside scenarios relevant to liquidity and capital metrics. In particular, we considered sensitivities over the level of available financial resources indicated by BOIG's financial forecasts taking account of the impact of severe, but plausible, scenarios on these and assessing whether these downside scenarios applied consider reasonably possible outcomes.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified a material uncertainty relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the BOIG's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

We found the significant assumptions associated with the use of the going concern basis of accounting to be acceptable.

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the CBC financial information

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the CBC financial information in accordance with the requirements of the European Union (Capital Requirements) Regulations, 2014 relevant to preparing such CBC financial information and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the CBC financial information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Report *(continued)*

In preparing the CBC financial information, the Directors are responsible for assessing BOIG's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate BOIG or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the CBC financial information**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the CBC financial information as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the CBC financial information.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on IAASA's website at:

[https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description\\_of\\_auditors\\_responsibilities\\_for\\_audit.pdf](https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf).

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the BOIG's Directors, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter to provide a report pursuant to Regulation 77 European Union (Capital Requirements) Regulation, 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the BOIG's Directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report on CBC financial information and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the BOIG and BOIG's Directors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

