

# The GBP Databases and Indices Working Group –

## **Summary of Green Bond Database Providers**

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## **Summary of Green/Sustainable Bonds Databases**

|                      |   | Bloomberg  | Environmental Finance   | Dealogic  | СВІ  |
|----------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
|                      | Creation date of the database                         | 2016   | 2015  | 2015  | 2013   |
|                      | Interface<br>accessibility                            | Bloomberg Terminal                                       | Internet browser  | Internet browser  | Internet browser   |
|                      | Start date of data                                    | 2007 (inception of Market)                               | 2007 (inception of Market)  | 2007 (inception of Market)  | 2007 (inception of Market)   |
|                      | Number of<br>bonds as of Q1<br>2017                   | Green Bonds: 910 tranches<br>Social / Sustainability: 50 | Green Bonds: 710 deals  | Green Bonds: 489 tranches<br>Social Bonds: 14 tranches<br>Sustainability Bonds: 31 tranches | Green Bonds: 1050 tranches<br>(US munis not separated in<br>tranches)    |
|                      | GBPs alignment<br>mandatory or<br>optional ?          | Mandatory  | Optional  | Optional  | Mandatory  |
|                      | Pureplayers   | Included – possibility of filtering them out             | Not included – planning on<br>including them once taxonomy<br>developed   | Included – ongoing discussion on the development of taxonomy                                | No   |
|                      | Description of<br>Use of Proceeds                     | No   | Yes   | Yes   | Yes  |
|                      | Ex-post<br>reporting status<br>disclosed/follow<br>up | Yes  | Yes   | Yes   | Yes  |
| Information provided | Documentation   | Final terms, prospectus                                  | Investor presentations, Frameworks, Second opinions, Press releases, Final terms, Prospectus, Assurance statements, Deal flashes, Reporting | Final terms, Prospectus<br>(possibility they include second<br>opinions)                    | Second Opinions, links to press<br>releases/articles and<br>prospectuses |
| Inform               | Links to<br>articles/analysis                         | No   | Yes   | No  | Yes  |
|                      | Ability to<br>arrange / filter<br>data                | Yes + Excel exportability                                | Yes + Excel exportability   | Yes + Excel Exportability   | Yes + Excel Exportability  |
|                      | Analyst to<br>respond to<br>queries                   | Yes  | Yes   | Yes   | Yes  |

#### Other resources for Green and Social Bonds:

**The Green Bond Principles (GBP),** under the Secretariat of the ICMA, has set up a Resource Centre in 2016 to further promote transparency, using two summary forms:

- Information Templates, reflecting the main characteristics of a Green Bond or a Green Bond programme, and illustrating its key features in alignment with the four core components of the GBP.
- External review forms

The GBP recommend issuers to submit these documents to the Resource Centre). However, as this is not compulsory, the resource centre is not a comprehensive database. Accessible on:

http://www.icmagroup.org/Regulatory-Policy-and-Market-Practice/green-bonds/gbp-resource-centre/

## **Bloomberg**

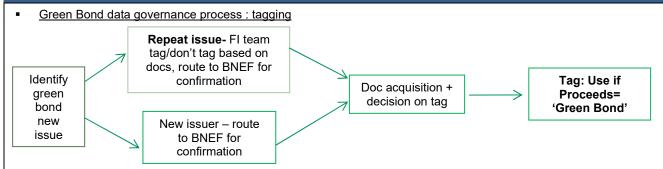
Launch date 2014

#### **Green Flag/ Taxonomy**

Bloomberg tags bonds with the 'Green Bond' label in the use of proceeds field when an issuer a) self-labels its bond as 'green', or b) identifies it as an environmental sustainability-oriented bond issue with clear additional statements about the commitment to deploy funds towards projects and activities in the Green Bond Principles use of proceeds categories. Compliance with the GBP on the use of proceeds only: 100% of use of proceeds need to be aligned with the green activities, which are consistent with GBP activities. However, Bloomberg does not require additional reporting/assurance provider/project selection/management of proceeds for the bond to be included.

Bloomberg observes specific exclusions for green bonds' use of proceeds including – but not limited to – those involving coal and nuclear.

#### **Governance Process**



Bloomberg's relies on an issuer's self-labelling in its issuance documentation and/or in official public communications that illustrate:

- 1. The bond's use of proceeds are 100% dedicated towards environmental sustainably-oriented activities consistent with the GBP categories
- 2. If the issuer intends to meet certain criteria with respect to management of proceeds, transparency and/or reporting, those are identified in the database

Bloomberg requires a term sheet or prospectus containing a 'use of proceeds' section. Side letter; Syndicate email/ Official statement from issuer; framework/SPO are optional.

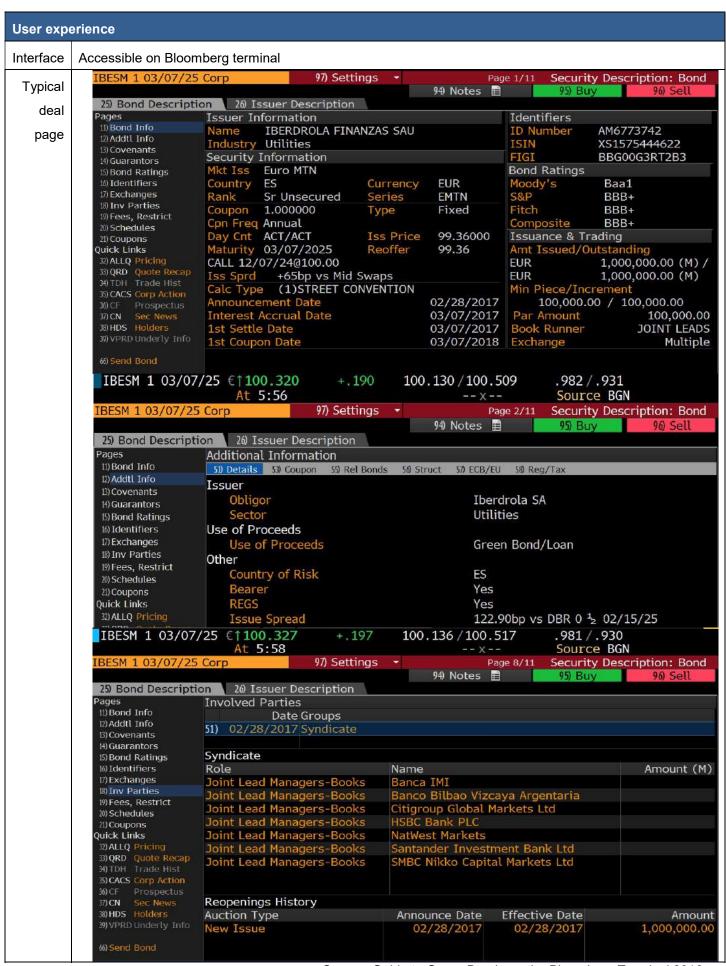
#### **Bonds included**

#### **Green Bonds**

#### Social, Sustainable, Sustainability Bonds – Informal Tag

In response to recent thematic bond issuance, Bloomberg is improving the discoverability of issuer-labelled bond issues that do not qualify for the Green Bond tag but that clearly disclose use of proceeds aimed at direct social impact, which may be combined with some environmental sustainability impact

**Pureplays:** In some instances where Bloomberg is fully confident that the issuer is a 'pure-play' (i.e. that all the company's business activities fit solely within the list of accepted green activities), then Bloomberg may consider applying a green bond label on an issue-by-issue basis. Filter can be applied to exclude them Instrument type: ABSs, project bonds, Green Guarantees, Private Placements



## The **Green Bond** Database Environmental Finance

Launch date 2016

#### **Green Flag/ Taxonomy**

The database lists all bonds that are self-labelled as "Green".

The majority of these bonds are aligned with one of the following:

- The GBP
- Climate Bonds Certification, issued by the Climate Bonds Standard Board
- Green Financial Bond Directive, issued by the People's Bank of China
- Green Bond-Endorsed Project Catalogue, issued by the People's Bank of China Issue
- Self-labelled green bonds not aligned with any of the above standards

The database presents information in a standardised format following the Green Bond Principles

#### **Governance Process**

Environmental Finance has decided not to opine on what is or isn't green, and will **include any bond that has been self-labelled as "green"**, with the intention of creating a comprehensive database where professional users can make their own judgements, based on their knowledge and supporting documents available on the database

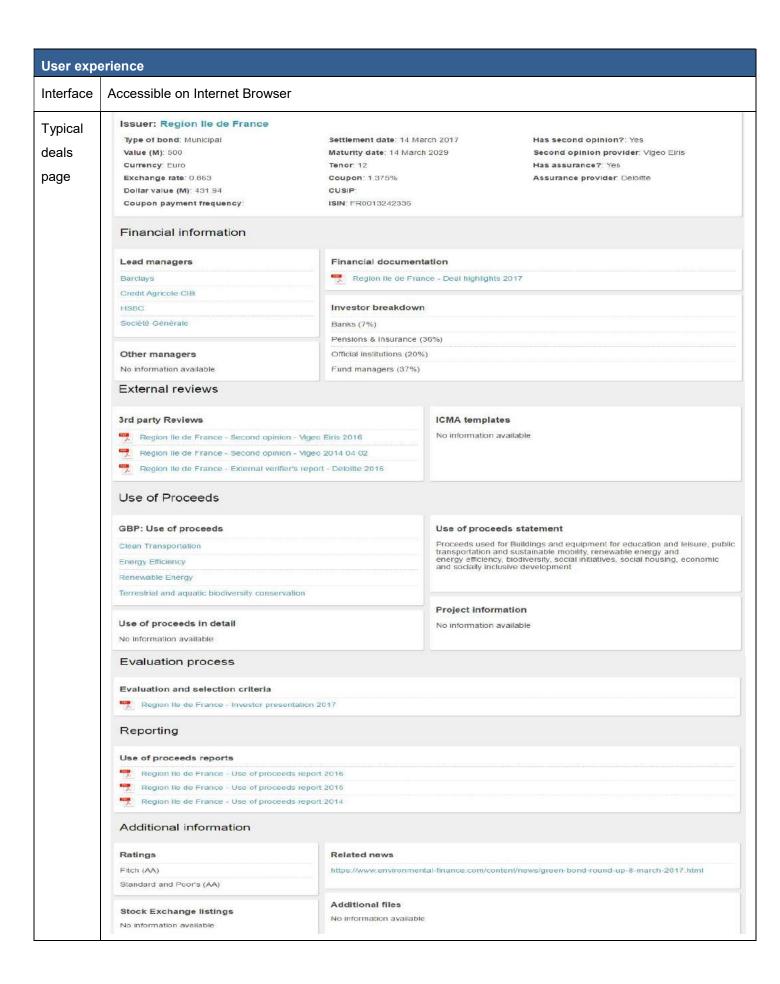
#### **Bonds included**

#### **Green Bonds**

Social/Sustainability Bonds: Planning on including Social/ Sustainability Bonds soon

<u>Instrument type:</u> all types – ABS, project bonds, Guarantees, Private Placements\*, Schuldsheins etc. issued worldwide, by any kind of issuer (SSAs, Muni, Corporate, FIG)

\*Private placements are included when these have been declared to Environmental Finance and that they have sufficient documentation to include in the database.



Typical Iberdrola Issuer's page **Bonds** issued A table detailing all the bonds issued by Iberdrola Issuer Value (M) Currency Dollar value (M) Settlement date Maturity date Iberdrola 1,000 EUR 1,052.51 March 7, 2017 March 7, 2025 100 EUR 106.112 February 20, 2017 February 20, 2024 Iberdrola Iberdrola 750 EUR 805.98 December 7, 2016 March 7, 2024 September 15, 2025 Iberdrola 700 EUR 787.15 September 15, 2016 April 21, 2026 Iberdrola 1,000 EUR 1,128 April 21, 2016 750 EUR 1,027.67 April 7, 2014 October 24, 2022 Iberdrola Total volume (\$Bn) Volume this year (\$Bn) **Environmental Finance News for Iberdrola** SDCL to launch two funds following court GIB decision \$4.91Bn \$1.16Bn Green bond round-up, 12 April 2017 Investors develop guidance on meeting TCFD recommendations First Solar mulls sale of 8point3 Voting begins for EF's Deals of the Year awards Ratings Files Jberdrola - Use of proceeds report 2016 Fitch (BBB+) Moody's (Baa1) Iberdrola - Use of proceeds report 2015 Standard and Poor's (BBB+) Iberdrola - Use of proceeds report 2014 Iberdrola - Second Opinion - Vigeo Eiris 2017 Iberdrola - Second opinion - Vigeo 2016 12 Iberdrola - Second opinion - Vigeo 2016 09 Iberdrola - Second opinion - Vigeo 2016 04 13 Iberdrola - Second opinion - Vigeo 2014 04 07

Source: The Green Bond Database



Launch date 2015

#### **Green Flag/ Taxonomy**

Dealogic currently flags green bonds it its general database.

Dealogic will try to confirm, whenever possible, a detailed description of the different uses of proceeds of the bond, and subsequently will apply one or several Green Categories as per their own classification (see below), which are broadly in line with the use of proceeds categories of the GBP.

#### Dealogic Green Categories:

- Renewable Energy. Includes production, transmission, appliances and products.
- **Energy Efficiency.** New and refurbished buildings, energy storage, district heating, smart grids, appliances and products.
- Sustainable Waste Management. Pollution prevention and control including: waste water treatment, greenhouse gas control, soil remediation, recycling and waste to energy, value added products from waste and remanufacturing, and associated environmental monitoring analysis.
- Sustainable Land Management. Management of living natural resources including: sustainable agriculture, fishery, aquaculture, forestry and climate smart farm inputs such as biological crop protection or drip-irrigation.
- Biodiversity Conservation. Terrestrial and aquatic conservation, including the protection of coastal, marine and watershed environments.
- Clean Transportation. Electric, hybrid, public, rail, non-motorized, multi-modal transportation, infrastructure for clean energy vehicles and reduction of harmful emissions.
- **Sustainable Water Management**. Sustainable infrastructure for clean and/or drinking water, sustainable urban drainage systems and river training and other forms of flooding mitigation.
- Climate Change Adaptation. Information support systems such as climate observation and early warning systems.
- **Eco-efficient Products, Technologies and Processes.** Development and introduction of environmentally friendly, eco labelled or certified products, resource efficient packaging and distribution.
- Mixed. Proceeds are used for a combination of the above categories.

Reporting, and external review are not a requirement but will be identified in the database if available.

<u>Munipalities:</u> Dealogic currently excludes Green Bonds from US municipalities. They will consider including them on a case by case basis if sufficient information confirms their green credentials.

#### **Governance Process**

Dealogic will include a bond in the database as long as it is self-labelled as a Green/Social/Sustainable bond.

#### **Bonds included**

Sustainability Bonds: proceeds of these bonds are split between green projects and social projects

Green Bonds: additionnally, Dealogic would also include 'climate aligned' bonds from pure-players.

Discussion ongoing with market participants to produce a taxonomy related to pureplayers.

#### **Social Bonds**

Instrument type: schuldscheins are not included.

Source: Dealogic Green Bond Market Guidelines 2016

## Climate Bonds

Launch date 2013

### Green Flag/ Taxonomy

Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) lists all bonds that are **aligned with the Green Bond Principles (GBP) and their own taxonomy**. CBI's taxonomy provides an overarching view on what is considered eligible use of proceeds for green bonds. If the Bond is not 'broadly' in line with CBI's taxonomy, it is not included. 'Broadly' as in some cases, there is insufficient disclosure to assess this fully so CBI uses it to ensure there are no obvious red flags.

CBI's taxonomy is available on: <a href="https://www.climatebonds.net/standards/taxonomy">https://www.climatebonds.net/standards/taxonomy</a>

#### **Governance Process**

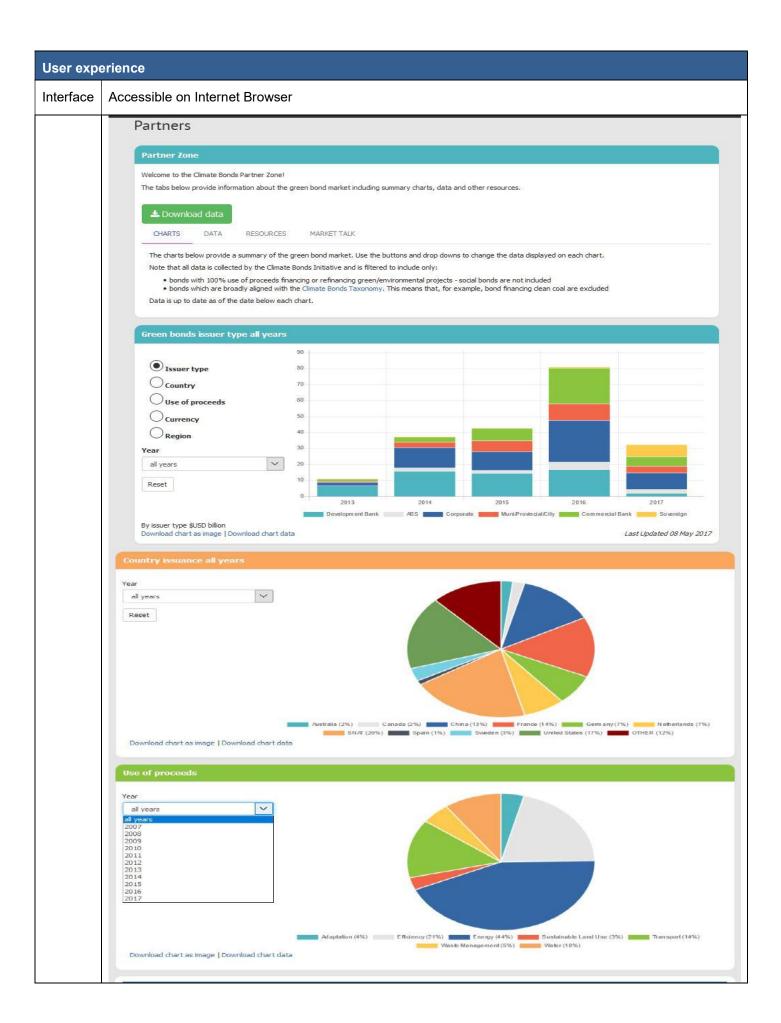
The **Markets Team** reviews new self-labelled Green Bonds for alignment with the **Green Bond Principles** and **CBI's own taxonomy**. For bonds which green credentials are more difficult to establish, the Markets Team reviews the case with the wider CBI teams, and on occasions with external experts, for confirmation.

#### **Bonds included**

#### **Green Bonds**

**Social/Sustainability Bonds** – Not included, currently under discussion for inclusion

<u>Instrument type:</u> ABSs, Guarantees, Private Placements (only assess use of proceeds alignement with taxonomy for inclusion of PPs). Schuldscheins. Pureplayers, and Project Bonds not included. Project Bonds are recorded separetely, not included in the online database.



#### **User experience** Interface Accessible on Internet Browser Partner Zone Welcome to the Climate Bonds Partner Zone! The tabs below provide information about the green bond market including summary charts, data and other resources. ▲ Download data CHARTS DATA RESOURCES MARKET TALK The table below shows green bond data from 2007 to present. Filter the data by using the arrows next to each column heading or by typing in the box at the top of any of the column headings. Pre-filtered, data can be downloaded using the download button. Bonds C Export **USD Amount** Second Opinion Issuer Name : Amount Issued : Issued Issue Date : Country : Link Currency ‡ • EUR 600m \$807m EUR 2007-06-27 SNAT EIB World Bank EUR 2010-03-05 SNAT second opinion 2m \$3m IFC \$23m EUR 2011-05-18 SNAT second opinion 16m World Bank 2011-07-12 \$28m EUR SNAT second opinion 20m Ile de France 350m \$475m EUR 2012-03-26 FRANCE FRANCE Provence-Alpes-C 120m \$146m EUR 2012-07-11 Nord-Pas de Calais 80m \$103m EUR 2012-09-30 FRANCE EIB 650m \$852m EUR 2013-07-17 SNAT Rentenbank 50m EUR 2013-08-19 GERMANY \$67m EIB 250m \$345m EUR 2013-10-23 SNAT EUR 2013-11-13 FMO 500m **NETHERLANDS** \$674m EDF EUR 2013-11-27 FRANCE 1,400m \$1,901m NRW Bank 250m \$340m EUR 2013-11-28 GERMANY 350m \$479m EUR 2014-01-14 SNAT Nordic Investment EUR 2014-02-11 SNAT 40m \$55m