

## CEB issues EUR 1.25 billion 7-year Social Inclusion Bond Benchmark

### Press Release – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### **Highlights**

- Continuous momentum and strong investor demand helped CEB to set the size at EUR 1.25bn, marking its largest syndicated social inclusion bond issuance to date. The final book closed above EUR 3.3bn.
- The timing of this very successful Social Inclusion Bond (“SIB”) issue coincided closely with the maturity of CEB’s first ever Social Inclusion Bond, which had been issued in 2017 when the CEB started to issue its pioneering SIBs.
- The success of the transaction reflects the importance and impact of the CEB’s Social Inclusion Bonds in contributing to CEB’s mission of strengthening social cohesion and leading the global trend towards a just and socially inclusive climate transition in its 43 member states.

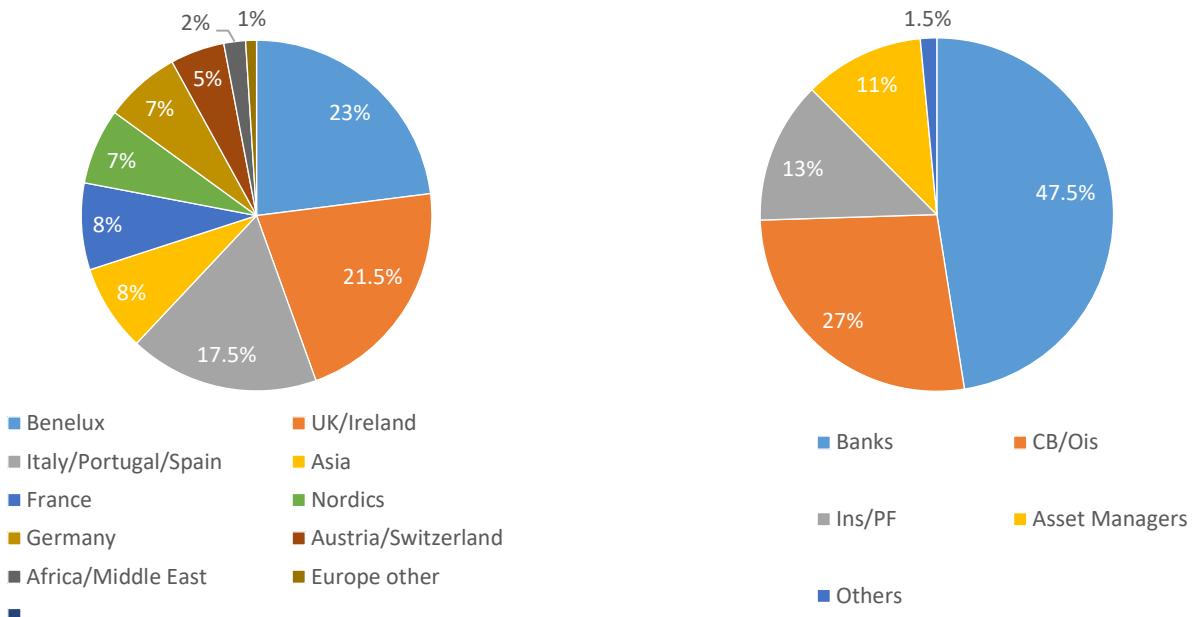
#### **Final terms**

Issuer	Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)
Rating	Aaa (Moody’s) / AAA (S&P) / AAA (Fitch)
Form of Notes	RegS
Issue Amount	EUR 1.25bn
Pricing Date	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Settlement Date	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Maturity Date	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2031
Coupon	2.750%
Re-offer vs. mid-swaps	+ 13 bps
Re-offer vs. Benchmark	+ 49 bps
Re-offer Price/Yield	99.686 / 2.800%
Joint Bookrunners	BofA Securities, Crédit Agricole CIB, HSBC Continental Europe and ING

#### **Deal details**

- After a relatively quiet period in the EUR SSA market, with the prior week seeing the lowest supply YTD, CEB opened books for its annual flagship EUR Benchmark 7-year Social Inclusion Bond with guidance set MS+15bps area on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 9:11 CET, gaining comfort from the constructive investor feedback and Indications-of-Interests collected after the transaction’s announcement the day before.
- Momentum built quickly, seeing high quality, real money accounts acting on their aforementioned positive interest and entering the book with substantial orders, allowing for the first book update upwards of EUR 2.5bn with the spread set at MS+13bps shortly after an hour in the market. The update channeled a healthy surge in demand, seeing an influx of new quality accounts.
- The strong, high quality demand allowed CEB to price its largest social inclusion bond issuance to date, setting the size at EUR 1.25bn with final books 2.7x oversubscribed.
- Socially responsible investors were well represented in the book, with over 60% of the book allocated to SRI investors.
- The transaction garnered considerable interest for banks, central banks and official institutions. The geographic distribution was focused towards Benelux and UK / Irish accounts, with a good mix of other European countries and a strong support from China.

## Distribution statistics



## Background

- For the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), sustainability is pivotal to how the Bank delivers on its social mandate for a lasting positive impact on people, especially the most vulnerable, society and planet. As a social development bank, the CEB strives to maximise its positive social impact, leverage the potential for environmental co-benefits and minimise any negative downsides when financing projects in its member states, for example, through its alignment with the Paris Agreement.
- The CEB also pursues opportunities to uphold its social values and attract ESG investors with its issuances of Social Inclusion Bonds.
- In line with the issuer's framework, proceeds of this new Social Inclusion Bond will be used for eligible loans in one or several of the following categories: Social Housing for low-income persons, Education and vocational training, Health and social care and Supporting MSMEs for the creation and preservation of viable jobs.
- The CEB is committed to transparent reporting on the allocation and impact of eligible social loans that are financed by its social inclusion bonds. In March 2024, the CEB published its latest Social Inclusion Bond report that can be found [here](#).