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FCI's Climate Finance Offering



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ESG Market

Key messages

- The financial sector plays a key role in supporting a green, resilient and inclusive recovery. This is key especially for EMDEs, which are more vulnerable and less prepared to respond to the impacts of climate change.
- FCI Finance climate offering builds on three pillars:
 - **Disclosure & reporting**: Requiring financial institutions/companies to report both the impact of climate change on their operations, and their impact on the climate.
 - **Risk management**: Measuring and managing the impact of physical and transition climate risks on the financial system, governments, businesses and households.
 - **Green finance**: mobilizing capital towards sustainable activities aligned with climate mitigation and adaptation goals
- FCI Finance is engaged with **international networks** (G20, FSB, SSB, NGFS, etc.) to contribute to standards and policies, as a regulation wave is coming
- FCI is supporting **policy reforms and \$11b worth lending operations in 50 countries** through analytical and advisory services
- **Prioritization of engagements** will be key to deliver timely and high-quality support

A regulation wave is coming to green the financial sector



Climate change poses serious threats to sustainable development so EMDEs need 'ride the regulation wave' to increase investments for mitigation and adaptation

Greening financial system challenges faced by EMDEs

- EMDEs are **most vulnerable to climate impacts** while less able to respond to the impacts of climate change
- Insufficient funding to meet EMDEs' green goals, with limited green financing and product innovation by the financial sector
- Many EMDEs are at the nascent stage of greening their financial sector. Some EMDEs lack knowledge, capacity and data to implement policies.
- Lack of understanding of how global green finance standards might affect EMDEs.
- Global regulation risk being barrier to mobilizing finance for EMDEs unless set in way which can be implemented all contexts



Source: ND-GAIN Vulnerability Index

Limited issuance of green bonds in EMDEs *H1 2020 green bond issuance top 15 countries*



Low macro-financial capacity EMDEs to deal with impacts *Scatterplot climate readiness vs macro financial conditions*



Source: EIU Country Risk Model, ND-Gain Readiness Index

Policy initiatives lacking in EMDEs *Map of green/sustainable regulations*



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Disclosure & Reporting

- Taxonomies and reporting standards to support transparency for climate-risk informed investments.
- Environmental credit ratings, external review providers (e.g., verification, certification, assurance)



- Climate risk finance instruments to protect households, businesses and governments against climate shocks and disasters
- Prudential regulations & stress testing to manage risk, increase financial stability, and incentivize greener investments



Green Finance

- Green finance instruments (e.g., green bonds, green housing finance, cat bonds) to allow for investments with a positive climate impact and financial return
- Green investors to support institutional investors in incorporating climate into their investment strategies
- **Private capital mobilization:** co-investment partnerships global + local EMDE investors

Analytical & Advisory Services (e.g., FSAPs, Climate and Disaster Risk Finance Diagnostics)

Global Discussions (e.g., FSB, TCFD, NGFS, G7, G20, InsuResilience Global Partnership, Coalition of Finance Ministers)

Lending (e.g., IPF, DPF, CAT DDO, P4R)

Diagnostic Tools (CCDR/FSAP/ Country work)



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Contribution to Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDR)

Areas of involvement

- Financial policies and climate change
 - Vulnerability of financial sector to climate change: e.g., climate (physical and transition) risk scenario analysis; stress testing
 - Financing options for resilient economy: e.g., (parametric) insurance, cat bonds
 - Financing options for greening the economy: e.g., green bonds, sustainability-linked bonds
 - Opportunities and barriers to mobilize private finance
 - Benchmarking of financial sector policies against international good practice
- Fiscal policy and climate change
 - Assessment of government contingent liabilities related to climate shocks and natural disasters
 - Policies and instruments to manage fiscal risks of climate shocks and natural disasters (e.g., disaster funds, sovereign risk transfer)

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ESG Market

European ESG Related Bond Issuance

ESG volumes have boomed as both investors and issuers increase their focus on ESG



Source: Bloomberg as of 30 March 2022; Criteria: Corporate deals, All Currency, Green/social/sustainable indicator. Excludes PPs

Total European Green/Sustainable Bond Issuance



Source: Bloomberg as of 30 March 2022; Criteria: Corporate deals, All Currency, Green/social/sustainable indicator. Excludes PPs

Deal Issuance 2017-2022 by Country

Global ESG Bond Issuance



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Fund Flows into European Fixed Income Credit Funds (\$m Equiv) has boomed



Source: Bloomberg as of 01 March 2022.

ESG vs Conventional Supply Over the Years Across Currencies

ESG-Supply in the EUR, GBP and USD Market



The ESG Market is Dominated by Green Deals, but SLBs are Gaining Market Share

ESG-Labelled Supply in the several markets by Product and by Sector

Basic Materials

Technology



Source: Bloomberg, as of 26 April 2022

Technology

16%

Energy

ESG Labels Led to Better Execution Dynamics but Green Curves Don't Always Trade Inside

There is evidence in the Euro market that a Green label led to better execution dynamics with higher levels of oversubscription supporting increased pricing tension and lower new issue concessions. In secondary markets green curves trade inside of brown curves for some issuers but this is not consistent across all names

Labelled Bonds Achieve Higher Oversubscription Levels



Labelled Bonds Achieve Lower New Issue Concessions



Source: Bloomberg, IFR, Informa, as of 26 April 2022

ESG Fund Flows into European Fixed Income Credit Funds (\$m Equiv)



Source: Bloomberg, as of 31 March 2022

Source: Bloomberg, IFR, Informa, as of 26 April 2022

ESG bonds trading on average 4bps tighter than brown so far in 2022



Source: Markit, Bloomberg, as of 22 April 2022. Indices based on 61 pairs of ESG vs. non-ESG senior bonds from the same issuer and of similar duration

Experience from financial institutions ESG bond issuance

- Especially in Europe, the ESB bond issuances in the financial sector have been driven by capital / lossabsorbency requirements
- Banks have been issued:
 - Senior Bonds
 - Tier 2 Bonds
 - Senior Non-Preferred Bonds
- Banks have seen problems on the issuance of ESG bonds:
 - The regulator (EBA) has signaled several risks on the eligibility of green bonds as capital instruments
 - Banks have started to use sustainability-linked bonds for capital loss-absorbency purposes

Berlin Hyp - EUR 500m WNG 10yr Senior Preferred SLB

Why did Berlin Hyp issue an SLB?

- Issuing in SLB format ties in with Berlin Hyp's new sustainability agenda, which they recently established after meeting their 2020 strategic goals early. The SLB will require the entire organisation to commit towards achieving their ESG goals
- Sustainability has been deeply embedded into Berlin Hyp's corporate strategy for many years, they are considered to be pioneers of the green bond market, having issued the first green bond by a bank back in April 2015 which was also the world's first ever green covered bond (they now have 13 benchmark-sized green bonds outstanding, c.€5.7bn equiv.)

The Framework

KPI: - Carbon intensity reduction rate of Berlin Hyp's entire loan portfolio

• The KPI is defined as the carbon intensity of all buildings financed by the total of all loans granted by Berlin Hyp, forming the bank's loan portfolio. The carbon intensity of its loan portfolio is expressed in percentage (%) compared to the 2020 baseline.

SPT: - Reducing the carbon intensity of the entire loan portfolio by 40% between 2020 and 2030

- Berlin Hyp have set their 1st intermediate target: 14% reduction by 2025 and 2nd intermediate target: 27% reduction by 2028 with the goal of reducing the carbon intensity of the entire loan portfolio by 40% between 2020 and 2030
- Carbon intensity is calculated as the ratio of the aggregated CO2 emissions from all commercial real estate financed by Berlin Hyp by total financed areas: CI = kgCO2/m2/a
- To calculate the intensity target Berlin Hyp published their methodology on page 13 of their framework which consider: sqm financed -> total energy used -> energy used per sqm -> conversion factor by use/country (to consider the CO2 emitted by unit of energy generated) -> CO2 emissions per sqm

Step-up: coupon will be increased by 25 bp if sustainability performance target is not met at the observation date (31 December 2030)

- Increase of the coupon by a percentage expressed in bps per annum, payable from the first coupon payment date following the SPT observation date until maturity or at the point of maturity
- Berlin Hyp proposed 4 potential penalties (in terms of bond characteristics), as follows:



Berlin Hyp