



## 1 THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA'S APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

Slovenia believes that sustainable finance, including the issuance of Slovenian Sovereign Sustainability Bonds ("SSSBs"), contributes and plays a key role in financing environmental and social transition in Slovenia and in Europe generally.

To this end Slovenia published its inaugural [Sustainability Bond Framework 2021](#) and issued its first Sustainability Bond in July 2021 in the amount of EUR 1.0 billion which was met with strong investor demand. The full proceeds of the bond were allocated to Green and Social projects as can be seen from the [Slovenian Sustainability Bond Report](#), published in July 2022, which also includes impacts of sustainable projects financed in 2020/21. The alignment of the Framework and the allocation report have been [Reviewed by Sustainalytics](#).

## 2 THE SUSTAINABILITY BOND FRAMEWORK OF SLOVENIA 2023

The **Sustainability Bond Framework 2023** of Slovenia has been updated, foremost to align, to the extent possible, with the criteria of the **EU Taxonomy** and supplementing **Climate Delegated Act on Climate Mitigation and Climate Adaptation**. The aim of this voluntary alignment is to support market best practices and the uptake of the EU Taxonomy while being transparent about the level of alignment in the Second Party Opinion report. The green or sustainability bonds of the Republic of Slovenia will thus enable funding for, among other things, government expenditures that primarily contribute to the EU Environmental Objectives of Climate Change Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation. Sustainalytics, a Morningstar company and a globally recognized provider of ESG research, ratings and data, evaluated Slovenia's Framework and the alignment thereof with relevant industry standards and provided views on the robustness and credibility of the Framework.

[The Sustainability Bond Framework 2023](#)

[The Investor Presentation of the 2023 Sustainability Bond Framework](#)

[The Second Party Opinion issued by Sustainalytics](#)

## 3 GLOBAL INVESTOR CALL

A Global Investor Call to present Slovenia's updated Sustainability Bond Framework is scheduled for **3 January 2023 at 2:00pm CET**. Please contact BNP Paribas ([borys.matiash@uk.bnpparibas.com](mailto:borys.matiash@uk.bnpparibas.com)) to receive further information about the call. Replay of the call will be provided upon request.

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