



# **AIB Green Bond Impact Report**

*April 2020*

# AIB Green Bond Impact Report

*In accordance with the ICMA Harmonized Framework for Impact Report<sup>1</sup>  
(based on the portfolio approach)*

**Portfolio Date: 31 December 2019**

In accordance with the AIB Green Bond Framework<sup>2</sup> dated September 2019, this document provides:

1. A description of the Eligible Green Projects;
2. The breakdown of the Eligible Green Projects by nature of what is being financed;
3. Metrics regarding Eligible Green Projects' environmental impacts.

## 1. Description of Green Projects

AIB, at its discretion but in accordance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles<sup>3</sup>, will allocate the net proceeds of the Green Bonds issued under the Framework, to a loan portfolio of new existing loans in certain Eligible Green Categories.

### ➤ Eligible Green Categories:

- Green Commercial Buildings:

Green Commercial Buildings in Ireland:

- New or existing buildings, belonging to the top 15% low carbon buildings in the local context (demonstrated via Building Energy Rating 'BER' labels);
- New or existing buildings that have been built from 2020 and later as well as buildings purchased or leased from 2015 by a public body;
- Refurbished buildings with at least a 30% improvement in energy efficiency.

Green Commercial Buildings in the UK:

- New or existing buildings, belonging to the top 15% low carbon buildings in the local context (demonstrated via Energy Performance Certificates 'EPC' labels);
- Refurbished buildings with at least a 30% improvement in energy efficiency.

Green Commercial Buildings in Ireland and in the UK:

- New, existing or refurbished commercial buildings which received a certain level of green building certification

- Green Residential Buildings:

Green Residential Buildings in Ireland:

- New or existing residential buildings, belonging to the top 15% low carbon buildings in the local context (demonstrated via Building Energy Rating 'BER' labels);
- New or existing residential buildings that have been built from 2015;
- Refurbished residential buildings with at least a 30% improvement in energy efficiency.

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.icmagroup.org/assets/documents/Regulatory/Green-Bonds/June-2019/Handbook-Harmonized-Framework-for-Impact-Reporting-WEB-100619.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://aib.ie/content/dam/aib/investorrelations/docs/debt-investors/green-bonds/aib-green-bond-framework.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.icmagroup.org/green-social-and-sustainability-bonds/green-bond-principles-gbp/>

- **Renewable Energy:** Loans to finance or refinance equipment, development, manufacturing, construction, operation, distribution and maintenance of renewable energy generation and storage (i.e. battery storage). Eligible renewable energy sources<sup>4</sup> include:
  - Solar Energy: Photovoltaics (PV), concentrated solar power (CSP) and solar thermal facilities.
  - Wind Energy: Onshore and offshore wind energy generation facilities and other emerging technologies, such as wind tunnels and cubes.
  - Anaerobic digestion of bio-waste<sup>5</sup>: treatment of bio-waste through anaerobic digestion (AD) with resulting production and energetic utilization of biogas (electricity / heat generation).

➤ **Contribution to EU Environmental Objectives:**

Eligible Projects substantially contribute to the achievement of the **EU Environmental Objective n. 1: Climate Change Mitigation**, via improving energy efficiency in all sectors, except energy generation using solid fossil fuels, and at all stages of the energy chain, in order to reduce primary and final energy consumption (sub-objective 1.b) and Generating, storing, distributing or using renewable energy in line with the Renewable Energy Directive, including through using innovative technology with a potential for significant future savings or through necessary reinforcement of the grid (sub-objective 1.a).

➤ **Alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs):**

Green Bonds issued under this Green Bond framework directly advance the following SDGs:



- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy (Target 7.2, 7.3)
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (Target 9.4)
- SDG 13: Climate Action (Target 13.1)

## 2. Breakdown of Green projects by nature of what is being financed

AIB Eligible Green Project Portfolio is composed by financial assets (eligible loans), selected in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria set out in the Framework.

<sup>4</sup> Solar and Wind Facilities with direct emissions higher than 100g CO<sub>2</sub>e / kWh are excluded.

<sup>5</sup> Energy crops and non-waste feedstock are excluded.

### 3. Metrics regarding projects' environmental impacts: Portfolio based green bond report in accordance with the ICMA Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting (June 2019)

AIB has relied on the support of external specialised consultant Carbon Trust<sup>6</sup> to assess the impact of the Green Buildings category and Navigant<sup>7</sup> to assess the impact of Renewable Energy category, together forming the Eligible Green Project Portfolio.

The Eligible Green Project Portfolio is assessed regarding the following environmental impacts:

- **Green Buildings:**
  - Estimated annual energy consumption (in KWh/year) and estimated annual avoided energy consumption (in KWh/year)
  - Estimated annual avoided emissions (in tons CO2 equivalent/year)
  
- **Renewable Energy:**
  - Total installed capacity (in MW)
  - Estimated annual avoided emissions (in tons of CO2 equivalent/year)

**Portfolio Date: 31 December 2019**

Eligible ICMA Project Category	Number of Eligible Loans	Eligible portfolio (EUR)	Share of Total Financing	Eligibility for Green Bonds	Est. annual avoided emissions (tCO2/year)	Total installed capacity (MW) <sup>8</sup>	Est. annual energy consumption (kWh/year)	Est. annual avoided energy consumption (kWh/year)
a/		b/	c/	d/	e/	f/	g/	h/
Green Commercial Buildings	57	925,125,217	54%	100%	63,186	-	88,309,702	256,875,233
Renewable Energy	27	779,639,494	46%	100%	722,196	5,596	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,704,764,711</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>785,382</b>	<b>5,596</b>	<b>88,309,702</b>	<b>256,875,233</b>

Portfolio based green bond report in accordance with the ICMA Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting (version June 2019)

a/ Eligible Category

b/ Signed amount represents the amount legally committed by the issuer for the portfolio or portfolio components eligible for Green Bond Financing

c/ This is the share of the total portfolio cost that is financed by the issuer per Eligible Category

d/ This is the share of the total portfolio costs that is eligible for Green Bond issuances

e/ f/ g/ Impact indicators

- Estimated annual avoided emissions (tCO2/year)
- Total installed capacity (MW).
- Estimated annual energy consumption (kWh/year)
- Estimated annual avoided energy consumption (kWh/year)

<sup>6</sup> The Carbon Trust Impact Assessment can be found at: <https://aib.ie/investorrelations/debt-investor/green-bonds>

<sup>7</sup> The Navigant Impact Assessment can be found at: <https://aib.ie/investorrelations/debt-investor/green-bonds>

<sup>8</sup> Capacity financed by AIB being 832 MW.