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Independent practitioner's reasonable assurance report on the verification of a selection of information disclosed in the 2023 Green Bond Reporting

Year ended December 31st 2023 BNP Paribas S.A. 16 Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris



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To the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,

In our capacity as independent practitioner, we have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the following information as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, (the **Information**), in relation with the Green Bonds issued by BNP Paribas (the **Entity**) in November 2016, April 2018, February 2019, November 2019, October 2020, June 2021, July 2021, November 2021, January 2023 and April 2023 presented in the Green Bond reporting (the **Report**), available on the Entity's website<sup>1</sup> figuring on pages 14 to 21 of the attached document and consisting in :

- the allocation, of funds raised by the Entity through the Green Bonds issued in November 2016, April 2018, February 2019, November 2019, October 2020, June 2021, July 2021, November 2021, January 2023 and April 2023 (the Issuances) contained in the Report, to the assets identified as eligible by the Entity (the Eligible Green Assets),
- the impact indicators of the Eligible Green Assets: avoided GHG emissions for Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Transportation Assets, and Carbon Footprint on Green Building and other Eligible Green Assets.

The Information has been prepared in accordance with the basis of preparation determined by the Entity in the context of the *Green Bond Framework* (the **Framework**). This basis of preparation is set out in section 3 of the Report<sup>2</sup> and is available on the Entity's website<sup>3</sup>.

#### Conclusion

In our conclusion, the Information is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of preparation set out in section 3 of the Report.

## **Preparation of the Information**

The absence of a commonly used and generally accepted reporting framework or of a significant body of established practices on which to draw to assess and measure the Information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques that can affect comparability between entities and over time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://invest.bnpparibas/dette-et-notations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 3 of BNP Parisbas Green Bond Report : Methodology Notes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://invest.bnpparibas/dette-et-notations



Consequently, the Information needs to be read and understood together with the basis of preparation set out in section 3 of the Report and the Framework.

## Responsibility of the Entity

Management of the Entity is responsible for:

- Selecting or establishing suitable criteria for preparing the Information,
- Selecting the Eligible Green Assets regarding the eligibility criteria as defined in the Framework,
- Preparing the Information in accordance with the basis of preparation set out in section 3 of the Report, and
- Designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control over information relevant to the preparation of the Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Responsibility of the independent practitioner

Based on our work, our responsibility is to provide a report expressing a reasonable assurance conclusion on the fact that the Information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of preparation set out in section 3 of the Report.

As we are engaged to form an independent conclusion on the Information as prepared by management, we are not permitted to be involved in the preparation of the Information as doing so may compromise our independence.

It is not our responsibility to:

- Challenge the eligibility criteria as defined in the Framework, and, in particular, we give no interpretation on the final terms of this Framework,
- Form an opinion on the compliance of the Eligible Green Assets with the eligibility criteria defined in the Framework, as concluded in the report issued by the second party opinion ISS ESG,
- Form an opinion on the effective use of the funds allocated to the Eligible Green Assets after such funds were allocated.

#### Applicable professional guidance

We performed our reasonnable assurance engagement in accordance with the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of statutory auditors (Compagnie nationale des commissaires aux comptes "CNCC") applicable to such engagement, the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information and, in respect of greenhouse gas emissions included in the Information, in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board international standard.



## Our independence and quality control

Our independence is defined by the provisions of Article L. 821-13 of the French Commercial Code and the French Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors (*Code de déontologie*) of our profession. In addition, we have implemented a system of quality control including documented policies and procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, ethical requirements and the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (*Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes*) relating to this engagement.

#### Means and resources

Our work was carried out by an independent and multidisciplinary team including specialists in sustainable development and corporate social responsibility.

## Nature and scope of procedures

We are required to plan and perform our work to address the areas where we have identified that a material misstatement of the Information is likely to arise.

To assess this risk, we took into account the Entity's internal controls on the preparation of the Information in order to design appropriate assurance procedures, and not with the purpose of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control system.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgment. In carrying out our reasonable assurance engagement on the Information:

- We identified and conducted several interviews with the persons responsible for the collect of the Information, with the Directions in charge of overseeing the collect of the Information and, where appropriate, with those responsible for internal control and risk management procedures,
- We assessed the suitability of the procedures used by the Entity to report the Information with respect to their relevance, completeness, reliability, neutrality and understandability, taking into account, where appropriate, best practices within the sector,
- We verified the existence of internal control and risk management procedures implemented by the Entity,
- We inspected the external controls in place such as the statutory auditor report on the Entity's financial statements, as well as the second party opinion report from ISS ESG on the Eligible Green Assets compliance with the Framework,
- We inspected the processes used for data collection, aggregation, processing, monitoring and control, in particular the procedures relating to the allocation of funds as of December 31st, 2023,
- On the basis of a representative sample of assets, we verified the concordance of the amounts of the Eligible Green Assets as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with the accounts and the data underlying the accounts,
- We verified that the amount of funds allocated to assets is less than or equal to the amount of these assets as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023,
- We verified that the methods for measuring the impact indicators related to the selected Eligible Green Assets, as summarized in the section 3 of the Report, have been properly applied, without calling them into question, by:



- Reconciling input data in the spreadsheets prepared by the Entity with regards to the source documents related to the selected assets to which the proceeds have been allocated;
- Reconciling calculation methods used with regards to the basis of preparation set out in section 3 of the Report;
- Verifying the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations related to the impact indicators.

We believe that our work is sufficient to provide a basis for our reasonable assurance opinion on the Information.

This report has been prepared within the context described above and may not be used, distributed or referred to for any other purpose.

Paris la Défense, July 1st 2024,

KPMG S.A.

Marie-Christine Jolys Partner

Brice Javaux ESG Expert

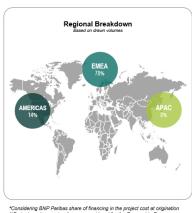


# Appendix: Extract from the 2023 Green Bond Reporting

# BNP Paribas' Green Bond: 2023 Impact Figures

This slide presents an overview of drawn volumes allocated to each eligible category, considering an overview of projects in operation and under construction. It includes the regional breakdown of the portfolio of Eligible Green Assets. The details of these figures can be found in the following slides.

	Category	Sub-Category	Total Volume (Mn EUR) (of which in construction)	Impact Indicators (2023)*
竹	Renewable Energy	Offshore and onshore wind, concentrated solar power	6,117.7 (2,205.6)	<b>1,104.5</b> tCO <sub>2</sub> eq. Emissions Avoided per million EUR Invested <sup>ad</sup>
	Transportation	Electric buses, rail transport	<b>481.1</b> (136.2)	<b>42.5</b> tCO₂ eq. Emissions Avoided per million EUR Invested
<b>④</b>	Energy Efficiency	Improvement of energy efficiency/ efficient infrastructures	1,097.5 (0)	<b>16.8</b> tCO₂ eq. Emissions Avoided per million EUR Invested
			7,696.3 (2,341.8)	883.0 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq. Emissions Avoided per million EUR Invested***
	Green Buildings	Buildings with internationally recognised environmental	1,963.5 (871.7)	2.7 tCO2 eq. Emissions per million EUR Invested
	·	certifications	(8/1.7)	2.5 kgCO₂ eq. Emissions per Square Meter
	Other Eligible Green Assets	Water treatment plants, recycling plants, other green assets	783.5 (674.8)	9.6 tCO₂ eq. Emissions per millio. EUR Invested
			2,747.0 (1,546.5)	3.3 tCO₂ eq. Emissions per million EUR Invested
			10,443.3 (3,888.3) Total Mn EUR invested	



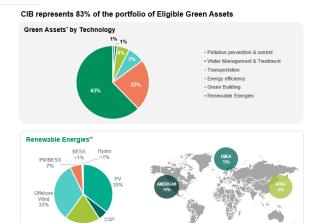
\*Considering BNP Paribas share of financing in the project cost at originatis\*
\*\*Projects under construction are considered for the Renewable Energy
category, but excluded from all the other categories
\*\*\*\*Weighted average per drawn volume with respect to each category



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# 2023 Annual Report: Overview (CIB only)





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# 2023 Annual Report: Sector Deep-Dive - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided (1/2)

		Number of	Capacity	Annual		Total	Operation
Technology	Countries	Projects	(MW)	Production (GWh)	Annual tCO2 eq. Avoided*	BNP Paribas Amount of the t (or EUR eq.) as	
PV		46	12,087	32,351	2,323,524.7	1,919.8	1,214.3
CSP		13	816	1,957	61,659.1	286.5	286.5
Onshore Wind		47	12,763	27,157	1,270,998.4	1,049.7	726.2
Offshore Wind	AU, BE, BR, CL, FR, DE, ES,	28	15,389	59,496	2,606,431.7	1,763.6	949.8
PV/BESS	IE, IN, IT, JP, MY, NL, PA, PE, PT, SW, TW, UAE, UK,	8	4,716	8,100	453,084.4	352.1	15.8
BESS	US	2	200	77	11,110.9	26.5	
Hydro		1	119	388	17,925.6	17.0	17.0
Private Rooftop and Solar PV (Personal Finance assets)		2	93	98	12,112.9	702.5	702.5
TOTAL		147	46,183	129,625	6,756,847.6	6,117.7	3,912.1

F	Transportation					
	Technology	Countries	Number of Projects	Annual tCO2 eq. Avoided* (for projects in operation)	Total BNP Paribas Amount of the fin EUR eq.) as o	
	Electric Buses**	ED IT OLDA ALLOO EO ED	3	12,326.0	136.6	76.0
	Railway Infrastructure and Fleets	FR, IT, CL, PA, AU, CO, EG, TR	8	8,114.3	344.5	268.9
	TOTAL		11	20,440.3	481.1	344.9
			(iC	GHG Emissions Avoided CO2 eq. emissions avoided per EUR ma Invested)	42.5	Project under construction are not included

Sased on BNP Paribas share of financing in the project cost at origination

Project scenario assumes that all new electrical buses will replace old EURO III buses (as per the client's sustainability strategy)



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# 2023 Annual Report: Sector Deep-Dive – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided (2/2)

Category	Countries	Number of Portfolios	Total energy saved (GWh)	Annual tCO2 eq. Avoided*** (for projects in	in EUR mn (or E	unt of the financing (drawn) EUR eg.) as of 31/12/2023
		rordonos		operation)	Total	Operation
Private Energy Efficiency Projects (Personal Finance assets)	FR	2	149	18,417.8	1,09	97.5 1,097.
				GHG Emissions Avoided avoided per EUR mn Invested)	No projects are und constructi	
ummary of Greenhouse Gas Emissio	ons Avoided					
Eligible Project Category	Nu	mber of projects/ Portfolios	Drawn Volume	GHG Emissions Av		HG Emissions Avoided*** per EUR mn eq. invested
Unit		(#)	(EUR mg eq.)	(tCO₂ eq.)		(tCO₂ eq./ EUR mg eq.)
(Renewable Energy – CIB)		145	5,415.2		6,744,734.7	1,245.
(Private Rooftop Solar PV - Personal Finance as	isets)	2	702.5		12,112.9	17.
Total Renewable Energy		147	6,117.7		6,756,847.6	1,104.5
Transportation - CIB		11	481.1		20,440.3	42.
Energy Efficiency - Personal Finance assets		2	1,097.5		18,417.8	16.
Total		160	7,696.3		6,795,705.7	883.0
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# 2023 Annual Report: Sector Deep-Dive - Greenhouse Gas Footprint\*

Certifications	Countries	Number of	Projects	Estimated Carbon Footprint (tCO2 eq.)**	BNP Paribas Amount of the EUR mn (or EUR eq.)	
Germanons	Countries	In construction	In operation	(for buildings in operation)	Total	In Operation
REEAM Outstanding/Excellent, LEED Platinum/Gold, BEAM Plus old/Platinum, EDGE Certified (Lvi1), NF HQE Exceptionnel/Excellent, BC Effinergie Rénovation, WIREDSCORE Platinum	CN, FR, IE, IT, NL, PT, ES, SG	16	23	2,914.0	1,963.5	1,091.
				Emissions Intensity (tCO2 eq. emissions per EUR mn Invested)	Projects under construction are not included in estimations	2.7
Other Eligible Assets	Countries	Number of	Projects	Estimated Carbon Footprint	BNP Paribas Amount of th	
Other Eligible Assets Sub-categories	Countries	Number of	Projects In operation	Estimated Carbon Footprint (tCO2 eq.)** (for projects in operation)		
Sub-categories  ater Treatment & Distribution, Pollution Prevention & Control tecycling), Transmission Lines, Smart Grids, Battery Energy	Countries  AO, AU, BE, ES, FR, HU, SE, UK, US			(tCO2 eq.)**	EUR mn (or EUR eq.)	as of 31/12/2023
	AO, AU, BE, ES, FR,	In construction	In operation	(tCO2 eq.)*** (for projects in operation)	EUR mm (or EUR eq.) Total	as of 31/12/2023