

SMN Green Finance Framework

- Structured and aligned with the four core components of the Green Bond Principles 2021 and the Green Loan Principles 2023
- Second Party Opinion and EU taxonomy assessment provided by Sustainalytics
- Eligible categories
 - Residential buildings
 - Commercial buildings
 - Renewable energy
 - Clean transportation
 - Environmentally Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources and Land Use
 - Eco-efficient and Circular Economy adapted Products, Production Technologies and Processes
- Eligible assets as of 31 December 2023: EUR ~3 bn
- Outstanding green bonds as of 31 December 2023: EUR ~ 2.1 bn
- Green Finance Framework and related documents: https://www.sparebank1.no/en/smn/about-us/sustainability/greenbond-framework.html























Use of Proceeds: Eligible Assets (1/2)

1 Use of Proceeds

Reporting

External Review

EU Taxonomy Alignment

Green Buildings

- Residential buildings
 - Residential buildings built ≥2021: buildings complying with the relevant NZEB-10% threshold¹
 - Residential buildings built <2021: EPC A label or within the top 15% low carbon buildings in Norway
- Commercial buildings
 - Commercial buildings built ≥2021: buildings complying with the relevant NZEB-10% threshold¹
 - Commercial buildings built <2021: EPC A label or within the top 15% low carbon buildings in Norway
 - Commercial buildings which received at least one or more of the following classifications: 1) LEED "Gold"; 2) BREEAM or BREEAM-NOR "Excellent", or equivalent or higher level of certification
- Refurbished Residential and Commercial buildings in Norway with an improved energy efficiency of 30%



Renewable Energy

- Loans to finance or refinance equipment, development, manufacturing, construction, operation, distribution and maintenance of renewable energy generation sources from:
 - Solar energy: Photovoltaics (PV), concentrated solar power (CSP) and solar thermal facilities
 - Wind energy: Onshore and offshore wind energy generation facilities and other emerging technologies, such as wind tunnels and cubes
 - Hydropower in Norway: Hydropower in Norway (boreal regions), lifecycle emissions of less than 100g CO2e / KWh

Clean Transportation

- Loans to finance or refinance production, establishment, acquisition, expansion, upgrades, maintenance and operation of low carbon vehicles and related infrastructures:
 - -Low carbon vehicles:
 - Fully electrified passenger vehicles such as cars
 - Fully electrified freight vehicles such as ferries, vessels, lorrys and trucks
- Low carbon transportation infrastructure: infrastructure to support zero emissions passenger vehicles and public transportation
- Maritime Vessels





In accordance with the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act, buildings built from 1 January 2021 onwards should meet the 'NZEB -10%' criterion. In Norway, NZEB definitions were announced on 31 January 2023 (Norwegian only). Compliant buildings are assessed against the respective NZEB threshold published by the Norwegian Ministry, expressed as specific energy demand in kWh/m2. At the time of writing all Norwegian buildings with EPC labels of A and some EPC B labels are compliant with NZEB-10%. TEK17 buildings eligible under the previous framework that were originated between 01/01/2021 - 31/01/2023 have been grandfathered in the portfolio as of 31/01/2023 following the publication of the official Norwegian NZEB definitions.



Use of Proceeds: Eligible Assets (2/2)

Use of Proceeds

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EU Taxonomy
Alignment

Environmentally Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources and Land Use

- Loans, credit and investments aiming at financing or refinancing environmentally sustainable fishery and aquaculture and environmentally sustainable forestry:
 - Fisheries & Aquaculture:
 - o Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
 - o Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)
 - o Best Aquaculture Practices (BAP), minimum 2 stars
 - o Global G.A.P. Aquaculture Standard









– Forestry:

- Forest land certified in accordance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards and/or
- o the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certified (PEFC)











Eco-efficient and Circular Economy adapted Products, Production Technologies and Processes

Companies must benefit from selected sustainability certifications on products, services or processes:

 Eco-Lighthouse: Manufacture of plastic, operation of petrol stations, wholesalers of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products are excluded.









Second Party Opinion





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- "Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the SpareBank 1 SMN Green Finance Framework is credible and impactful and aligns with the four core components of the Green Bond Principles 2021 and the Green Loan Principles 2023."
- "Sustainalytics believes that the Green Finance Framework is aligned with the overall sustainability ambitions of the Bank and that the Green use of proceeds categories will contribute to the advancement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals 7, 9 and 11"
- "Sustainalytics is of the opinion that out of 14 activities mapped in the EU Taxonomy, 12 are aligned with the applicable technical screening criteria for substantial contribution, whereas 2 activities are partially aligned. Eight activities align with the do no significant harm (DNSH) criteria of the EU Taxonomy, and six activities were assessed as partially aligned with the DNSH criteria. Sustainalytics is also of the opinion that the projects to be financed under the Framework will be carried out in alignment with the EU Taxonomy's Minimum Safeguards."





Reporting – Allocation (FY2024)

Use of Proceeds

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Alignment

Eligible Green Loan Portfolio (FY24)	
	Amount (NOK m)
Green Residential Buildings	22,219
Green Commercial Buildings	4,579
Clean Transportation	2,897
Renewable Energy	51
Eco-efficient and/or Circular Economy Adapted Products, Production Technologies and Processes	7,032
Fisheries (MSC Certification)	3,747
Aquaculture (Global.G.A.P. and ASC Certification)	2,171
Eco-Lighthouse	1,114
Total	36,778
Percentage of Eligible Green Loan Portfolio allocated (usage)	65.4%
Percentage of Net Proceeds of Green Funding allocated to Eligible Green Loan Portfolio	100%

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Eligible Green Loan Portfolio - Unallocated (NOK m)	12,726
New loans added to the portfolio since December 2023 (NOK m)	10,946

Green Funding (Pro Forma FY24)					
Instrument (ISIN)	Issuance Date	Due Date	Amount (NOK m)*		
XS2051032444	sep-19	sep-26	5,902		
NO0010905474	nov-20	nov-28	1,809		
NO0010905490	nov-20	nov-28	980		
XS2303089697	feb-21	feb-28	5,902		
CH1184694789	may-22	jun-27	2,195		
NO0012629429	aug-22	aug-27	550		
NO0012829411	aug-22	aug-27	500		
NO0012829403	aug-22	aug-25	314		
XS2536730448	sep-22	dec-25	5,902		
Total			24.052		

^{*}NOK equivalent amount (Exchange rate as of 31st December 2024; EUR 1 = NOK 11.803; CHF 1 = NOK 12.541)



Reporting – Impact (FY24) (1/5)

17,116 tons

/ year

149 GWh / year



6,426 tons /

year

EU Taxonomy Reporting **Use of Proceeds External Review** Alignment **Residential Buildings Commercial Buildings** Green Commercial Buildings portfolio Green Residential Buildings Portfolio 36,1% ■ Small industry and 28% warehouses 23,542 tons CO₂ / 32,6% Office buildings ■ Small residential year saved buildings Apartments (vs. Norwegian Hotel buildings average) 72% 4,7% Commercial buildings 26,6% Reduced CO₂ Reduced CO₂ Area total [m²] Area total [m²] Reduced energy Reduced energy Category Category emissions emissions

Eligible portfolio of

buildings

473,475

56 GWh / year

Eligible portfolio of

buildings

1,197,025

Reporting – Impact (FY24) (2/5)



Use of Proceeds

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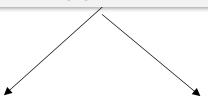
External Review

EU Taxonomy Alignment

Clean Transportation

Total emissions avoided

(vs. average vehicle with tailpipe emissions)



Scope 1
Direct emissions
(tailpipe)

Scope 2
Indirect
emissions (power consumption only)

SMN portfolio of EV vehicles

Category	Number of vehicles	Sum km / year	Sum person km / year	
Passenger vehicles	9,662	101.8 mill.	173.1 mill.	

Impact assessment: Avoided emissions – Electric vehicles

Category	Sum person km / year	
Total Direct emissions only (Scope 1)	9,910 tons CO ₂ /year	
Total Indirect emissions EV's only (Scope 2)	-2,890 tons CO ₂ /year	
Total Avoided emissions	7,020 tons CO ₂ /year	

Reporting – Impact (FY24) (3/5)



Use of Proceeds

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EU Taxonomy Alignment

Renewable Energy

Total emissions avoided

(vs. baseline)



The positive impact of the hydropower assets is 130 gCO2/kWh compared to the baseline

SMN portfolio of run-of-river hydropower plants

Category	Capacity [MW]	No. plants	Estimated production [GWh / year]	Expected production [GWh / year]
Run-of-river hydropower plants	0.1-2.9	10	42.1	33.7

Impact assessment

Category	Expected production (GWh / year)	Reduced CO ₂ - emissions compared to baseline (tons CO ₂ / year)	
Eligible plants in portfolio	34.0	4.378	

Reporting – Impact (FY23) (4/5)

EU Taxonomy Use of Proceeds Reporting **External Review** Alignment Eco-efficient and/or circular economy adapted products, production technologies and processes **Fisheries** MSC eligible fisheries CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD % of stocks fluctuating around MSY MNOK MSC Whitefish Coastal trawl; 1.136; 100,0 % 9,5 % vessels; 30 % 90,0 % 28,2 % 1.100; 30 % 37,7 % 80,0 % 70,0 % 60,0 % 50,0 % 90,5 % 40,0 % Purse 71,8 % 62,3 % 30.0 % seiner / Longliners; 20,0 % pelagic 535; 14 % 10,0 % trawl; 975; 0,0 % 26 % MSC certified in All key stocks in World Benefit MSC vs. Benefit MSC vs. Norway Norway Indicator World Norway ■ MSY or higher (% of stocks with < MSY</p> biomass at or above sustainable levels) % of fishery stocks with biomass at or +18.7% vs. non-+28.2% vs.

above sustainable levels

MSC Norway

World

Reporting – Impact (FY23) (5/5)



Reporting



EU Taxonomy Alignment

Eco-efficient and/or circular economy adapted products, production technologies and processes

Aquaculture (see qualitative analysis Impact Report)



Farmed Salmon



0.88

Chicken



1.30







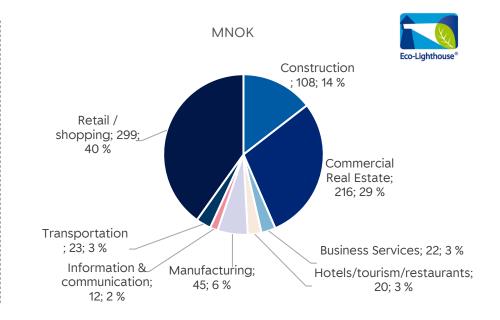




Farming of salmon is significantly lower in carbon impact compared to other on-land livestock.

Indicator	CO ₂ intensity avoided vs. chicken	CO ₂ intensity avoided vs. pork	CO ₂ intensity avoided vs. beef
CO_2 intensity of protein avoided (g CO_2 eq per typical serving (40g))	0.28	0.7	5.32

Eco-Lighthouse (see qualitative analysis Impact Report)



Double materiality analysis



- The updated double materiality analysis takes account of internal changes, changes in the surroundings and new regulatory requirements (CSRD)
- Identifies significant impacts, risks and opportunities related to climate, environment and the community
- Provides insights for revision of the the group's strategic direction and adjustments to the business model
- Provides insights for prioritising measures designed to assist SMN in achieving its goals in the sustainability sphere



Science-based climate targets and reporting





- SMN has adopted emissions targets under the Norwegian Climate Change Act
- Minimum 55% emissions reduction by 2030 and 90-95% by 2050
- SMN has committed to establishing science-based climate targets for its own operations and for financed emissions (Science Based Targets Initiative)
- Emissions calculations for the loan portfolio
- Transition plans and emissions paths at industry level
- Credit strategy and credit process in the business lines
- · Reporting under new expectations and requirements
- Financed emissions make up the largest share of emissions in our value chain
- High emissions will mean weaker competitive power in the years ahead
- SMN will assist customers' transition to a low emissions society
- Challenges: data quality, calculation methods and measurement uncertainty



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