



**Council of Europe Development Bank**  
**EUR1bn 2.875% Social Inclusion Bond Benchmark due March 2032**  
**Press Release – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Highlights**

- On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), rated Aaa/AAA/AAA (all stable), priced a new EUR1bn 7-year Social Inclusion Bond (SIB) due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2032.
- This transaction follows CEB's inaugural GBP-denominated SIB issued in January 2025 and their AUD 550 million 5-year SIB in February, with the total volume of SIB bonds now standing at over EUR12bn equivalent. This transaction also marks CEB's first EUR benchmark for 2025.
- There was strong investor interest for the transaction from the moment books opened on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, with demand for this 7-year SIB over €2.15bn when books closed.
- The quality of interest also supported a rare 3bps tightening from guidance, with the final spread set at MS+33bps.
- Socially Responsible Investors (SRI) provided very strong support with 87% of the issue allocated to such investors.

**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 1,000,000,000
Pricing Date	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Settlement Date	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Maturity Date	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2032
Coupon	2.875%
Re-offer vs. Mid-Swaps	MS+33bps
Re-offer vs. Benchmark	+33bps
Re-offer Price/Yield	99.750% / 2.915%
Joint Bookrunners	BofA Securities, Crédit Agricole CIB, DZ Bank and NatWest

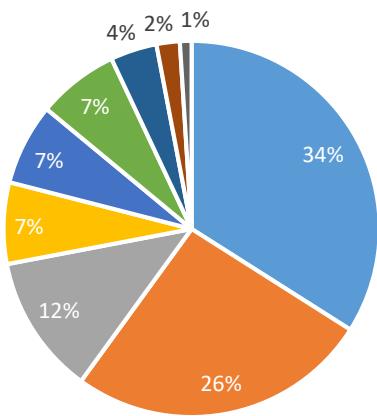
**Deal details**

- The mandate for CEB's annual flagship EUR SIB 7-year benchmark was announced to the market at 09.10 CET on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, with the guidance of MS+36bps area announced simultaneously for this intra-day transaction.
- Though geopolitics had caused volatility in recent weeks, with defense spending and tariff measures taking market focus, the backdrop remained supportive for new supply.
- Investors evidenced strong demand for the transaction from the moment books opened, with an orderbook totaling over €2.25bn, including €150m JLM interest, when the first update was released to the market at 11.20 CET.

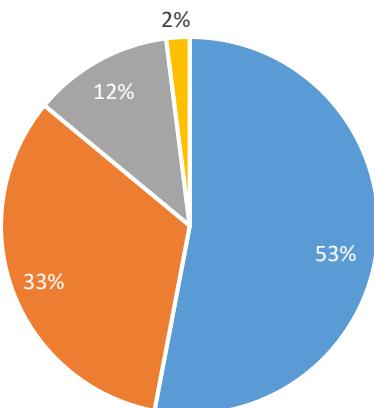
- The size was subsequently set at €1bn, aligned with CEB's transaction aspirations, and the high quality of investor interest allowed guidance to be revised to MS+34a (+/-1).
- Books closed at 11.45 CET with demand totaling over €2.15bn, including €50m JLM interest, and the spread on the transaction set at MS+33bps, an impressive 3bps tightening from guidance levels.
- The transaction was priced at 14.35 CET, with a coupon of 2.875%, a re-offer price of 99.750% and a re-offer yield of 2.915%. The transaction priced with a spread of +33 over the 0% DBR February 2032.
- Over 50 accounts participated in the transaction with broad diversification among investor geography and type. Investors based in France took 34% of the transaction, followed by Benelux investors at 26% and Swiss / Austrian investors at 12%. UK, Southern Europe and Nordic investors accounted for 7% each, Germany 4% and Asia 2%.
- Banks accounted for just over half of the transaction at 53%. CB/OIs took 33% with Asset Managers taking 12%. Insurance and Pension Funds took 2%.
- There was a large share of Socially Responsible Investors (SRI) in the transaction, with 87% of the issue allocated to such investors.

## Distribution statistics

### *Investor Geography:*



### *Investor Type:*





## **Background**

- The Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) has an explicit social mandate, actively promoting social cohesion and social integration in Europe. The issuer has been issuing SIBs since 2017 and this transaction represents the 9<sup>th</sup> SIB trade in EUR benchmark format.
- In line with the CEB's SIB Framework, the proceeds of this new 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 support to MSMEs for the creation and preservation of jobs.
- All CEB loans are granted in accordance with specific technical and social development criteria and in strict conformity with environmental, procurement and compliance guidelines and policies.
- The CEB also screens project proposals for their consistency with applicable climate goals in line with the Paris Agreement.
- 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: [2023 Social Inclusion Bond Report](#)