



THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA SUSTAINABILITY BOND FRAMEWORK

Since attaining independence in 1991, Slovenia has achieved numerous development goals. It has been a part of some of the most significant international integration processes and become an active international partner in global efforts towards peace and security, respect for human rights, cultural diversity, rule of law, conscientious response to global challenges and the creation of trends. Slovenia is fully committed to the Paris Climate Agreement and to the achievement of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

One of the biggest challenges to society nowadays is the climate change and the urgency of the topic is escalating. Another important area that requires close attention is the area of social rights. To address those priorities, Slovenia believes Sovereign Sustainability Bonds¹ are important part in the mosaic of sustainable finance that play a key role in financing environmental and social transition in Slovenia and Europe. Slovenia advocates for full transparency and this month's publication of the Sustainability Bond Framework is an important step.

The Sustainability Bond Framework has been prepared in accordance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2021, Social Bond Principles 2021 and Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2021, which are established international market standards. The presented green and social projects categories fall under the auspices of eight ministries. The framework and expenditures were detailedly reviewed in the process of obtaining the Second Party Opinion by an external verifier.

The Slovenian Sovereign Sustainability Bond Framework and the Second Party Opinion are published on: <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/investor-relations/>

¹ Green, Social and/or Sustainability Bonds.
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