



**SUSTAINABILITY BOND
FRAMEWORK**
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1. INTRODUCTION

General

VOLKSBANK WIEN AG (“VBW”) is the central organization of the Association of Volksbanks (“Association”), an Austrian cooperative banking group. The Association consists of eight regional Volksbanks - one of which is VBW - and one specialized bank (Österreichische Ärzte- und Apothekerbank AG, a bank which concentrates on the specific customer group of doctors and pharmacists). Originally a network of cooperative banks, the Association chose a legal structure with the highest degree of integration possible and a mutual obligation to support each member institution in case of need.

As central organization, VBW has ample control rights including the centralized management of capital, funding, liquidity and risk management. It is also responsible for the Association’s planning process, for controlling, accounting and reporting, internal audit, compliance and sustainability.

Apart from fulfilling its central organization function, VBW provides services to ca. 300,000 customers in the retail and SME segments and is active mainly in Vienna, Burgenland, parts of Lower Austria as well as in other Austrian regions under the SPARDA-BANK brand.

Sustainability

Sustainability and regionality have been part of the business model of the Association for over 170 years. The cooperative identity and sustainability values are its distinguishing features. The main purpose of the cooperatives is to promote the economic activities of their members and to support the small-scale, diverse regional economies.

The core values of the Association are “trust, regionality and customer proximity” and form the basis of the Association’s sustainable actions. As a result, the Association pursues the mission to operate sustainably within the region based on cooperative values, take responsibility for the long-term well-being of customers and employees, and act in an eco-minded and climate-conscious manner.

The members of the Association operate almost exclusively in their catchment areas in Austria. The Association aims to establish the principles of sustainability in all business areas, and it is their goal to be perceived by all stakeholders as a sustainable financial partner in the region. Like all Association member banks, VBW has a clear focus on domestic business.

One of the main concerns is the conscientious management of available resources and the protection of the environment. The Association respects human rights and disapproves of any form of discrimination. The business model of the Association minimizes the risk of negative impact on the environment and human rights, as well as any associated reputational risk for the bank.

Compliance and transparency are two fundamental values of VBW. The Code of Conduct, which summarizes various compliance topics and represents an essential part of VBW’s corporate culture, is available at VBW’s website ([Link](#)).

VBW is a signatory of the UN Global Compact (UNGC) and is committed to comply consistently with the ten UNGC principles of responsible business. In this context, responsible behavior is expected from all employees and managers as well as from partners and suppliers of VBW. VBW has published

sustainability reports prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards since 2017 and changed the sustainability standard to ESRS Standards starting with reporting year 2024.

The Association established a sustainability committee, steers according to sustainability goals and has developed key guidelines together with its stakeholders. VBW is committed to contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The most recent sustainability report is available at VBW's website ([Link](#)).

UN Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs") are 17 global goals that the United Nations General Assembly set in 2015 for the year 2030. They address the global challenges we face, such as poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. In our daily and consistent work for a more sustainable future, we focus on seven of the Sustainable Development Goals that are the most relevant to VBW's core business, our degree of influence and the risks we have identified.



SDG # 3: Good health and well-being

VBW offers comprehensive measures in the sphere of work-life balance, like flexible working time models and a positive approach to part-time employment. Free health checks, vaccinations, Volksbank-Aktiv courses and sports groups are only some of the preventive measures to promote employees' health.



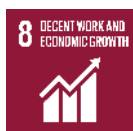
SDG # 4: Quality education

VBW offers courses and professional training events at Volksbank Akademie which form an essential part of human resources development. Programs to promote female high potentials and mentoring contribute to inclusive equal education.



SDG # 5: Gender Equality

Gender Diversity is one of the sustainability goals of VBW and measured using a KPI. Offers for more flexible working hours and a better work-life balance support this goal. Female high potentials are promoted by a range of courses, trainings and mentoring programs. In addition, the position of a women's representative has been permanently established in the works council.



SDG #8: Decent work and economic growth

As a bank for small and medium-sized enterprises with knowledge about the customers in the region, VBW offers quick, need-based loans, thus contributing to local, sustainable economic growth. The "Employer branding" initiative also positions VBW as an attractive, strong and authentic employer brand.



SDG #9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure

The preparation of a digital agenda and operating as signpost for further developments of digital products and services consolidates VBW's position as fast follower. A strong focus on involving customers in the design of customer processes serves as the basis for sustainable and resilient innovations.



SDG #11: Sustainable cities and communities

With financing concepts based on builder-owner models, VBW makes an essential contribution to sustainable development in the sphere of creating and improving living space and making the same more ecological. For over 170 years, the Volksbanks have been local financial providers in their region and thus make a significant contribution to value creation and prosperity.



SDG #13: Climate action

VBW is taking a variety of measures to reduce its contribution to climate change. For example, in banking operations, in buildings and in the sphere of mobility, attention is paid to reducing CO2 emissions. In addition, VBW has set itself the goal of continuously reducing its indirect CO2 emissions from its core business (e.g. from financing and investments).

2. SUSTAINABILITY BOND FRAMEWORK

VBW has established this Sustainability Bond Framework (“the Framework”) as part of its broader sustainability strategy with the aim of focusing on assets with a positive environmental and social impact in order to support the necessary transition to a sustainable future. The first Framework was established in January 2022 and has been updated continuously since then, demonstrating VBW’s commitment to sustainable finance and ensuring alignment with evolving market standards.

The Framework is aligned with the Green Bond Principles (GBP)¹, Social Bond principles (SBP)² and Sustainability Bond Guidelines (SBG)³, administered by the International Capital Market Association (“ICMA”). These are a set of voluntary guidelines that recommend transparency and disclosure and promote integrity in the development of the Green, Social and Sustainability Bond markets.

In formulating the Framework care was also taken to reflect both the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and, on a best effort basis, the substantial contribution criteria of the EU Taxonomy requirements for sustainable economic activities as defined in the Climate Delegated Act⁴ or the Environmental Delegated Act⁵, where applicable. Potential changes of the GBP, SBP, SBG or EU Taxonomy for sustainable economic activities will be reflected in future versions of the Framework.

VBW’s Sustainability Bond Framework is designed as an umbrella framework that will allow VBW to issue Green Bonds, Social Bonds, or Sustainability Bonds, as the case may be. For each Green, Social or Sustainability Bond issued, VBW asserts that it will adhere to (1) Use of Proceeds, (2) Project Evaluation and Selection, (3) Management of Proceeds and (4) Reporting, as set out in this Framework. Furthermore, VBW will either keep or improve the current levels of transparency and reporting and will provide an external review by an entity which is eligible or accredited under any such prevailing principles or standards.

¹ ICMA Green Bond Principles, 2025.

² ICMA Social Bond Principles, 2025.

³ ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines, 2021.

⁴ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2139.

⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/2486.

3. USE OF PROCEEDS

An amount equivalent to the net proceeds raised by the issuance of Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds shall be used to finance and/ or re-finance, in part or in full, new or existing Eligible Green and Social Loans providing distinct environmental and/ or social benefits⁶.

Eligible Loans are loans to finance and/or re-finance assets dedicated to the Eligible Categories depicted within the tables below. These loans can be originated by VBW or members of the Association and may include loans or leases to private individuals (mortgages), legal entities, municipalities, and the public sector (project finance, investment finance or revolving loans). Working capital facilities, revolving credit lines, overdrafts, and other similar working capital products from companies with dedicated businesses that are expected to derive more than 90% of their turnover from environmentally friendly activities which are in line with the Eligible Categories within the Framework shall also be deemed as Eligible Loans⁷. Furthermore, should a loan within the below described Eligible Categories fulfil substantial contribution criteria of the EU Taxonomy for sustainable economic activities, it may be identified as Eligible Loan.

VBW will continuously exercise its professional judgement, discretion and sustainability expertise when identifying the Eligible Loans, will strive to replace maturing Eligible Loans with new ones and will provide transparency on the Eligible Loan origination timeframe in its Allocation and Impact reporting.

Exclusion Criteria

VBW will not allocate proceeds received from the issuance of Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds to loans for companies operating in the following sectors:

- Defence and weapons,
- Nuclear energy,
- Fossil fuel energy,
- Mining,
- Alcohol,
- Tobacco,
- Gambling

The exclusion criteria were defined with consideration of the EU Paris-aligned Benchmark exclusions.



At the time of publication of this Framework, at entity level VBW is not aware of any violations of the UN Global Compact Principles and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.⁸

⁶ Targeted look-back period: 3 years

⁷ The part of the turnover that is not classified as "green"/"social" is further omitted from financing activities in sectors that were identified and placed on the exclusion list of the current Framework.

⁸ As per the 2024 the consolidated non-financial report VBW adheres to internationally recognized human rights frameworks, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the standards set by the International Labor Organization (ILO).

Eligible Green Categories

Eligible Category	Eligibility Criteria	EU Taxonomy Economic Activities ⁹	Contribution to UN SDGs
Green Buildings	<p>Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans or investments in green assets or projects related to the construction, acquisition and ownership or renovation of buildings in the commercial and retail real estate sector¹⁰, that fulfill at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings that have a recognized certification (at least applied or pre-certified)¹¹ with a minimum certification level of LEED Gold, BREEAM Excellent, DGNB/ ÖGNI Gold or klimaaktiv Silver; • Buildings built after the 31st of December 2020 having a primary energy demand (PED) that is at least 10% lower than the threshold set for nearly zero-energy buildings (NZEB) requirements in national measures; • Buildings built before the 31st of December 2020 demonstrating an EPC Class A or alternatively belonging to the top 15% of low-carbon buildings at a national level¹²; • Refurbishments leading to the reduction of primary energy demand or carbon emissions of at least 30% in comparison with the performance of the building before the renovation; • Refurbishments which comply with the applicable requirements for major renovations¹³. <p>Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans related to installation, maintenance or repair of the following equipment and technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging stations for electric vehicles in buildings and in parking spaces that are attached to buildings; • Energy efficiency equipment (e.g. energy efficient windows and external doors); • Instruments and devices for measuring, regulation and controlling energy performance of buildings (e.g. zoned thermostats, building automation and control systems, smart meters); • On-site renewable energy technologies (e.g. solar photovoltaic and hot water systems, wind turbines, ground-source and air-source heat pumps). 	<p>7.1 Construction of new buildings</p> <p>7.2 Renovation of existing buildings</p> <p>7.3 Installation, maintenance and repair of energy efficiency equipment</p> <p>7.4 Installation, maintenance and repair of charging stations for electric vehicles in buildings (and parking spaces attached to buildings)</p> <p>7.5 Installation, maintenance and repair of instruments and devices for measuring, regulation and controlling energy performance of buildings</p> <p>7.6 Installation, maintenance and repair of renewable energy technologies</p> <p>7.7 Acquisition and ownership of buildings</p>	 





⁹ Referring to economic activities contributing to climate change mitigation, as defined in the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act, if not stated otherwise

¹⁰ Sector may include office, warehousing & logistic, hotels, retail, healthcare, residential.

¹¹ In case of a denied certification or a not sufficient final certification the loan will be excluded from the Eligible Loan Portfolio.

¹² As demonstrated by adequate evidence (e.g. applicable building regulations enforced by law).

¹³ As set in the applicable national and regional building regulations for 'major renovation' implementing Directive 2010/31/EU. The energy performance of the building or the renovated part that is upgraded meets cost-optimal minimum energy performance requirements in accordance with the respective directive.

Eligible Category	Eligibility Criteria	EU Taxonomy Economic Activities ⁹	Contribution to UN SDGs
Renewable Energy	<p>Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans and/ or investments to equipment, development, manufacturing, construction, operation, distribution, storage and maintenance of renewable energy projects (power generation, cogeneration of heat/cool and production of heating/cool) and related infrastructure such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind power; • Solar energy; • Hydropower: Run-of-river without artificial reservoir or low storage capacity;¹⁴ • Generation of bioenergy from anaerobic digestion or (co-) generation of heat/cool and/or power from agricultural and forestry residues, sewage sludge and biowaste;¹⁵ • Geothermal energy with emissions <100gCO₂/kWh according to GHG lifecycle assessment; • Renewable Energy storage facilities including pumped hydropower and battery energy storage systems (BESS); • Green hydrogen storage facilities. 	<p>4.1 Electricity generation using solar photovoltaic technology</p> <p>4.3 Electricity generation from wind power</p> <p>4.5 Electricity generation from hydropower</p> <p>4.6 Electricity generation from geothermal energy</p> <p>4.8 Electricity generation from bioenergy</p> <p>4.9 Transmission and distribution of electricity</p> <p>4.10 Storage of electricity</p> <p>4.11 Storage of thermal energy</p> <p>4.12 Storage of hydrogen</p> <p>4.17 Cogeneration of heat/cool and power from solar energy</p> <p>4.18 Cogeneration of heat/cool and power from geothermal energy</p> <p>4.20 Cogeneration of heat/cool and power from bioenergy</p> <p>4.21 Production of heat/cool from solar thermal heating</p> <p>4.22 Production of heat/cool from geothermal energy</p> <p>4.24 Production of heat/cool from bioenergy</p>	  
Circular Economy	<p>Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans for products and production activities that increase resource efficiency. These activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that extend the product life cycle, such as product reuse, repair or product refurbishment and regeneration, integration of modular design or design for disassembly and incorporating take-back schemes or reverse logistics; • Development, operation and upgrade of recycling plants and recycling activities and/or waste sorting plants and waste sorting activities such as for metals, plastic and paper;¹⁶ • Development, operation and upgrade of waste collection plants where the separate collection and transport of non-hazardous waste occur in single or comingled fractions aimed at preparing for reuse or recycling (including Reverse Vending machines). 	<p>2.7 Sorting and material recovery of non-hazardous waste¹⁷</p> <p>5.1. Repair, refurbishment and remanufacturing¹⁸</p> <p>5.5 Collection and transport of non-hazardous waste in source segregated fractions</p> <p>5.9 Material recovery from non-hazardous waste</p>	





¹⁴ Alternatively, hydropower facilities should either comply with power density above 5 W/m² or direct GHG emissions below 100gCO₂e/kWh. For hydropower facilities in operation after end of 2019, power density above 10W/m² or direct emissions below 50 gCO₂e/kWh apply.

¹⁵ Excluding biomass from sources that deplete biomass or carbon stocks; from land with high biodiversity value; from land with high carbon stock, such as wetlands or peatlands; or from land whose use competes with food production and excluding biomass derived from intensive livestock operations. In case of biowaste, it is source segregated and collected separately and the produced digestate is used as fertiliser or soil improver.

¹⁶ For separately collected waste the activity converts at least 50 %, in terms of weight, into secondary raw materials.

¹⁷ Referring to the economic activities contributing to the transition to a circular economy as defined in the EU Taxonomy Environmental Delegated Act.

¹⁸ Referring to the economic activities contributing to the transition to a circular economy as defined in the EU Taxonomy Environmental Delegated Act.

Eligible Category	Eligibility Criteria	EU Taxonomy Economic Activities ⁹	Contribution to UN SDGs
Clean Transportation	Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans for manufacturing, acquisition, and modernization of zero direct emission vehicles (including public transportation and freight vehicles) as well as related infrastructure (e.g., charging stations for electric vehicles; bicycle paths) and key components ¹⁹ .	<p>6.3 <i>Urban and suburban transport, road passenger transport</i></p> <p>6.5 <i>Transport by motorbikes, passenger cars and light commercial vehicles</i></p> <p>6.6 <i>Freight transport services by road</i></p> <p>6.13 <i>Infrastructure for personal mobility, cycle logistics</i></p> <p>6.14 <i>Infrastructure for rail transport</i></p> <p>6.15 <i>Infrastructure enabling low-carbon road transport and public transport</i></p>	
Energy Efficiency	Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans related to the development, installation and implementation of products or technology that reduce the expected energy consumption (electricity, heat and other operating resources) by at least 30% ²⁰ . Examples include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and Investments improving the energy efficiency of production and operational processes; • Replacement of outdated production machinery and manufacturing equipment. 		 
Sustainable Agriculture	Finance or refinance Eligible Green Loans for environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmentally sustainable agriculture²¹: Certified agricultural practices under sustainable certification schemes, such as EU Organic²² and/ or equivalent national certification schemes²³ (at least applied or pre-certified)²⁴. 		

¹⁹ Excluding vehicles that are used for the purpose of transportation of fossil fuels. Eligible infrastructure does not include parking facilities.

²⁰ Excluding fossil fuel-powered equipment or improvements within carbon-intensive heavy industries (e.g. aviation, shipping, steel, aluminium, cement, chemicals).






²¹ Excluding non-zero emissions vehicles.

²² Excluding industrial-scale meat processors/ producers.

²³ Based on the approval by [control bodies and authorities for equivalency for Austria](#) and in compliance with EEC No. 834/2007.

²⁴ In case of a denied certification or a not sufficient final certification the loan will be excluded from the Eligible Loan Portfolio.

Eligible Social Categories

Eligible Category	Eligibility Criteria	Target Group	Contribution to UN SDGs
Access to essential services	Finance or refinance Eligible Social Loans to provide access to essential services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction, renovation, expansion, equipment purchase, or maintenance of health care facilities for provision of free or subsidized health care services. For example: hospitals, medical centers and doctor's offices, diagnostic and other laboratory services, rehabilitation centers, assisted living, homes for the elderly; Access to public and publicly subsidized educational services (e.g., for the youth, unemployed and elderly) as well as investments that support childhood development (e.g. Kindergartens) through the provision of loans for construction/ upgrading of facilities and/ or equipment. 	<i>Healthcare: People in need of care</i> <i>Education: Students, pupils, children, adults benefitting from vocational training</i>	 
Affordable Housing	Finance or refinance Eligible Social Loans for the construction, renovation or maintenance of social and affordable housing ²⁵ through co-operative housing associations, building societies, non-profit organizations and public utility housing enterprises, with the aim of providing suitable homes for individuals and families.	<i>General population with a focus on low to middle income population</i>	
Socioeconomic advancement & empowerment	Finance or refinance Eligible Social Loans to provide social inclusion for persons who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those with physical or mental disabilities. Examples of financing in this category include non-profit cooperations ²⁶ that employ disabled people, infrastructure for disabled people, etc.	<i>Persons with disabilities</i>	
Access to basic infrastructure	Finance or refinance Eligible Social Loans to provide access to basic infrastructure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiberglass expansion services for inclusive connectivity²⁷; Construction, operation, maintenance and retrofitting of public emergency services related to fire, including firefighting services, fire stations and related infrastructure, and/or floodings, including infrastructure to mitigate the effects of floodings and restoration of infrastructure damaged during floodings; Construction, renovation and extension of infrastructure in relation to public water collection, treatment and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, and/or sewerage infrastructure. 	<i>General population with a focus on persons lacking access to the essential basic infrastructure, incl. as a result of natural disasters</i>	

²⁵ In compliance with the [Federal Act on Charitable Housing](#).

²⁶ In compliance with the [Disabled Persons Employment Act](#).

²⁷ Fiberglass expansion services covered by any Austrian subsidy programme in relation to the Austrian national strategy to fiber expansion.

4. PROCESS EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The evaluation and selection process for Eligible Loans is a key process in ensuring that the amount equivalent to the net proceeds from Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds is allocated to Eligible Loans which meet the criteria in the Framework.

VBW acts in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards and is committed to conducting lending business in a sustainable and responsible manner and does not enter into business relationships in sensitive areas that conflict with this claim. No business is conducted in environmentally or socially harmful sectors as defined in the Compliance Framework and Code of Conduct of VBW. Financed transactions must comply with environmental regulations as well as the European Convention on Human Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations.

All potential Eligible Loans are granted in accordance to the association's implemented credit processes, ensuring compliance with national rules and regulations as well as internal policies and procedures (taking into consideration i.a. lending guidelines, anti-money laundering or know-your-customer procedures).

According to the risk appetite of the association, environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk factors are embedded in the risk strategy. Based on the risk strategy, the ESG risk factors are also taken into account in the credit and lending processes²⁸, through the internal ESG score. The Association is committed to constantly enhancing the internal ESG risk management processes.

Identification of Eligible Loans

Eligible Loans are sourced from the various eligible sectors and result from the application of the eligibility criteria, under the responsibility of the Sustainability Bond Committee ("SBC"). The SBC takes place every two months and is part of the VBW Sustainable Committee which is comprised of an extended management and expert team from multiple divisions within the bank, including Treasury, Communication, Sales Management, Risk Controlling, Credit Risk Management and Compliance.

The SBC is responsible for:

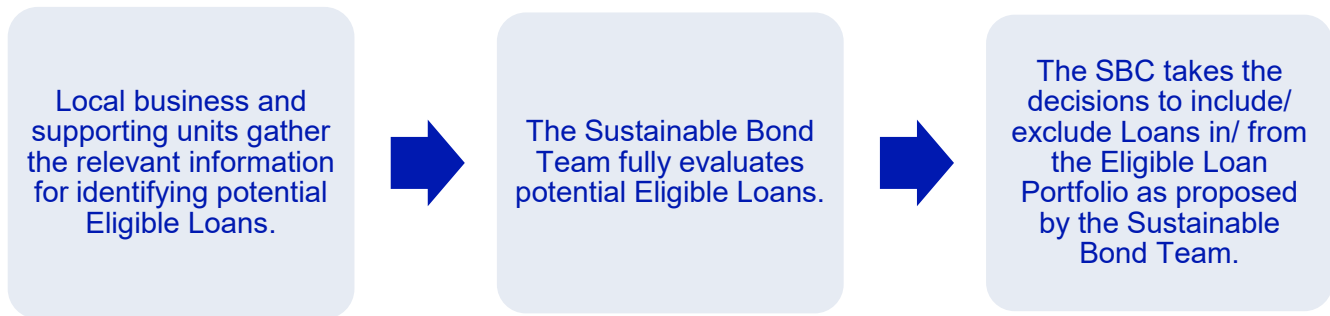
- Ensuring that any proposed new allocations of potential Eligible Loans to the Eligible Loan Portfolio are aligned with the categories and eligibility criteria as specified in the Use of Proceeds section above;
- Approving any proposed changes to the Eligible Loan Portfolio;
- Ensuring that the Eligible Loans in the Eligible Loan Portfolio are aligned with the relevant general company policies and Bank's ESG strategy; and
- Approving the Allocation and Impact Report.

The Sustainable Bond Team is part of VBW's Treasury Division and is responsible for:

- Analysing and monitoring of all data required for the evaluation and selection of Eligible Loans gathered by local business and supporting units, and
- Management of the Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds.

²⁸ For corporate and real estate customers

Key steps in the evaluation and selection process of Eligible Loans:



5. MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

An amount equivalent to the net proceeds of any VBW Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds will be managed by VBW's Sustainable Bond Team on a portfolio basis.

Up until the maturity of the Bonds, but at the latest 24 months after issuance, VBW will strive to reach a volume of Eligible Loans in the Eligible Loan Portfolio that is at least equal to the net proceeds of the outstanding Bonds.

For the avoidance of doubt, proceeds from Green Bonds will only be allocated to Eligible Green Loans, proceeds from Social Bonds will only be allocated to Eligible Social Loans, and proceeds from Sustainability Bonds may be allocated to both Eligible Green and/or Social Loans. Allocated Eligible Loans are flagged within the core banking system.

VBW will check the eligibility of the allocated Eligible Loans at least on an annual basis and will strive to replace redeemed, maturing, or removed Eligible Loans once an appropriate substitution option has been identified, to the extent necessary to maintain or achieve an Eligible Loan Portfolio that is at least equal to the net proceeds of the outstanding Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds. Pending allocation or reallocation, VBW will hold and/or invest the balance of unallocated net proceeds within VBW's treasury, in cash and/or cash equivalents.

This Framework, and in particular the eligibility criteria for Eligible Green and Social Loans, may be updated from time to time to reflect evolving market standards and regulations, including the EU Taxonomy. Loans must meet the eligibility criteria at the time of inclusion to the Eligible Loan Portfolio. Subsequent changes to the Framework may not apply to already allocated Eligible Loans (grandfathering). For the avoidance of doubt, any new Eligible Loans shall be aligned with the most recent version of the Framework.

6. REPORTING

VBW has the ambition to publish an Allocation and Impact Report on a portfolio basis that will provide information on the environmental and social impacts of the Eligible Loan Portfolio highlighting the progress on allocation of use of proceeds. The Allocation and Impact Report will be published on VBW's website ([Link](#)).

Reporting will be provided on an annual basis until full allocation, and thereafter if there are any material changes to the Eligible Loan Portfolio until the maturity of VBW's Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds.

The Allocation and Impact Report is expected to disclose the amount of the Green, Social or Sustainability Bond proceeds outstanding, the total amount of the proceeds allocated to Eligible Loans and the unallocated amount. It shall also disclose, qualitative and, where possible, quantitative indicators of the Eligible Loan Portfolio, such as:

- Total volume of Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds issued,
- Total amount and number of Eligible Loans allocated to the Eligible Loan Portfolio,
- Breakdown by Eligible Categories,
- Breakdown by geographic distribution, and
- Balance of unallocated proceeds, if any.

Within its annual Allocation and Impact report, when relevant and feasible, VBW will report on several Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in aggregate form at the Eligible Category level for VBW's Green, Social, or Sustainability Bonds. A list of potential indicators is presented below.

Eligible Category	Example of Possible Key Performance Indicators at category level
Green Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated annual energy savings (MWh) • Estimated annual reduced and/ or avoided GHG emissions (tCO2e)
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected annual renewable energy generation (MWh) • Estimated annual GHG emission avoided (tCO2e)
Energy Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated annual energy savings (MWh) • Estimated annual reduced and/ or avoided GHG emissions (tCO2e)
Circular Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of circular economy projects • Prevented, reused or recycled waste (t) • Collected or sorted waste for the purpose of recycling (t)
Clean Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated annual GHG emission avoided (tCO2e) • Number of clean vehicles deployed • Number of EV charging station units installed
Sustainable Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of organic certification scheme • Number of loans
Access to essential services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of medical or education facilities built or upgraded • Number of patients reached with improved healthcare • Number of students/ pupils/ teachers benefiting from improved education
Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of affordable buildings constructed or renovated • m2 of affordable living space constructed or renovated
Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of disabled people employed • Number of disabled people benefitting from products or services • Number of projects
Access to basic infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of persons/ households provided with fast internet access through fiberglass expansion • Number of persons/ households provided with adequate public emergency infrastructure • Number of persons/ households provided with water or wastewater infrastructure • Number of basic infrastructure projects built or upgraded

VBW will disclose the calculation methodology and assumptions for the reported KPIs in its Allocation and Impact report.

7. EXTERNAL REVIEW

Second Party Opinion (Pre-issuance)

To confirm the transparency and robustness of VBW's Sustainability Bond Framework, it is verified and approved by the external second party opinion provider Moody's, confirming the alignment with the ICMA GBPs, SBPs and SBGs. The Second Party Opinion is published on VBW's website ([Link](#)).

Verification (Post-issuance)

An external auditor or reputable external party will verify on an annual basis until full allocation of any Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds issued under this Framework that VBW duly applied the defined procedures of approval of the Sustainable Bond Committee and that an amount equal to the net proceeds of a Green, Social or Sustainability Bond has been allocated to Eligible Loans as defined in the present Framework.

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