

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

# Green Bond Framework

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Background

Ibercaja Banco is one of the largest banking groups in Spain, with 2.5 millions customers, 893 branches, 4,914 employees and a volume of activity of 97,909 million euros as of September 2023.

Ibercaja Banco was created in 2011 as a result of the segregation and contribution to Ibercaja Banco of the financial activity of the former savings bank Caja de Ahorros y Monte de Piedad de Zaragoza, Aragón y Rioja (the “Ibercaja Savings Bank”, now transformed into the Ibercaja Foundation pursuant to the Banking Foundations Act). In 2013, Ibercaja Banco absorbed Banco Caja3, an entity formed by the segregation and subsequent merger of the financial activity of three former savings banks which have since then become foundations: Fundación Inmaculada de Aragón, Fundación Caja Badajoz and Fundación Círculo de Burgos. These 3 foundations together with Fundación Bancaria Ibercaja are Ibercaja’s Banco shareholders .

Ibercaja Banco carries out its business exclusively in Spain and mainly in the autonomous regions of Aragón and La Rioja and the provinces of Guadalajara, Burgos and Badajoz. Ibercaja Banco also has a well-established presence in Madrid and in the Mediterranean basin, which includes the autonomous region of Catalonia and the Valencian Community.

Ibercaja Banco has its own financial group (a group of subsidiaries responsible for the management of mutual funds, pension plans and the Group’s insurance business).The Financial Group offers a wide range of products aimed at the Group’s retail customers, complementing traditional banking products and services.

Ibercaja Banco is firmly committed to helping and adding value to its customers. Professionalism, closeness and social and regional commitment are just some of the features that distinguish the Entity.

Additionally, Ibercaja Banco has a firm commitment to sustainability and integrates it into its financial activity by offering its clients sustainable products and services, by assuming the commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050 and by incorporating environmental, social and governance factors in the risk management.



## 1.2 Ibercaja Banco commitments

Ibercaja Banco is committed to ensuring that its business objectives promote sustainable development and social wellbeing, integrating environmental, social and good governance aspects into its strategy, business decisions and risk management.

The need for a shift towards a low-carbon and sustainable economy, the challenges of post-pandemic growth and the geopolitical and economic situation, marked by the rising cost of living, are the major challenges facing society. Ibercaja Banco is aware of its role as a key player in the economy, supporting and influencing change towards a fairer and more sustainable economy that seeks the wellbeing of society. In this regard, the Bank considers the impact of its operations on the environment, social and economic situation in its strategic decisions. At Ibercaja Banco, we are not only moving towards sustainability, we are actively promoting it. Since the start, Ibercaja Banco has been a Bank with a clear social commitment to the development of its activity, focused on supporting the country, the business fabric and the most vulnerable groups. Along these lines, it continues moving forward to respond to the growing sustainability-related needs.

In carrying out its financial activity, Ibercaja Banco is very mindful of its Corporate Purpose: ***'Help people build their life story'*** and is aware that its actions must promote a balance between economic growth, social cohesion and the preservation of the environment. **Ibercaja Banco is therefore a signatory to the 10 principles of the Global Compact, is firmly committed to the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda and is a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Banking to advance in the configuration of a sustainable banking system.**

The Ibercaja Banco Group's commitment to sustainable growth was endorsed with the approval, in December 2020 by the Board of Directors, of the [Sustainability Policy](#), a document that reflects this commitment and establishes the global framework for action in the area of sustainability. It contains the commitments voluntarily assumed by Ibercaja Banco with its stakeholders to promote long term sustainable, inclusive and environmentally friendly growth.



Ibercaja Banco's sustainability strategy is based on five cornerstones:



**ESG RISKS:** identification and management for its gradual integration into the Bank's global risk analysis.



**SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS:** analysing needs and identifying opportunities for business development that accompanies customers in the transition to a sustainable economy, including climate change.



**PEOPLE:** comprehensive development of employees, training them with the necessary training for the new context and promoting work, personal and family balance.



**TRANSPARENCY** for all its stakeholders, promoting communication of both financial and non-financial aspects of the business.



**PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT** and its resources, mitigating climate change and favouring the development of a more inclusive and egalitarian society.

Ibercaja Banco by conviction and way of banking, linked from its origins to the development of the territory and society, integrates sustainability in the business through a specific strategic cross-cutting project, in which all areas and companies of the Ibercaja Banco Group participate with a single roadmap, which is part of its Strategic Plan.

Moreover Ibercaja Banco, committed to achieving zero emissions by 2050, has calculated the carbon footprint financed on the loan portfolio, in order to identify carbon-intensive sectors and set appropriate decarbonisation paths to **achieve Net-Zero by 2050**. To this end, the Bank has defined intermediate decarbonisation targets for 2030 in three of the most carbon-intensive sectors: electricity generation, iron and steel production and residential real estate.

In 2018, a **SDG materiality analysis** was carried out to identify the SDGs that Ibercaja Banco has the greatest capacity to influence, to broaden their impact and to launch new projects. Establishing the purpose of each SDGs for the Bank, we identified the



actions already underway at the Bank, and assessed their trajectory and scope. The result was a graph that shows the importance of the Goals and makes visible those SDGs that are most relevant to Ibercaja Banco, in which we can make the greatest contribution.

### Ibercaja Banco prioritises the following goals



Ibercaja Banco has been a signatory since 2019 of the **United Nations Principles for Responsible Banking (PRBs)**, as a framework for action for a financial system that acts as a lever for sustainable development. For this reason, the implementation of the PRBs is part of the sustainability project and is one of its main lines of action.

Ibercaja Banco's commitments are:

- 1 **Alignment** of our business strategy with the SDGs, the Paris Agreement and other national and regional frameworks.
- 2 **Impact:** increase our positive impacts and reduce negative impacts; manage ESG risks resulting from our activities, products and services.
- 3 **Customers:** act responsibly and promote sustainable practices and activities for current and future generations.
- 4 **Stakeholders:** active listening, participation and collaboration with stakeholders to achieve societal goals.
- 5 **Governance and Culture:** effective corporate governance and responsible banking culture; ambitious targets for our impacts.
- 6 **Transparency and Accountability:** review our implementation of the Principles and be transparent in reporting on our positive and negative impacts and our contribution to society.



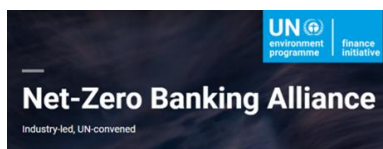
## Ibercaja Banco commitments and alliances



Ibercaja Banco forms part of the **UNEP-FI United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative**, which seeks to mobilise private sector financing for sustainable development by fostering a financial sector that generates positive impacts for people and the planet.



In 2019 Ibercaja Banco adhered to the recommendations of the **Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)**, as a guide for the development of climate-related disclosures, so that the climate-related financial information published is consistent, reliable, comparable and clear and allows investors to take into account climate-related risks and help adaptation to climate change.



In April 2021 Ibercaja Banco signed, **as a founding member, the Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA)**, an initiative promoted by the United Nations that promotes the commitment of the banking sector worldwide to achieve CO2 neutrality of its own and its portfolio by 2050.



As a sign of the Group's commitment to sustainable investment, from 2021 **Ibercaja Gestión subscribes to the United Nations Principles for Socially Responsible Investment (UNPRI)**, to which **Ibercaja Pensión** had already adhered in 2011, with a Socially Responsible Investment Policy [published on its website](#).



In 2022, **Ibercaja Banco joined the Partnership for Carbon Accounting in the Financial Industry (PCAF)** to work towards its commitment to achieve emission neutrality of its portfolios by 2050 or earlier. PCAF is the international benchmark to facilitate the financial industry's alignment with the Paris Agreement and to convey transparency in the calculation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This methodology has been consistently applied in the measurement of financed emissions and other indicators related to emissions intensity.



**Ibercaja Gestión and Ibercaja Pensión join the engagement platform Carbon Disclosure Project**, an engagement platform and non-profit organisation that administers a system for companies to disclose environmental information so that investors can better manage their environmental impacts. The fund managers have continued to collaborate during 2022 with other engagement platforms such as Climate Action 100+ or Access to Medicine Foundation.

#### Other sustainability initiatives:

- Ibercaja Banco has been a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact since 2006, confirming that the activity carried out is performed in accordance with the principles established by this initiative, with the Bank reporting annually on its involvement.
- It works in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, also supporting their internal and external distribution.
- Collective Commitment to Climate Action: In December 2019, Ibercaja Banco signed the Spanish financial sector's climate commitment within the framework of COP25, promoted by the AEB, CECA and ICO. The agreement specifies the collective commitment of the main Spanish banks to measure the carbon





footprint of their balance sheets and reduce the climate impact of their financial activity.

- The Environmental Management System (EMS) has been in place at the Bank since 2007, and it is externally certified by AENOR, which verifies compliance by the head office building with the requirements of the ISO 14001:2015 standard.
- Ibercaja Banco is a signatory of the Alliance #CEOPorLaDiversidad, led by Fundación Adecco and Fundación CEOE, whose mission is to unite companies around a common and innovative vision of diversity, which accelerates the development of strategies that contribute to business excellence, the competitiveness of talent and the reduction of inequality and exclusion in Spanish society.
- It participates in the Sectoral Sustainable Finance Group and in the Sustainability Observatory, coordinated by CECABank, in which legislative progress and supervisory expectations in the area of sustainability are analysed to identify the applicable requirements and to provide a response through action plans.
- Ibercaja Banco holds the RSA and RSA+ seals awarded by the Government of Aragon since its creation in 2017, revalidated each year, which recognise those entities in the Autonomous Community committed to corporate social responsibility and sustainability.
- Since 2017, Ibercaja Banco has held the Solidar Certificate, awarded by the Solidarity Business Association of Aragon, for its management to promote the integration of people with disabilities into the labour market, which was renewed in 2022.
- In 2022, the Bank obtained EFR recertification as a Family-Responsible Company, awarded by Fundación Más Familia, obtained in 2019. This certification recognises companies committed to the well-being of their employees and which promote active management of work-life balance and equality.
- In line with its commitment to care for and protect the environment, in 2022 Ibercaja Banco obtained the Aragón Circular Seal, 'Companies' category, awarded by the Government of Aragon, which recognises the work carried out in favour of the circular economy, with the development of good practices and actions to improve circularity, within the framework of excellent, innovative and sustainable management.



- Dialogue and voting activities are carried out in line with our Engagement Policy. Dialogue is an integral part of the circular process of integrating ESG risks into investment analysis and management with a focus on medium to long-term engagement. In 2022, 65 shareholder meetings of both domestic and international companies were attended with the support of a proxy advisor with ESG criteria.





## 1.3 Rationale for Green Bond issuance

By issuing green finance instruments we intend to:

- Align our funding strategy with our mission, sustainability and climate strategy and targets.
- Promote and support the migration of assets towards a more sustainable balance sheet, with greater resilience to physical and transition risks.
- Ensure that the proceeds from institutional investors are channeled into green investments that contribute to a transition to an economy that has a lower environmental impact, reinforcing the Bank's capabilities in financing green projects.

In Ibercaja Banco we believe in the key role played by financial institutions thereby we want to contribute to the development of the sustainable finance market and underlay the importance of the implementation and achievement of the UN's SDGs.





## 2. Green Bond Framework

### 2.1 Description and purpose

Ibercaja Banco is setting up this Green Bond Framework with the goal of reinforcing the bank's capabilities in financing green projects.

It is Ibercaja Banco's intention to follow best practices in the market as the standards develop. That is why this Framework may be updated and amended from time to time. Any such updated and amended Framework will be published on the issuer's website and will replace this Framework. This Framework will be further amended to take into account the new sustainable finance regulation of the EU Taxonomy to define clearly green eligible asset based on the delegated acts published by the European Union.

Green Bond proceeds will be allocated to Eligible Green Loans<sup>1</sup> as defined in the Use of Proceeds section. The issuer has developed this Framework being coherent with Ibercaja Banco's strategic priorities of sustainable development, and believes that it contributes to its commitments and targets in terms of climate change mitigation and sustainable development.

Ibercaja Banco's Green Bond Framework is in line with the 2021 edition of the Green Bond Principles<sup>2</sup> (GBP).

The Framework is presented through the following four core components:

1. Use of Proceeds
2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
3. Management of Proceeds
4. Reporting

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<sup>1</sup> Loans may be for specific assets and projects or to 'pure play' companies, defined as companies which are expected to derive ≥90% of their turnover from assets aligned with the Use of Proceeds defined criteria.

<sup>2</sup> Green Bond Principles, ICMA, June 2021 (appendix of 2022): <https://www.icmagroup.org/sustainable-finance/the-principles-guidelines-and-handbooks/green-bond-principles-gbp/>





## 2.2 Use of Proceeds

An amount equivalent to the net proceeds of the Green Bonds will be exclusively used to finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part Ibercaja Banco's eligible loans (Eligible Green Loans) as described below. Ibercaja Banco is taking into consideration the Substantial Contribution criteria on eligible economic activities as per the EU Taxonomy Regulation as well as other internal criteria based on sector market practices. Therefore, Eligible Green Loans will meet the Green Eligibility Criteria defined below and will be included in the Eligible Green Loan Portfolio. The eligible loans will fall under the following green categories:

### Eligible Green Loan categories

- **Renewable energy**
- **Green Buildings**
- **Clean Transportation**
- **Sustainable Water**
- **Pollution Prevention and Control**



Green bond category for eligible projects	Eligible Projects	EU environmental objective	SDG
<p><b>Renewable Energy</b></p>	<p><b>Renewable energy production facilities, supporting infrastructure, technologies and solutions including from the following renewable sources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar energy (photovoltaic and concentrated solar power)</li> <li>• Wind power (offshore and onshore)</li> <li>• Hydropower<sup>3</sup>, where the facility complies with one of the following criteria:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the facility is a run-of-river plant and does not have an artificial reservoir;</li> <li>• the power density of the facility is above 5W/m<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>• the life-cycle GHG emissions are lower than 100gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Transmission and distribution of electricity.</b></p> <p>The transmission and distribution infrastructure or equipment is in an electricity system that complies with at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the system is the interconnected European system, i.e. the interconnected control areas of Member States, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and its subordinated systems;</li> <li>• more than 67% of newly enabled generation capacity in the system is below the generation threshold value of 100 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh measured on a life cycle basis in accordance with electricity generation criteria, over a rolling five-year period;</li> <li>• the average system grid emissions factor, calculated as the total annual emissions from</li> </ul>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p>	 

<sup>3</sup> For projects that became operational after 2019, Ibercaja Banco will take into account the following criteria: i) run-of-river facilities without an artificial reservoir; ii) power density greater than 10 W/m<sup>2</sup>; or iii) life cycle GHG emissions intensity lower than 50 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh



power generation connected to the system, divided by the total annual net electricity production in that system, is below the threshold value of 100 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh measured on a life cycle basis in accordance with electricity generation criteria, over a rolling five-year period;

**Transmission and distribution networks for renewable and low-carbon gases**

1. The activity consists in one of the following:
  - a) construction or operation of new transmission and distribution networks dedicated to hydrogen or other low-carbon gases;
  - b) conversion/repurposing of existing natural gas networks to 100% hydrogen;
  - c) retrofit of gas transmission and distribution networks that enables the integration of hydrogen and other low-carbon gases in the network, including any gas transmission or distribution network activity that enables the increase of the blend of hydrogen or other low carbon gasses in the gas system;
  
2. The activity includes leak detection and repair of existing gas pipelines and other network elements to reduce methane leakage.

**Construction and operation of facilities that store hydrogen and return it at a later time.**

The activity is one of the following:

- a) construction of hydrogen storage facilities;
- b) conversion of existing underground gas storage facilities into storage facilities dedicated to hydrogen-storage;
- c) operation of hydrogen storage facilities where the hydrogen stored in the facility meets the criteria for manufacture of






	<p>hydrogen set out in Section 3.10. of the Annex to the Regulation<sup>4</sup>.</p> <p><b>Manufacture of hydrogen and hydrogen-based synthetic fuels and manufacture of equipment for the production and use of hydrogen.</b></p> <p>The activity complies with the life-cycle GHG emissions savings requirement of 73.4% for hydrogen [resulting in life-cycle GHG emissions lower than 3tCO<sub>2</sub>e/tH<sub>2</sub>] and 70% for hydrogen-based synthetic fuels relative to a fossil fuel comparator of 94g CO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ in analogy to the approach set out in Article 25(2) of and Annex V to Directive (EU) 2018/2001.</p> <p>Life-cycle GHG emissions savings are calculated using the methodology referred to in Article 28(5) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 or, alternatively, using ISO 14067:2018(119) or ISO 14064-1:2018(120).</p> <p>Quantified life-cycle GHG emission savings are verified in line with Article 30 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 where applicable, or by an independent third party.</p> <p>Where the CO<sub>2</sub> that would otherwise be emitted from the manufacturing process is captured for the purpose of underground storage, the CO<sub>2</sub> is transported and stored underground, in accordance with the technical screening criteria set out in Sections 5.11 and 5.12, respectively, of the Annex to the Regulation.</p>		
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<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R2139>













<p><b>Green Building</b></p>	<p><b>Construction thresholds:</b></p> <p>The Primary Energy Demand (PED), defining the energy performance of the building resulting from the construction, is at least 10 % lower than the threshold set for the nearly zeroenergy building (NZEB) requirements in national measures implementing Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council. The energy performance is certified using an as built Energy Performance Certificate (EPC).</p> <p>Third-party certification: LEED (minimum “Gold”), BREEAM (minimum “Excellent”), HQE (minimum “excellent”), DGNB (minimum Gold), GBC España-verde and Passivhaus.</p> <p><b>Renovation thresholds</b></p> <p>Projects must meet any of the following thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet the applicable requirements for renovation amounts according to Directive 2010/31/EU.</li> <li>• Generate a primary energy demand (PED) reduction of at least 30% compared to the building's energy performance before renovation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Acquisition thresholds</b></p> <p>Including mortgages and long-term leases. EU thresholds are taken as a benchmark, therefore acquisition and ownership must satisfy any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings built before December 31, 2020: the building must have at least a class A EPC. As an alternative, the building is within the top 15 % of the national or regional building stock expressed as operational Primary Energy Demand (PED) and demonstrated by adequate evidence, which at least compares the performance of the relevant asset to the performance of the national or regional stock built before 31 December 2020 and at least distinguishes between residential and non-residential buildings</li> <li>• Buildings built after December 31, 2020: the building must satisfy the criteria established in the construction thresholds.</li> <li>• Buildings with an effective nominal power of more than 290 kW: efficiently operated according to the energy performance contract or a building control system in accordance with Articles 14(4) and 15(4) of Directive 2010/ 31 EU.</li> </ul>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p>	  
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<p><b>Clean Transportation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing of urban and suburban transport vehicles, for passengers and road/rail passenger transport with direct tailpipe CO2 emissions equal to zero (Metro, tram, high speed passenger train, private vehicles)</li> <li>• Financing of personal mobility or transport devices where the propulsion comes from the physical activity of the user, from a zero-emissions motor, or a mix of zero-emissions motor and physical activity. This includes the provision of freight transport services by (cargo) bicycles.</li> <li>• Construction, modernisation, maintenance and operation of infrastructure for personal mobility, including the construction of roads, motorways bridges and tunnels and other infrastructure that are dedicated to pedestrians and bicycles, with or without electric assist.</li> <li>• Infrastructure enabling low carbon road and public transport: Construction, modernisation, maintenance and operation of infrastructure that is required for zero tailpipe CO2 operation of zero-emissions road transport, as well as infrastructure required for transshipment and operating urban transport, including electric charging points, electricity grid connection upgrades, hydrogen fuelling stations or electric road systems (ERS).</li> <li>• Construction, modernisation, operation and maintenance of railways and subways as well as bridges and tunnels, stations, terminals, rail service facilities<sup>5</sup>, safety and traffic management systems including the provision of architectural services, engineering services, drafting services, building inspection services and surveying and mapping services and the like as well as the performance of physical, chemical and other analytical testing of all types of materials and products.</li> </ul>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p>	  
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<sup>5</sup> In accordance with Article 3, point (11), of [Directive 34/2012/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 establishing a single European railway area (OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 32).



<p><b>Sustainable Water</b></p>	<p>Financing of activities that increase water use efficiency and quality through water recycling, treatment and reuse (including treatment of wastewater), while maintaining a high degree of energy efficiency through the process.</p>	<p>Climate change mitigation</p> <p>Adaptation to climate change</p> <p>Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources</p>	    
<p><b>Pollution Prevention and Control</b></p>	<p>Financing of activities that contribute to waste prevention, minimization, collection, management, recycling, re-use, or processing for recovery.</p>	<p>Pollution prevention and control</p>	  

**Exclusion criteria:**

Loans and projects related to the following activities are excluded as Use of Proceeds under this framework:

- Weapons
- Palm crop, mill and transport
- Coal mining
- Asbestos mining
- Mountaintop removal mining
- Uranium mining
- Conflict mining
- Thermal coal based electricity generation
- Unconventional oil and gas transport and extraction
- Artic oil and gas transport and extraction
- Adult entertainment

## 2.3 Process for Loan Evaluation and Selection

The Issuer has established a Green Bond Working Group, the “Green Bond Working Group” or “GBWG”, to carry out the evaluation and selection process for funding projects according to the criteria set out in the Use of Proceeds section. This GBWG will report its conclusions and proposals to the Reputation and Sustainability Committee. Representatives from the following areas will compose the GBWG:

- Financial Markets (Chairman)
- Brand, Reputation and Sustainability (Secretary)
- Marketing Area – Sustainable Finance
- Investor Relations and Rating Agencies
- Corporate Information and Analytics.
- Credit Risk Concession Management
- Corporate Banking Area. Sustainability
- Risk Control Division

Initially in relation to the existing portfolio at the time of issuance and subsequently in relation to new production, an assessment of sustainable eligible projects will be made in accordance with the criteria set out in the Use of Proceeds section of this GBF. In order to optimize the evaluation and selection process, the GBWG may consult the relevant business areas in the management of eligible operations to obtain further details of such operations.



An additional expert analysis will be carried out in order to clean up inconsistencies in the information and to incorporate specific information to ensure compliance with the technical criteria mentioned in the GBF. The final selection of loans that will form part of the set of eligible green loans will be made from among the loans that have passed this expert analysis process: a final perimeter of operations will be identified and they will be registered as eligible green assets in a specific database (Green financing Register) for the monitoring of the green bond programme.

In relation to ESG risk management, Ibercaja Banco has included the measurement of ESG factors in the credit risk admission and monitoring processes. In this sense, its admission policies include the consideration of ESG risks in the evaluation of clients and transactions together with credit risk. Additionally, the Bank has developed an Exclusions Policy to limit the impact of negative ESG factors on the Bank's own credit and investment risk. Ibercaja Banco's objective is to avoid any investment nor financing any operation that may be considered controversial due to its high environmental, social, ethical or reputational risk. Consequently, Ibercaja Banco has developed ESG questionnaires to collect information from its customers on environmental, social and good governance issues.

Finally, to monitor climate risks, Ibercaja Banco has developed two metrics related to concentration and defined as Ibercaja Banco's exposure to sectors with high emissions intensity. These metrics apply to the credit portfolio of SMEs and corporates and the securities portfolio, with the aim of identifying and controlling the Bank's exposure to climate factors, considering the emissions intensity of the sectors in which it has exposure.

In addition, the GBWG will also be responsible for:

1. Monitoring the Portfolio of eligible loans during the life of the green issues, assessing the degree of compliance with the commitment to allocate funds to eligible projects and might also replace projects that no longer meet the eligibility criteria.
2. Reviewing the content of the Green Bond Framework and its alignment to future regulations and best practices.
3. Coordinate the process of obtaining other document related to the GBF such as the Second Party Opinion (SPO) and related documents from external auditors.
4. Monitor, validate and publish allocation and impact reports.



## 2.4 Management of Proceeds

The Green Bond Working Group will monitor and track the net proceeds through its internal system. Ibercaja Banco is planning to establish a Green Financing Register to track the allocation of proceeds to eligible loans. Ibercaja Banco intends to maintain an Eligible Loan Portfolio that matches or exceeds the proceeds from the outstanding green bonds. In this regard, Ibercaja Banco commits on a best effort to allocate the proceeds as soon as possible and always within 36 months from the date of issuance of each green bond. Pending the full allocation, unallocated proceeds may be temporarily invested in its treasury liquidity portfolio (cash, cash equivalent or other high-quality liquid assets). Ibercaja Banco commits not to invest temporarily unallocated net proceeds in GHG intensive activities or controversial activities.

The Eligible Loan Portfolio will be reviewed periodically and at least twice a year. Any redeem loans or loans that lose the eligibility criteria will be removed from the portfolio.

Ibercaja Banco ensures that its information system and processes for the monitoring of the Green bonds will meet their requirements during the lifetime of any Green bond issued under this Framework.



## 2.5 Reporting

Ibercaja Banco will produce a report annually until the maturity of the Green Bonds on the allocation of the proceeds and the outputs and impacts achieved by the eligible green loans financed. The reporting is intended to follow the recommendations of ICMA Harmonised Frameworks for Impact Reporting (June 2022)<sup>6</sup> and will be publicly available on Ibercaja Banco’s website.

The report will include allocation and impact reporting sections as per below:

### Allocation Reporting

- Allocation of proceeds in each Green Category and the total amount of selected loans for each category
- A breakdown of the portfolio per vintage and geography
- The remaining balance of unallocated proceeds from the relevant Green bonds

### Impact Reporting

When feasible, this report will provide both output and impact indicators as presented below.

Ibercaja Banco commits to disclose calculation methodologies, baselines and assumptions used in the impact reporting.

Ibercaja Banco has committed to report on any material developments/issues/ESG controversies related to the financed projects/assets, it would be aware of.

GBP category	Outputs and Impacts indicators		
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	Renewable energy capacity installed, or transmitted, or stored, or produced in GW or MW	Annual renewable energy generated or expected in MWh	Estimation of avoided CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions Estimated energy savings (KWh saved/reduced)

<sup>6</sup> Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting, ICMA Handbook, June 2023 <https://www.icmagroup.org/sustainable-finance/impact-reporting/green-projects>



<b>Green Buildings</b>	Number of Green buildings financed Number of Green building certifications obtained by label and level	Amount of energy saved (MW)	Estimation of avoided CO2e emissions
<b>Clean transportation</b>	Number of loans granted by type of transport Number of vehicles financed Number of rolling stock financed Number of electric/RE charging filling stations financed	No. of passengers or amount of freight	Estimation of avoided CO2e emissions
<b>Sustainable Water</b>	Volume of water collected and disposed or treated (m3)	Estimation of avoided CO2e emissions	Energy savings (KWh saved/reduced)
<b>Pollution, Prevention and Control</b>	Volume of waste collected and disposed or treated (tons) Production capacity (MW)	Conversion of waste to energy	Estimation of avoided CO2e emissions

### 3. External Review

#### 3.1 Second Party Opinion

Sustainalytics provides a Second-Party Opinion on Ibercaja Banco’s Green Bond Framework and its alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles.

This Second-Party Opinion is publicly available on Ibercaja Banco's website.

#### 3.2 External verification

Ibercaja Banco will request, on an annual basis, a limited assurance report from an external verifier of the Eligible Loan Portfolio’s outstanding amount and of the Impact Reporting.





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