

Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework

Allocation Report 2023



**Bank of
Ireland**

Bank of Ireland Green Bond Allocation Report

31 December 2023

Green Eligible Assets Portfolio			Green Liabilities			
Eligibility Criteria	Number of Loans	Amount (EUR)	ISIN	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Amount (EUR)
Green Buildings – Residential	22,626	7,661,967,239	XS2311407352	10-Mar-21	10-May-27 ¹	750,000,000
Green Buildings – Commercial	17	550,089,763	XS2340236327	11-May-21	11-Aug-31 ²	500,000,000
Renewable Energy	11 ³	250,423,195	XS2528657567	06-Sep-22	06-Dec-32 ⁴	346,050,000 ⁵
Clean Transportation	4,831	118,008,841	XS2532384372	16-Sep-22	16-Sep-26 ⁶	905,900,000 ⁵
			XS2576362839	16-Jan-23	16-Jul-28 ⁷	750,000,000
			XS2643234011	04-Jul-23	04-Jul-31 ⁸	750,000,000
			XS2717301365	13-Nov-23	13-Nov-29 ⁹	750,000,000
Total	27,485	8,580,489,038	Total			4,751,950,000

Total Green Eligible Assets Portfolio*

€8,580,489,038

Amount of Proceeds allocated to Green Eligible Assets Portfolio

€4,751,950,000

Percentage of Proceeds allocated to Green Eligible Assets Portfolio

100%

Unallocated Green Eligible Portfolio Assets

€3,828,539,038

New eligible loans added since 31 December 2022

€2,894,508,196¹⁰

* Amount of Green Eligible Assets outstanding as at 31 December 2023. Criteria as outlined in Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework.¹¹ 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-2026

2 Optional Redemption Period from 11-May-2026 to 11-Aug-2026

3 Ireland and UK only

4 Optional Redemption Period of 06-Sep-2027 to 06-Dec-2027

5 Euro equivalent amount (Exchange rate of 29 December 2023, GBP 1 = EUR 1.1535, USD 1 = EUR 0.9059)

6 Optional Redemption Date of 16-Sep-2025

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8 Optional Redemption Date of 04-Jul-2030

9 Optional Redemption Date of 13-Nov-2028

10 Represents new loans added to the portfolio since Dec 2022, does not capture change in amount on loans that were in the portfolio as at 31st Dec 2022

11 <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 Green Bond issuances listed in the below table, as provided for in the Bank of Ireland Green Bond Framework for the year ended 31 December 2023, which can be found online.¹

ISIN	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Amount
XS2311407352	10-Mar-21	10-May-27	EUR 750,000,000
XS2340236327	11-May-21	11-Aug-31	EUR 500,000,000
XS2528657567	06-Sep-22	06-Dec-32	GBP 300,000,000
XS2532384372	16-Sep-22	16-Sep-26	USD 1,000,000,000
XS2576362839	16-Jan-23	16-Jul-28	EUR 750,000,000
XS2643234011	04-Jul-23	04-Jul-31	EUR 750,000,000
XS2717301365	13-Nov-23	13-Nov-29	EUR 750,000,000

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 2023 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 Bank of Ireland Annual Report 2023, Bank of Ireland Sustainability Report 2023 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.

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

² <https://www.bankofireland.com/>

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 applies International Standard on Quality Control (ISQC) 1 and accordingly maintains 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. Reporting requirements and Eligibility Criteria used are as at 31 December 2023.

Work Done

Mazars is required to plan and perform our 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 the 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 online⁴.

Mazars Responsibilities

Mazars is responsible for:

- Planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the 'Reported Information' for the year ended 31 December 2023 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 has performed and the evidence Mazars has obtained; and
- Reporting Mazars' conclusion to Bank of Ireland.

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⁴ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/green-bond-framework-reporting/>

This report, including Mazars conclusions, has been prepared solely for Bank of Ireland in accordance with the agreement between Mazars 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 permits this report to be disclosed online⁵ for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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 Green Bond Issuances, refer to Table 1: Green Bond Issuances. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Mazars does 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.

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Mazars

Date: 26 February 2024

⁵ <https://investorrelations.bankofireland.com/green-bond-framework-reporting/>

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 online⁶ 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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