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The *Financial Report 2018* includes the approved and audited financial statements required to be submitted under Article 27 of the Agreement Establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Section 13 of its By-Laws.

The EBRD is a multilateral bank that promotes the development of the private sector and entrepreneurial initiative in 38 economies across three continents. The Bank is owned by 67 countries as well as the EU and the EIB. EBRD investments are aimed at making the economies in its regions competitive, well-governed, green, inclusive, resilient and integrated.

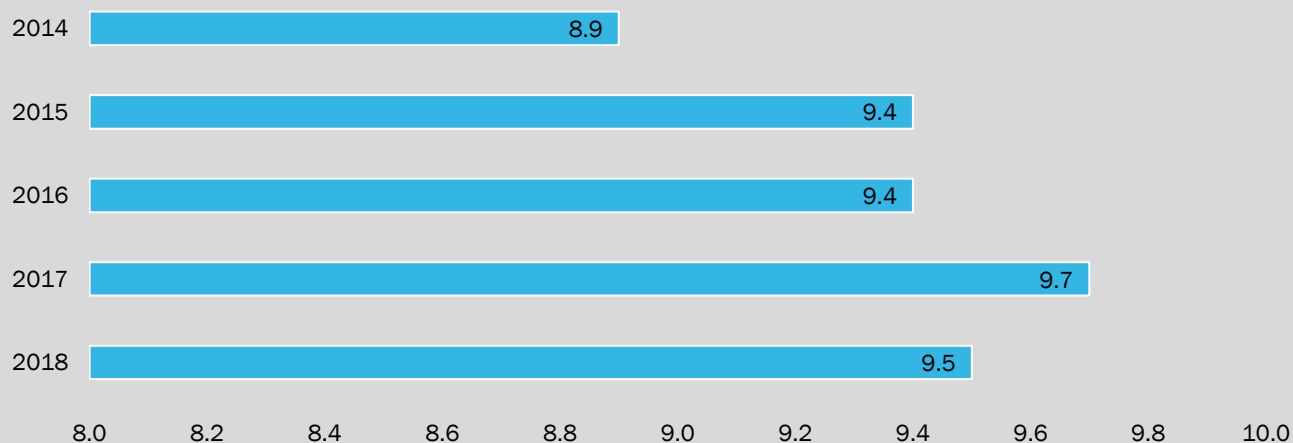
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Highlights

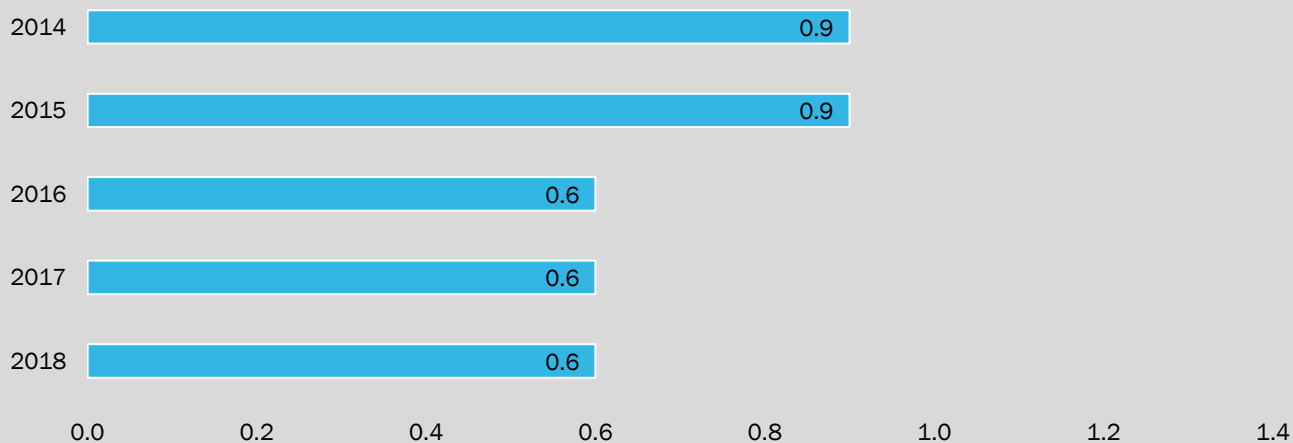
EBRD Annual Bank Investment 2014-18¹

€ billion



Realised profit for the year before impairment 2014-18²

€ billion



¹ Volume of commitments made by the Bank during the year. This includes (i) new commitments (less any amount cancelled or syndicated within the year); (ii) restructured commitments; and (iii) trade finance (TFP) amounts issued during the year and outstanding at year-end.

² Realised profit before impairment is before unrealised fair value adjustments to share investments, provisions, loan write-offs, other unrealised amounts and transfers of net income.

Financial results 2014-18

€ million	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net profit/ (loss) before transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors	340	772	992	802	(568)
Transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors	(130)	(180)	(181)	(360)	(155)
Net profit/ (loss) after transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors	210	592	811	442	(723)
Realised profit before impairment	606	634	649	949	927
Paid-in capital	6,215	6,211	6,207	6,202	6,202
Reserves and retained earnings	10,068	9,961	9,351	8,504	7,947
Total members' equity	16,283	16,172	15,558	14,706	14,149

Operational results 2014-18

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Number of projects ³	395	412	378	381	377
Annual Bank Investment ⁴ (€ million)	9,547	9,670	9,390	9,378	8,853
Annual mobilised investment ⁵ (€ million)	1,467	1,054	1,693	2,336	1,177
<i>of which private direct mobilisation</i>	1,059	669	1,401	2,138	1,014
Total project value ⁶ (€ million)	32,570	38,439	25,470	30,303	20,796

³ The number of projects to which the Bank made commitments in the year.

⁴ Commitments made by the Bank in the year to finance investment operations, including to restructured operations, less cancellations or sales of such commitments within the same year.

⁵ Annual mobilised investment is the volume of commitments from entities other than the Bank made available to the client due to the Bank's direct involvement in mobilising external financing during the year.

⁶ Total project value is the total amount of finance provided to a project, including both EBRD and non-EBRD finance, and is reported in the year in which the project first signs. EBRD financing may be committed over more than one year with "Annual Bank Investment" reflecting EBRD finance by year of commitment. The amount of finance to be provided by non-EBRD parties is reported in the year the project first signs.

Financial results

The EBRD recorded a net profit from continuing operations of €340 million, a reduction from the €772 million profit recorded for 2017. Of this total profit, the largest contributory factor was net interest income of €751 million, roughly in line with 2017.

Two factors were the biggest contributors to the reduction in profits. Equity gains of €28 million in 2018 were lower than the €332 million gain recorded in 2017, and the provisioning charge of €192 million in 2018 was higher than the €1 million charge recorded in 2017. As a significant proportion of these differences were due to unrealised factors, the realised profit in 2018 of €606 million was comparable with that recorded in 2017.

The lower performance of the Bank's equities was driven by adverse conditions across equity markets in the economies in which the Bank invests together with a decline in the value of some of the underlying currencies of such investments (predominantly the Russian rouble and the Turkish lira). Events in Turkey were the most significant driver in the increase in provisions, also contributing to the increase in the proportion of non-performing loans to 4.7 per cent from 3.9 per cent in 2017.

Allowing for income allocations of €130 million⁷ and movements recorded in the statement of other comprehensive income, the Bank's reserves increased by €0.1 billion to €10.1 billion at the end of 2018. The EBRD continues to be rated AAA with a stable outlook, and was reaffirmed as such by all three major rating agencies in 2018.

⁷ Income allocations are approved by the Bank's Board of Governors.

The Bank's activities are primarily Banking and Treasury. Banking activities represent investments in projects that, in accordance with the Agreement Establishing the Bank, are made for the purpose of assisting the economies in which the Bank invests in their transition to open, market economies whilst fostering sustainable and inclusive growth and applying sound banking principles. The main investment products are loans, share investments and guarantees. Treasury activities include raising debt finance, investing surplus liquidity, managing the Bank's foreign exchange and interest rate risks and assisting clients in asset and liability management.

Banking operations

Operational results

Annual Bank Investment amounted to €9.5 billion⁸ in 2018, comprising 395 investment operations⁹ and activity in 71 trade finance agreements under the Trade Facilitation Programme (2017: €9.7 billion, 412 investment operations and 76 trade finance agreements).

The EBRD invested in 37 economies in 2018 with investment by region as follows: €2.0 billion in the southern and eastern Mediterranean (SEMED) including Lebanon where the Bank started its operations in 2018; €1.6 billion in eastern Europe and the Caucasus; €1.0 billion in Turkey; €1.7 billion in south-eastern Europe; €1.3 billion in central Europe and the Baltic states; €1.1 billion in central Asia; and €0.9 billion in Cyprus and Greece combined.

The EBRD continued to support key economic sectors in line with its operational strategy. In 2018, Annual Bank Investment in the financial sector reached over €3.2 billion, with the majority of financing directed via partner banks to small and medium-sized enterprises, to projects supporting environmental sustainability, to facilitating international trade and to projects developing capital markets. A further €1.9 billion was invested in the infrastructure sector, €2.2 billion in the diversified corporate sectors, and €2.2 billion in the energy sector.

The Bank's portfolio of investment operations (including undisbursed commitments) increased from €41.4 billion in 2017 to €43.3 billion by the end of 2018. In addition to the strong level of new investments, the Bank's portfolio, which is reported in euros, was impacted by the strengthening of the US dollar during 2018 (€/\$.1.20 at end-2017 compared with €/\$.1.15 at end-2018) resulting in an increase in the euro value of the Bank's US dollar denominated assets.

Gross disbursements increased to €7.2 billion in 2018 from the 2017 level of €6.2 billion. Loan repayments of €5.0 billion (2017: €4.5 billion) and equity divestments of €0.7 billion (2017: €1.0 billion) resulted in operating assets¹⁰ of €30.2 billion at

end-2018, up from €28.7 billion at end-2017 reflecting the level of disbursements in 2018 and the variation in the €/€ exchange rate. Operating assets comprised €24.8 billion of disbursed outstanding loans (2017: €23.2 billion) and €5.4 billion of disbursed outstanding equity investments at historic cost (2017: €5.5 billion) at 31 December 2018.

In addition to Annual Bank Investment (own account), annual mobilised investment reached €1.5 billion, of which €1.1 billion was from the private sector, principally through syndicated loans, and €0.4 billion from the public sector. The Bank also attracted a further €0.3 billion of unfunded risk participations to its projects from the private sector.

Total external financing (finance directly mobilised by the EBRD plus additional investment attracted by projects the Bank invested in) on signed EBRD projects reached €24.3 billion in 2018 compared with €29.3 billion in 2017, largely reflecting a reduction in private non-bank financing.

The Bank's activities in 2018 remained strongly supported by donor funding, including the Special Funds programme, the Cooperation Funds and a trust fund to support the economic development of the West Bank and Gaza. These broad-based results reflect an ongoing commitment to the transition of members of the EBRD region as they build and strengthen sustainable, inclusive, open market economies.

Financial performance

Banking operations recorded a net gain of €223 million¹¹ for 2018, compared with the gain of €703 million for 2017. The Banking profit for the year is primarily attributable to €761 million gains from net interest and fee income, offset by a provisioning charge of €192 million and €399 million of expenses and depreciation. In comparison to 2017, gains from equity investments fell by €304 million to €28 million, and provisioning charges increased by €191 million. The contributions from both share investments and provisioning are expected to continue to show significant variability from year to year, given the volatility of markets in which the Bank invests.

Treasury operations

Portfolio

The value of assets under Treasury management at 31 December 2018 was €29.0 billion (2017: €25.0 billion) and borrowings were €43.0 billion (2017: €37.8 billion). The size of Treasury's balance sheet is primarily driven by the requirements of the Bank's internal liquidity policies. The Bank increased the size of Treasury's balance sheet during 2018 in order to maintain a high level of liquidity. The funding programme of 2018 was completed as planned with the Bank raising medium- and long-term debt of €8.7 billion (2017: €8.2 billion).

⁸ As region/sector amounts and disbursements/repayments are individually reported to one decimal point, the sum of these amounts may create a rounding difference with the Annual Bank Investment total.

⁹ The Bank's loans and equity investments at cost together with undrawn commitments.

¹⁰ Operating assets are the total amounts disbursed less reflows. They do not include accounting fair value adjustments or effective interest rate adjustments associated with amortised cost assets.

¹¹ See note 2 on page 58 for further detail.

Financial performance

Before allowing for the impact of hedge accounting adjustments, Treasury returned a profit of €96 million in 2018 compared with the €89 million gain in 2017. Treasury's performance is internally evaluated before the impact of non-qualifying and ineffective hedges, which is considered not to have economic substance.¹²

After allowing for hedge accounting adjustments Treasury's operating profit for 2018 was €117 million (2017: €69 million profit). Treasury's performance is primarily driven by the generation of net interest income and the mark-to-market valuations of derivatives used to manage interest rate and currency risks in the Bank's balance sheet.

Capital

The Bank's authorised share capital is €30.0 billion, of which subscribed capital amounts to €29.7 billion and paid-in capital €6.2 billion. This is materially unchanged from 31 December 2017.

The calculation of capital for gearing purposes under the Agreement Establishing the Bank is explained under the Capital Management section of this report on page 52.

Reserves

The Bank's reserves increased by €0.1 billion to €10.1 billion at the end of 2018.

Expenses

General administrative expenses for 2018, inclusive of depreciation and amortisation, were €420 million (2017: €421 million). The decrease is due to the lower conversion rate from pound sterling, in which expenses are predominantly incurred, into euro, reflecting the rate at which the Bank hedged its 2018 budget at the end of 2017. The pound sterling equivalent of this figure was £371 million (2017: £362 million).

Outlook for 2019

The Bank expects its net realised profit to remain relatively stable. However geopolitical uncertainty in the Bank's region of operations will continue to contribute to volatility in the Bank's earnings, particularly in the valuations of its equity portfolio and the level of provisioning against its loan book.

¹² See note 9 on page 60 for a more detailed explanation.

Key financial indicators 2014-18

Key financial indicators are presented for the Bank over the last five years.¹³ These ratios are influenced by the growth in Banking and Treasury portfolios and Annual Bank Investment over the five-year period in line with the Bank's strategy. This business growth utilises the Bank's capital capacity in pursuit of its mandated objectives, while underlying ratios remain at prudent levels broadly consistent with the upper quartile among multilateral development banks in terms of capital strength and cost efficiency.¹⁴

The Bank's profits and reserves show volatility due, in particular, to movements in the valuations of share investments. Excluding these movements – together with unrealised fair value movements on Banking loans also measured at fair value – the Bank continues to grow its members' equity, achieving a 1.9 per cent return in 2018, and an average return on equity of 4.0 per cent over the last five years (2013-17: an average of 5.3 per cent). The Bank's non-performing loan ratio increased to 4.7 per cent at 31 December 2018 from 3.9 per cent a year earlier.

In terms of cost efficiency, the cost-to-income ratio has increased to 44.1 per cent in 2018 compared with 35.3 per cent a year earlier. This mainly reflects lower profit, in particular, from share investments. The Bank monitors this metric on a five-year rolling average basis due to the high degree of volatility in the valuations of share investments. The 2018 five-year rolling average was 41.9 per cent (2017: 36.4 per cent).

Leverage – debt divided by members' equity – has increased to 263.2 per cent at 31 December 2018 (2017: 233.7 per cent), mainly attributable to a growth in the stock of debt in order to maintain a high level of liquidity.

The Bank's capital strength is illustrated by the level of members' equity, which represented 26.4 per cent of total assets at 31 December 2018 (2017: 28.8 per cent), including Treasury assets which have an average risk rating between AA and AA- with an average maturity of 1.6 years (2017: 1.4 years). Members' equity represented 57.6 per cent of Banking assets (development-related exposure) at 31 December 2018 (2017: 60.0 per cent). Both metrics are lower than those in 2017, following Banking and Treasury asset growth and a comparatively modest increase in reserves in 2018. The Bank's capital strength and strong liquidity position is further reflected in its triple-A rating with a stable outlook affirmed by all three major rating agencies in 2018.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Financial performance					
1: Return on members' equity – net profit basis	1.5%	5.1%	7.0%	6.5%	(3.8%)
2: Return on members' equity – realised after provisions	1.9%	4.8%	4.7%	5.7%	3.1%
Efficiency					
3: Cost-to-income ratio	44.1%	35.3%	30.7%	38.8%	157.8%
Portfolio quality					
4: Non-performing loans ratio	4.7%	3.9%	5.5%	5.9%	5.6%
5: Average rating of Treasury liquid assets	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3
6: Average maturity of Treasury liquid assets (tenor in years)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5
Liquidity and leverage					
7: Liquid assets/undisbursed Banking investments plus one-year debt service	96.5%	91.6%	91.4%	92.5%	103.1%
8: Debt/members' equity: leverage ratio	263.2%	233.7%	244.5%	250.9%	250.6%
Capital strength					
9: Members' equity/total assets	26.4%	28.8%	27.6%	26.7%	26.9%
10: Members' equity/Banking assets	57.6%	60.0%	56.4%	56.3%	57.6%

Explanatory notes on ratios above

- (Total closing members' equity minus total opening members' equity) divided by total opening members' equity. The total closing members' equity is before net income allocations and capital subscriptions accounted for during the year.
- (Total closing members' equity minus total opening members' equity) divided by total opening members' equity. The unrealised Banking fair value reserves are excluded from both the total closing and opening members' equity. The total closing members' equity is also adjusted for net income allocations and capital subscriptions accounted for during the year.
- Total administrative expenses (including depreciation and amortisation) divided by total operating income before provisions for impairment but including all fair value movements on both Banking and Treasury investments.
- Total non-performing loans as a percentage of total loan operating assets before provisions and fair value adjustments.
- Represents the average credit rating weighted by Treasury liquid assets for 2014 to 2018, based on the Bank's internal rating scale on page 31. The rating methodology for covered bonds changed in 2015, improving this metric from 2.4 to 2.2.
- The average tenor of Treasury assets in years is derived from the weighted average time to final maturity, with the exception of asset-backed securities (ABS) whose final maturity is approximated by the average life of the transaction.
- Treasury liquid assets divided by total Banking undrawn commitments (undisbursed but committed investments), plus one year's debt service, which comprises debt due for redemption within one year and one year's estimated interest expense. From 2016, debt redemptions have been based on expected rather than contractual maturity.
- Total borrowings divided by total members' equity.
- Total members' equity (adjusted for paid-in capital receivable) divided by total assets.
- Total members' equity (adjusted for paid-in capital receivable) divided by total net book value of Banking assets.

¹³ The implementation of IFRS 9 in 2018 has not had a significant impact on these key financial indicators, and prior periods have not been restated. For further information on the impact of the change see the significant accounting policies section on page 19.

¹⁴ Based on the 2017 audited financial results across multilateral development banks.

Additional reporting and disclosures

Corporate governance

The EBRD is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance. Responsibilities and related controls throughout the Bank are properly defined and delineated. Transparency and accountability are integral elements of its corporate governance framework. This structure is further supported by a system of reporting, with information appropriately tailored for, and disseminated to, each level of responsibility within the Bank to enable the system of checks and balances on the Bank's activities to function effectively.

The Bank's governing constituent document is the Agreement Establishing the Bank (the Agreement), which states that the institution will have a Board of Governors, a Board of Directors, a President, Vice Presidents, officers and staff.

Board of Governors

All the powers of the Bank are vested in the Board of Governors, which represents the Bank's 69 members. With the exception of certain reserved powers, the Board of Governors has delegated the exercise of its powers to the Board of Directors, while retaining overall authority.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors comprises 23 Directors and is chaired by the President. Each Director represents one or more members. Subject to the Board of Governors' overall authority, the Board of Directors is responsible for the direction of the Bank's general operations and policies. It exercises the powers expressly assigned to it by the Agreement and those powers delegated to it by the Board of Governors.

Board Committees

The Board of Directors has established three Board Committees to assist with its work:

The **Audit Committee** assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to the following:

- the integrity of the Bank's financial statements and its accounting, financial reporting and disclosure policies and practices
- the soundness of the Bank's systems of internal controls that management has established regarding finance and accounting matters and their effective implementation
- the status, the ability to perform duties independently and the performance of the Bank's compliance, internal audit, evaluation and risk management functions
- the independence, qualifications and performance of the Bank's external auditor
- other responsibilities within its remit.

The **Budget and Administrative Affairs Committee** assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to the following:

- the budgetary, staff and administrative resources of the Bank
- efficiency, cost control and budgetary prudence
- the EBRD Shareholder Special Fund, the use of donor funding and relations with the donor community
- the Bank's Human Resources policies
- specific responsibilities in relation to Governors, the President, Vice Presidents and Directors of the Bank
- policies relating to governance and ethics
- the Bank's administrative arrangements
- other responsibilities within its remit.

The **Financial and Operations Policies Committee** assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to the following:

- the Bank's financial policies
- the Bank's Treasury operations, Liquidity Policy and Borrowing Programme
- the Bank's operational policies
- the Bank's strategic portfolio management within the framework of the Medium-Term Strategy
- transparency and accountability of the Bank's operations within the framework of the Public Information Policy and the Project Complaint Mechanism
- other responsibilities within its remit.

The composition of these committees during 2018 is detailed in the digital version of the *Annual Review* (www.ar-ebird.com).

The President

The President is elected by the Board of Governors. They are the legal representative and chief of staff of the Bank. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the President conducts the day-to-day business of the Bank.

The President chairs the Bank's Executive Committee, which also includes the Vice Presidents and other members of the Bank's senior management.

Primary Management Committees

Listed below are the committees that directly advised the President or a member of the Executive Committee on the overall management of the Bank during 2018.

Management Committees	Chair	Purpose of the Committee	Meeting frequency
Executive Committee	President	Advises the President on all aspects of bank-wide strategic significance, with the exception of matters that fall within the competence of other management committees, as defined in their terms of reference.	Monthly
Management Committee	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer	Considers bank-wide operational and administrative matters.	Fortnightly
Operations Committee	First Vice President and Head of Client Services	Considers matters related to the Bank's investment operations.	Weekly
Strategy and Policy Committee	Vice President, Policy and Partnerships	Considers matters that fall within the overall responsibility of the Vice President, Policy and Partnerships; and certain matters falling within the responsibility of the Chief Economist. It focuses primarily on transition, strategy and policy work: country, sector and thematic strategies and policy-related research.	Fortnightly
Risk Committee	Vice President, Risk and Compliance and Chief Risk Officer	Considers matters that fall within the responsibility of the Vice President, Risk and Compliance, Chief Risk Officer, such as Bank-wide risks, including credit and operational risk, with associated follow-up actions. It oversees risk aspects of the Banking and Treasury portfolios (for example stress testing), approves risk policies and risk reports and considers new Banking/Treasury products.	Fortnightly
Asset and Liability Committee	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer	Considers matters that fall within the overall accountability of the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer in their capacity of supervising Treasury activities and liquidity management at the Bank: areas of liquidity policy and management, funding and other Treasury activities, including monitoring business plan implementation, limit compliance and hedging strategy implementation.	Quarterly
Equity Committee	First Vice President and Head of Client Services	Maintains oversight of listed and unlisted share investments. Reviews and identifies suitable exit opportunities and makes recommendations on such exits to the Operations Committee.	Quarterly
Crisis Management Team	Vice President, Risk and Compliance and Chief Risk Officer	Prepares coordinated responses to all critical internal and external issues arising in connection with events that affect the normal operations of the Bank. Ensures that the crisis management and business recovery plans are in place and are tested on a regular basis.	At least two times per year
Information Technology Governance Committee	Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer	Ensures that the Bank's IT strategy and business plan support the Bank's business strategy. Establishes the framework for measuring business benefits and oversees the realisation of benefits arising from IT projects. Reviews and approves business requests for budget allocation on new projects from the approved IT budget.	At least six times per year
Procurement Complaints Committee	Deputy General Counsel, Corporate	Considers complaints and disputes arising from tendering and contracts for goods, works and consultant services (including those funded by cooperation funds or the Special Funds resources), subject to the Procurement Policies and Rules of the Corporate Procurement Policy. Reviews procurement and related matters referred to it by the Executive Committee.	As necessary

Compliance

The EBRD's Office of the Chief Compliance Officer (OCCO) has been established as a function that is independent of the Bank's operational departments. It is headed by a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) who reports functionally to the President and has full and free access to the Chair of the Audit Committee. Any decision to remove the CCO (other than for misconduct) shall be taken by the President in accordance with guidance given by the Board of Directors in an Executive Session.

OCCO's mission is to protect the integrity and reputation of the Bank, to promote ethical standards of behaviour and to strengthen the Bank's accountability and transparency. OCCO assists in identifying, assessing and monitoring integrity risks arising from failure to comply with the Bank's standards and policies, and contributes, in an independent manner, to the Bank's effective management of such risks. OCCO is also responsible for the development and maintenance of the policies and standards it enforces. The EBRD's Integrity Risks Policy and Terms of Reference for OCCO, last revised on 16 November 2016, and available at www.ebrd.com¹⁵ sets out, for the benefit of the Bank's

¹⁵ www.ebrd.com/documents/occo/ebrds-integrity-risk-policy-and-the-terms-of-reference-for-the-office-of-the-chief-compliance-officer.pdf

stakeholders, the manner in which OCCO helps the Bank to protect its integrity and reputation and to manage integrity risks related to clients and personal conduct related risks.

As part of its standard-setting role, OCCO is responsible for developing and recommending the policies, rules, procedures and processes governing the ethical behaviour of Board Officials and staff of the Bank; for establishing the standards of integrity that the Bank expects of its clients, project sponsors and other counterparties; and for ensuring that policies, rules, procedures and processes are effectively communicated and implemented. Its objective is to ensure that the internal standards of integrity at the EBRD are in line with international best practice, creating a demonstration effect in the economies where the Bank invests.

The EBRD's Code of Conduct for Officials of the Board of Directors of the EBRD and Code of Conduct for EBRD Personnel (the Codes) are the Bank's core ethical policies that allow it to assess, and mitigate, personal conduct-related risks. The Codes are approved by the Bank's Board of Governors and represent and articulate the values, duties, obligations and ethical standards that the EBRD expects of its Board Officials and staff members. The Codes set out the types of acts or omissions that may be considered to amount to misconduct and the procedures to be followed with respect to investigating and, where appropriate, sanctioning such unethical behaviour. The Codes each provide for their own review no later than five years from the date on which the relevant Code became effective. The Codes, and related Guidance Notes, were last substantively revised in 2018 and came into effect on 23 May 2018. The revised Codes can be found at: www.ebrd.com/integrity-and-compliance.html.

Financial and integrity due diligence are integrated into the Bank's normal approval of new business and in the monitoring of its existing operations. OCCO provides independent expert advice to management on significant integrity concerns and assesses whether the potential risk is acceptable to the Bank. It monitors the integrity due diligence information provided by the Banking Department to ensure that it is accurate and that integrity concerns are properly identified and, where possible, mitigated.

OCCO is further responsible for investigating allegations of staff misconduct as well as allegations of fraud and corruption in relation to Bank projects and counterparties. Allegations of staff misconduct are investigated under the Conduct and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures (CDRPs), most recently revised to reflect, among other things, the change in the Bank's approach to handling complaints of inappropriate behaviour and the division of responsibility between the CCO as fact-finder and the Managing Director, Human Resources as decision-maker. The CDRPs specify the rights and duties of both the Bank and staff member in question during the investigative and disciplinary processes and provide safeguards for the subject of the investigation. Allegations of misconduct on the part of Board Officials, the President, Vice Presidents, Chief Evaluator and the CCO are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Codes. Allegations of fraud and corruption in relation to activities and projects financed from the Bank's ordinary capital resources (including the purchase of goods, works or services for the Bank) or from special resources, or from cooperation funds administered by the Bank, are investigated under the Bank's Enforcement Policy and Procedures (EPPs).

The EPPs were significantly revised in 2015 and further updated in October 2017. While the updates in 2017 were largely non-substantive, the 2015 revisions include the creation of a two-tier decision-making process, the introduction of a settlement process and streamlining the procedures for referring matters to national authorities. In addition, the revised EPPs introduced two new sanctionable practices, namely obstruction and misuse of Bank resources. The EPPs also describe the process by which the Bank applies sanctions imposed by other multilateral development banks pursuant to the Agreement for the Mutual Enforcement of Debarment Decisions. Details of the individuals, entities and sanctions are posted at www.ebrd.com/ineligible-entities.html.

OCCO is also responsible for training Bank personnel in relation to the Bank's integrity, anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorist finance requirements. In addition, it provides specialist training and advises, as necessary, individuals who are nominated by the Bank to serve as directors on the boards of companies in which the Bank holds an equity interest.

The Bank has an accountability mechanism that assesses and reviews complaints about Bank-financed projects and provides, where warranted, a determination as to whether the Bank acted in compliance with relevant policies when it approved a particular project. The mechanism also has a problem-solving function which can serve to restore dialogue between the project sponsor and members of the affected community. The Project Complaint Mechanism (PCM) is administered by a dedicated PCM Officer. The role of the CCO, as the head of the Office in which the PCM is located, is limited to ensuring that the PCM Officer carries out the PCM functions and administrative responsibilities according to the PCM rules of procedure. Information about the PCM and registered complaints can be found at www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/project-finance/project-complaint-mechanism.html.

The Bank's annual Anti-Corruption Report is published by OCCO. The report describes the Bank's strategy to promote integrity and prevent fraud and corruption, and highlights the most recent measures taken. It can be found at www.ebrd.com/integrity-and-compliance.html.

Reporting

The EBRD's corporate governance structure is supported by appropriate financial and management reporting. The Bank has a functioning mechanism to be able to certify in the *Financial Report 2018* as to the effectiveness of internal controls over external financial reporting, using the COSO (Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission) internal control framework (2013). This annual

certification statement is signed by both the President and the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer and is subject to a review and an attestation by the Bank's external auditor. In addition, the Bank has a comprehensive system of reporting to its Board of Directors and its committees. This includes reporting to the Audit Committee on the activities of the Evaluation Department and the Internal Audit Department.

Financial and operational risks

Financial and operational risks are discussed in the Risk Management section of this report on page 29.

External auditor

The external auditor is appointed by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the President. In 2014 the Board approved an extension of the term of appointment from four to five years with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Deloitte LLP completed its first four-year term in 2014 and was re-appointed for the five-year period 2015-19.

The external auditor performs an annual audit in order to be able to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly the financial position and the profit of the Bank in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In addition, the external auditor reviews and offers its opinion on management's assertion as to the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. This opinion is given as a separate report to the audit opinion. At the conclusion of its annual audit, the external auditor prepares a management letter for the Board of Governors, setting out its views and management's responses on the effectiveness and efficiency of internal controls and other matters. This letter is reviewed in detail and discussed with the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews the performance and independence of the external auditor annually.

There are key provisions in the Bank's policies regarding the independence of the external auditor. The external auditor is prohibited from providing non-audit related services unless such service is judged to be in the interest of the Bank and the service is approved by the Audit Committee. However, the external auditor can provide consultancy services paid for by cooperation funds relating to client projects; such incidences are reported annually to the Audit Committee.

Reward policy

The Bank has designed a market-oriented staff reward policy, within the constraints of the Bank's status as an international financial institution (IFI), with the following principles that reward should:

- be competitively positioned in order to attract and retain high calibre employees from a wide range of our regions
- promote a culture where consistent high performance and behaviours that reflect EBRD values and competencies are recognised and rewarded
- facilitate mobility in support of business objectives and continued staff development
- deliver a high-quality package of benefits on a global basis which provides an appropriate level of security and is relevant to a diverse employee base
- engage with employees through an open and transparent total reward process.

To help meet these principles, the Bank's members have agreed that the Bank should use market comparators to evaluate its staff compensation and that salary and performance-based compensation awards should be driven by performance. Market comparators for the Bank are primarily private sector financial institutions in each of its locations plus other IFIs.

The performance-based compensation awards are structured to recognise individual and team contributions to the Bank's overall performance. These payments represent a limited proportion of the overall total compensation and benefits package provided to staff.

EBRD staff remuneration

Staff on fixed-term or regular contracts receive a salary which is reviewed on 1 April each year. In addition, members of staff who are not eligible for overtime pay are eligible to receive a performance-based compensation award depending on the Bank's and the individual staff member's performance.

Staff on fixed-term or regular contracts, as well as most of the Board of Directors,¹⁶ the President and Vice Presidents, are covered by medical insurance, life insurance and participate in the Bank's retirement plans. Certain staff hired from abroad may be eligible for some allowances to assist with costs related to their relocation.

There are two retirement plans in operation. The Money Purchase Plan is a defined contribution scheme to which both the Bank and staff contribute, with Plan members making individual investment decisions. The Final Salary Plan (FSP) is a defined benefit scheme, to which only the Bank contributes. Both plans provide a lump sum benefit on leaving the Bank or at retirement age, such that retirement plan obligations

¹⁶ Some Directors and Alternates are paid directly by their constituency and do not participate in the Bank's retirement plans and/or other benefits.

to staff once they have left the Bank or retired are minimal (being limited to inflation adjustments on undrawn or deferred benefits under the FSP). The rules for the retirement plans are approved by the Board of Directors and are monitored by a Retirement Plan Committee, a Retirement Plan Administration Committee and a Retirement Plan Investment Committee.

The salaries and emoluments of all staff are subject to an internal tax, applied at rates that vary according to the individual's salary and personal circumstances. Their salaries and emoluments are exempt from national income tax in the United Kingdom.

President and Vice Presidents

The President is elected by the Board of Governors and typically receives a fixed-term contract of four years. The President's salary and benefits are approved by the Board of Governors. The President can participate in the same benefit schemes as the staff but is not eligible for performance-based compensation awards.

The Vice Presidents are appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the President and typically have fixed-term contracts of four years. Their salaries and benefits are approved by the Board of Directors. The Vice Presidents can participate in the same benefit schemes as the staff but are not eligible for performance-based compensation awards.

The gross salaries paid, from which internal tax is deducted, for each of these positions is as follows:

	2018 £ 000	2018 € 000	2017 £ 000	2017 € 000
President	364	412	354	404
First Vice President and Head of Client Services Group	334	378	325	371
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer	319	361	311	355
Vice President, Risk and Compliance and Chief Risk Officer	305	345	296	339
Vice President, Banking	305	345	297	339
Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer ¹⁷	305	345	197	225
Vice President, Policy and Partnerships	305	345	297	339

Board of Directors

Directors are elected by the Board of Governors for a term of three years and may be re-elected. Directors appoint Alternate Directors. The salaries of Directors and Alternate Directors are approved by the Board of Governors. They can participate in the same benefit schemes as staff but are not eligible for performance-based compensation awards. Some Directors and Alternates are paid directly by the directorship that they represent. In such cases, the funds that would otherwise be used by the Bank to pay such Directors and Alternates are made available to the directorship to offset other eligible costs to the directorship.

The most recently approved gross salaries for these positions, from which internal tax is deducted, are as follows:

	2018 £ 000	2018 € 000	2017 £ 000	2017 € 000
Director	154	174	150	171
Alternate Director	128	145	124	142

Senior management

Key management personnel comprise: members of the Bank's Executive Committee, Managing Directors and the Director of the President's Office. This group, excluding the President and Vice Presidents (for whom information is given above), consists of 32 individuals who received gross salaries, from which internal tax is deducted, in the ranges shown in the table below. The average performance-based compensation award for eligible members of this group was 21 per cent of annual gross salaries in 2018 (2017: 21 per cent).

	2018 £ 000	2018 € 000	2017 £ 000	2017 € 000
Minimum	124	140	136	155
Median	180	204	186	212
Maximum	283	320	279	319
No. in group ¹⁸	32	32	36	36

¹⁷ Change of personnel 31 May 2017, new incumbent 2 October 2017.

¹⁸ The number in this group has fallen in comparison to 2017 because there were a number of unfilled positions at 31 December 2018.

Income statement

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2019.

For the year ended 31 December 2018	Note	Year to 31 Dec 2018 € million	Year to 31 Dec 2017 € million
Interest and similar income			
From Banking loans		1,064	974
From fixed-income debt securities and other interest		348	173
Interest expense and similar charges		(831)	(429)
Net interest income on derivatives		170	36
Net interest income	3	751	754
Fee and commission income		101	80
Fee and commission expense		(8)	(6)
Net fee and commission income	4	93	74
Dividend income		204	185
Net (losses)/gains from share investments at fair value through profit or loss	5	(176)	147
Net gains from loans	6	25	5
Net gains from Treasury assets held at amortised cost	7	-	2
Net gains from Treasury activities at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange	8	34	47
Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges	9	21	(20)
Impairment provisions on Banking loan investments	10	(192)	(3)
Impairment provisions on guarantees		-	2
General administrative expenses	11	(391)	(395)
Depreciation and amortisation	20, 21	(29)	(26)
Net profit for the year from continuing operations		340	772
Transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors	26	(130)	(180)
Net profit after transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors		210	592
Attributable to:			
Equity holders		210	592

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Statement of comprehensive income

		Year to 31 December 2018 € million	Year to 31 December 2017 € million
For the year ended 31 December 2018	Note		
Net profit after transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors		210	592
Other comprehensive income/(expense)			
1: Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
– (Losses)/gains on share investments designated as fair value through other comprehensive income	19	(1)	1
– Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit scheme	29	(10)	8
2: Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
– Gains on cash flow hedges	9	1	3
– Losses on fair value hedges	9	(46)	-
– Losses on loans designated as fair value through other comprehensive income	16	(17)	-
Total comprehensive income		137	604
Attributable to:			
Equity holders		137	604

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Balance sheet

At 31 December 2018	Note	€ million	31 Dec 2018 € million	€ million	31 Dec 2017 € million
Assets					
Placements with and advances to credit institutions	12	16,014		14,605	
Debt securities	13				
At fair value through profit or loss		1,604		916	
At amortised cost		11,343		9,465	
		12,947		10,381	
			28,961		24,986
Other financial assets	14				
Derivative financial instruments		3,948		3,677	
Other financial assets		381		352	
			4,329		4,029
Loan investments					
Banking portfolio:					
Loans at amortised cost	15	22,413		22,630	
Less: Provisions for impairment	10	(981)		(850)	
Loans at fair value through other comprehensive income	16	1,737		-	
Loans at fair value through profit or loss	17	460		372	
			23,629		22,152
Share investments					
Banking portfolio:					
At fair value through profit or loss	18	4,745		4,834	
Treasury portfolio:					
Share investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	19	75		76	
			4,820		4,910
Intangible assets	20		62		62
Property, technology and equipment	21		50		54
Total assets			61,851		56,193
Liabilities					
Borrowings					
Amounts owed to credit institutions and other third parties	22	2,107		2,650	
Debts evidenced by certificates	23	40,729		35,116	
			42,836		37,766
Other financial liabilities	24				
Derivative financial instruments		2,079		1,824	
Other financial liabilities		653		431	
			2,732		2,255
Total liabilities			45,568		40,021
Members' equity attributable to equity holders					
Paid-in capital	25	6,215		6,211	
Reserves and retained earnings	26	10,068		9,961	
Total members' equity			16,283		16,172
Total liabilities and members' equity			61,851		56,193
Memorandum items					
Undrawn commitments	27		13,068		12,770

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Statement of changes in equity

	Subscribed capital € million	Callable capital € million	Revaluation reserve € million	Hedging reserve € million	Actuarial remeasurement € million	Retained earnings € million	Total equity € million
For the year ended 31 December 2018							
At 31 December 2016	29,703	(23,496)	19	(2)	6	9,328	15,558
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	1	3	8	592	604
Internal tax for the year	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Capital subscriptions	20	(16)	-	-	-	-	4
At 31 December 2017	29,723	(23,512)	20	1	14	9,926	16,172
Effect of the adoption of IFRS 9	-	-	16	-	-	(52)	(36)
At 31 December 2017 after adoption of IFRS 9	29,723	(23,512)	36	1	14	9,874	16,136
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(18)	(45)	(10)	210	137
Internal tax for the year	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Capital subscriptions	20	(16)	-	-	-	-	4
At 31 December 2018	29,743	(23,528)	18	(44)	4	10,090	16,283

Refer to note 26 "Reserves and retained earnings" on page 72 for a further explanation of the Bank's reserves.

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2018	€ million	Year to 31 Dec 2018 € million	Year to 31 Dec 2017 € million
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net profit for the year	210		592
Adjustments to reconcile net profit to net cash flows:			
<i>Non-cash items in the income statement</i>			
Depreciation and amortisation	29		26
Gross provisions charge for Banking loan losses and guarantees	192		1
Fair value movement on share investments	(126)		253
Fair value movement on loans held at fair value through profit or loss	19		(3)
Fair value movement on Treasury investments	75		(67)
Other unrealised fair value movements	23		163
<i>Cash flows from the sale and purchase of operating assets</i>			
Proceeds from repayments of Banking loans	6,301		7,552
Funds advanced for Banking loans	(7,835)		(8,610)
Proceeds from sale of Banking share investments	606		1,167
Funds advanced for Banking share investments	(660)		(478)
Net cash flows from Treasury derivative settlements	(172)		(54)
Net placements to credit institutions	(1,780)		(4,353)
<i>Working capital adjustment:</i>			
Movement in interest income	107		(46)
Movement in interest expense	65		34
Movement in net fee and commission income	12		5
Movement in net income allocations payable	-		(220)
Movement in accrued expenses	15		1
Movement in dividend income receivable	-		(2)
Net cash used in operating activities		(2,919)	(4,039)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of debt securities at amortised cost	9,350		12,153
Purchases of debt securities at amortised cost	(11,201)		(13,108)
Proceeds from sale of debt securities at fair value through profit or loss	2,415		4,192
Purchases of debt securities at fair value through profit or loss	(3,052)		(4,181)
Purchase of intangible assets, property, technology and equipment	(24)		(19)
Cash flows used in investing activities		(2,512)	(963)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Capital received	7		4
Issue of debts evidenced by certificates	27,711		22,367
Redemption of debts evidenced by certificates	(23,014)		(19,615)
Net cash from financing activities		4,704	2,756
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(727)	(2,246)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		6,271	8,517
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December¹⁹		5,544	6,271

Cash and cash equivalents are amounts with less than three months to maturity from the date of the transactions, which are available for use at short notice and are subject to insignificant risk of change in value. Within the 31 December 2018 balance is €8 million restricted for technical assistance to be provided to member economies in the SEMED region (2017: €8 million).

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¹⁹ See note 12 on page 64 for total amounts in "placements with and advances to credit institutions".

Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

A. Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss and all derivative contracts. In addition, financial assets and liabilities subject to amortised cost measurement which form part of a qualifying hedge relationship have been accounted for in accordance with hedge accounting rules – see “Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting” on page 21.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The going concern assessment was made by the Bank’s Board of Directors when approving the Bank’s “Strategy Implementation Plan 2019-21” in December 2018, which analysed the Bank’s liquidity position. The assessment was re-confirmed by the President and Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer on 27 March 2019, the date on which they signed the financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Bank’s policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where judgements and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in “Critical accounting estimates and judgements” on page 26.

New and amended IFRS mandatorily effective for the current reporting period

There are a number of new standards and amendments to existing standards effective for the current reporting period which have no or negligible impact on the Bank’s financial statements, namely:

- IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- IFRIC 22: Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration
- Amendments to IFRS 2: Share-based Payment
- Amendments to IFRS 4: Insurance Contracts
- Amendments to IAS 40: Investment Property

In addition, IFRS 9: Financial Instruments became effective in the current reporting period. The standard has developed in phases and was completed in July 2014 with a mandatory application date for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Bank adopted the first phase “recognition and measurement of financial assets” (November 2009) in its 2010 financial statements. For details of the impact of implementing the finalised standard see the significant accounting policies section on page 19.

IFRS not yet mandatorily effective and not adopted early

The following standards are not yet effective and have not been adopted early.

Pronouncement	Nature of change	Potential impact
Amendments to: IAS 19: Employee Benefits	Aims to harmonise accounting practices relating to retirement benefit plan amendments, curtailments or settlements. Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.	The Bank anticipates no material impact as a result of adopting the changes to the standard.
Amendments to: IFRS 9: Financial Instruments	Clarifies the classification of financial assets with prepayment features and the accounting for financial liabilities following a modification. Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.	The Bank anticipates no material impact as a result of adopting the changes to the standard.
IFRS 16: Leases	Sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract, that is, the customer (lessee) and the supplier (lessor). Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.	The Bank anticipates no material impact as a result of adopting this standard.
Amendments to: IAS 1: Presentation of Financial Statements and IAS 8: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	Provides clarifications on the definition of "material". Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020.	The Bank anticipates no material impact as a result of adopting the changes to these standards.
IFRS 3: Business Combinations	Provides guidance for when to account for acquisitions either as either a business or as a group of assets. Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020.	The Bank anticipates no material impact as a result of adopting this standard.
IFRS 17: Insurance Contracts	Establishes principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts issued. It also requires similar principles to be applied to reinsurance contracts held and investment contracts with discretionary participation features issued. Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.	The Bank has yet to assess the impact of this standard.

B. Significant accounting policies

From 1 January 2018, the Bank has applied the complete standard IFRS 9: Financial Instruments as issued by the IASB in July 2014. Prior to this date, the Bank had early adopted the first instalment of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments (November 2009), concerning the classification and measurement of financial assets, with effect from 1 January 2010. Consistent with the transition rules for IFRS 9 implementation, there has been no restatement of 2017 comparatives using the new standard. Where the adoption of the new standard has led to a change in the Bank's accounting policies, the differing policies prior to and after 1 January 2018 are described below, together with details of the impact of applying the new policies.

Financial assets – Classification and measurement – prior to 1 January 2018

Pursuant to the Bank's early adoption of the first instalment of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments (November 2009) in 2010, the Bank classified the majority of its financial assets in the following categories: those measured at amortised cost and those measured at fair value through profit or loss.²⁰ This classification depended on both the contractual characteristics of the assets and the business model adopted for their management.

Financial assets – Classification and measurement – from 1 January 2018

The classification of the Bank's financial assets continues to depend on both the contractual characteristics of the assets and the business model adopted for their management. Based on this, financial assets are now classified in one of three categories: those measured at amortised cost, those measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, and those measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets at amortised cost

An investment is classified as "amortised cost" only if both of the following criteria are met: the objective of the Bank's business model is to hold the asset to collect the contractual cash flows; and the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, interest being consideration for the time value of money and the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding.

Investments meeting these criteria are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment. Except for debt securities held at amortised cost, which are recognised on trade date, the Bank's financial assets at amortised cost are recognised at settlement date.

²⁰ The exception being the small number of Treasury share investments held at fair value through other comprehensive income as described on page 20.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income – prior to 1 January 2018

The Bank accounted for a small number of strategic equity investments²¹ at fair value through other comprehensive income with no recycling of such fair value gains or losses through the income statement. Such a classification is available only for equity investments that are not held for trading purposes following an irrevocable election to do so at the point of initial recognition.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income – from 1 January 2018

In addition to the previous class of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, a new category is also available whereby gains or losses recognised in other comprehensive income are subsequently recognised in the income statement. This new classification is applicable following the implementation of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments (2014), and hence there are no assets classified as such in 2017 or before. An investment is classified as “fair value through other comprehensive income” in this manner only if both of the following criteria are met: the objective of the Bank’s business model is achieved by both holding the asset to collect the contractual cash flows and selling the asset; and the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, interest being consideration for the time value of money and the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding.

Investments meeting these criteria are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets. They are subsequently measured at fair value, but the gains and losses on these investments recognised in the income statement are measured using the effective interest method less any impairment. The difference between the fair value gains and losses and the gains and losses recognised in the income statement is recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income. The Bank’s financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised at settlement date.

The below table outlines the impact on the 2018 opening balances as a result of the reclassification of existing financial assets to the new classification:

	Carrying amount 1 January 2018 € million	Reclassification € million	Remeasurement € million	IFRS 9 Impairment Implementation € million	Restated 1 January 2018 € million
Amortised Cost					
Loans at amortised cost	22,630	(1,179)	-	-	21,451
Provisions for impairment	(850)	5	-	(52)	(897)
Fair value through other comprehensive income					
Loans at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	1,174	16	-	1,190
Reserves					
Reserves and retained earnings	9,961	-	16	(52)	9,925

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

If neither of the two classifications above apply, the financial asset is classified as “fair value through profit or loss”. The presence of an embedded derivative, which could potentially change the cash flows arising on a financial asset so that they no longer represent solely payments of principal and interest, requires that instrument to be classified at fair value through profit or loss, an example being a convertible loan.

Financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss are recognised on a settlement date basis if within the Banking loan portfolio and on a trade date basis if within the Treasury portfolio.

The Bank’s share investments – equity investments held within its Banking portfolio – are measured at fair value through profit or loss, including associate investments. The Bank considers the latter to be venture capital investments for which IAS 28: Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures does not require the equity method of accounting.

When an instrument that is required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss has characteristics of both a debt and equity instrument, the Bank determines its classification as a debt or an equity instrument on the basis of the legal rights and obligations attaching to the instrument in accordance with IFRS.

The basis of fair value for listed share investments in an active market is the quoted bid market price on the balance sheet date.

The basis of fair value for share investments that are either unlisted or listed in an inactive market is determined using valuation techniques appropriate to the market and industry of each investment. The primary valuation techniques used are net asset value and earnings-based valuations to which a multiple is applied based on information from comparable companies and discounted cash flows. Techniques used to support these valuations include industry valuation benchmarks and recent transaction prices.

²¹ See note 19 to the financial statements on page 67.

The Bank's share investments are recognised on a trade date basis.

At initial recognition, the Bank measures these assets at their fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the income statement. Such assets are carried at fair value on the balance sheet with changes in fair value included in the income statement in the period in which they occur.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Bank derecognises a financial asset, or a portion of a financial asset, where the contractual rights to that asset have expired or where the rights to further cash flows from the asset have been transferred to a third party and, with them, either:

- substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset or
- significant risks and rewards, along with the unconditional ability to sell or pledge the asset.

Where significant risks and rewards have been transferred, but the transferee does not have the unconditional ability to sell or pledge the asset, the Bank continues to account for the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. Where neither derecognition nor continuing involvement accounting is appropriate, the Bank continues to recognise the asset in its entirety and recognises any consideration received as a financial liability.

Financial liabilities

With the exception of derivative instruments that must be measured at fair value, and the Bank's obligations to the Equity Participation Fund,²² the Bank does not designate any financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. All are measured at amortised cost, unless they qualify for hedge accounting in which case the amortised cost is adjusted for the fair value movements attributable to the risks being hedged. Liabilities deriving from issued securities are recognised on a trade date basis with other liabilities on a settlement date basis.

Interest expense is accrued using the effective interest rate method and is recognised within the "interest expense and similar charges" line of the income statement, except for the allocated cost of funding Treasury's trading assets which is recognised within "net gains from Treasury activities at fair value through profit or loss".

Where a financial liability contains an embedded derivative, which is of a different economic character to the host instrument, that embedded derivative is bifurcated and measured at fair value through the income statement. IFRS 9 does not require bifurcation of embedded derivatives in the case of financial assets.

Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities are possible obligations arising from past events, whose existence will be confirmed only by uncertain future events, or present obligations arising from past events that are not recognised because either an outflow of economic benefits is not probable or the amount of the obligation cannot be reliably measured. Contingent liabilities are not recognised but information about them is disclosed unless the possibility of any outflow of economic benefits in settlement is remote.

Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Bank primarily makes use of derivatives for five purposes:

1. The majority of the Bank's issued securities, excluding commercial paper, are individually paired with a swap to convert the issuance proceeds into the currency and interest rate structure sought by the Bank.
2. To manage the net interest rate risks and foreign exchange risks arising from all of its financial assets and liabilities.
3. To provide potential exit strategies for its unlisted equity investments through negotiated put options.
4. Through currency swaps, to manage funding requirements for the Bank's loan portfolio.
5. To manage the foreign exchange risks arising from the Bank's expenses, the majority of which are incurred in pound sterling.

All derivatives are measured at fair value through profit and loss unless they form part of a qualifying cash flow hedge, in which case the fair value is taken to reserves and released into the income statement at the same time as the risks on the hedged cash flows are recognised therein. Any hedge ineffectiveness will result in the relevant proportion of the fair value remaining in the income statement.

Derivative fair values are derived primarily from discounted cash flow models, option pricing models and from third party quotes. Derivatives are carried as assets when their fair values are positive and as liabilities when their fair values are negative. In 2016 the Bank introduced additional valuation measures for its over-the-counter (OTC)²³ derivatives portfolio to reflect credit and funding cost adjustments which the Bank reasonably anticipates will be incorporated into the exit price for such instruments. These adjustments, calculated at a portfolio level for each individual counterparty, allow for the following factors:

²² See Note 31 on page 79 for further details on the Equity Participation Fund.

²³ OTC derivatives are those not settled through a central clearing party.

- The credit valuation adjustment (CVA) reflects the impact on the price of a derivative trade of changes in the credit risk associated with the counterparty
- The debit valuation adjustment (DVA) reflects the impact on the price of a derivative trade of changes in the credit risk associated with the EBRD
- The funding valuation adjustment (FVA) reflects the costs and benefits arising when uncollateralised derivative exposures are hedged with collateralised trades

In line with market practice, in 2017 the Bank added valuation adjustments to these derivatives attributable to “cheapest-to-deliver” factors, reflecting the value of terms and conditions relating to the posting of collateral in the Bank’s Credit Support Annexes (CSA) to the ISDA Master Agreements.

The valuation adjustment deriving from these factors is detailed within the Risk Management section of the report on page 41.

Hedge accounting

Hedge accounting is designed to bring accounting consistency to financial instruments that would not otherwise be permitted. A valid hedge relationship exists when a specific relationship can be identified between two or more financial instruments in which the change in value of one instrument (the hedging instrument) is highly negatively correlated to the change in value of the other (the hedged item).

The Bank applies hedge accounting treatment to individually identified hedge relationships. The Bank documents the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items upon initial recognition of the transaction. The Bank also documents its assessment, on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items. The fair value gains and losses associated with these hedge relationships is recognised within “Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges”. Also included within this caption of the income statement are the gains and losses attributable to derivatives that the Bank uses for hedging interest-rate risk on a macro basis, but for which the Bank does not apply hedge accounting.

Fair value hedges – prior to 1 January 2018

The Bank’s hedging activities are primarily designed to mitigate interest rate risk by using swaps to convert the interest rate risk profile, on both assets and liabilities, into floating rate risk. Such hedges are known as “fair value” hedges. Changes in the fair value of the derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges, and that prove to be highly effective in relation to hedged risk, are included in the income statement, along with the corresponding change in fair value of the hedged asset or liability that is attributable to that specific hedged risk.

The Bank did not adopt early the part of IFRS 9 which relates to hedge accounting and therefore still applied IAS 39: Financial Instruments prior to 1 January 2018. To qualify for hedge accounting under IAS 39 the correlation of the changes in value between the hedged item and the hedging instrument must be within a range of 80 to 125 per cent, with any ineffectiveness within these boundaries recognised within “Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges” in the income statement.

Fair value hedges – from 1 January 2018

To qualify for hedge accounting under IFRS 9 there is no longer a mathematical test over the correlation of the changes in value between the hedged item and the hedging instrument. Instead, there must be a demonstrable economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, where credit risk is not a dominant factor in the value changes expected in that relationship. In practice, the application of these qualifying criteria at the Bank has permitted a number of hedging relationships previously disqualified from hedge accounting under IFRS 9 to be reclassified as hedges from 1 January 2018.

One of the principal causes of ineffectiveness in the Bank’s fair value hedging relationships is the foreign currency basis spread, a pricing factor applicable to the cross-currency swaps designated as hedging items in many of the Bank’s hedge relationships. Changes in foreign currency basis risk leads to hedge ineffectiveness as it causes movements in the value of the hedging instrument, the cross-currency swap, but does not directly lead to movements in the value of the hedged item. The Bank applies the option available under IFRS to separate the foreign currency basis spread of a financial instrument in a hedging relationship, with changes in its value recognised in other comprehensive income. The amounts recognised in other comprehensive income are subsequently amortised through the income statement over the remaining life of the hedging relationship in “Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges”.

Any remaining ineffectiveness arising from the Bank’s fair value hedging relationships after separating the foreign currency basis risk is recognised in “Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges” in the income statement.

As the changes in hedge accounting rules on implementation of IFRS 9 require prospective application, there was no impact on the 2018 opening balances arising from the change.

Cash flow hedges

The Bank has engaged in cash flow hedges to minimise the exchange rate risk associated with the fact that the majority of its administrative expenses are incurred in pound sterling. The amount and timing of such hedges fluctuate in line with the Bank's view on opportune moments to execute the hedges. In December 2018 the Bank purchased in the forward foreign exchange market approximately forty per cent of the pound sterling figure for the 2019 budget. The movement in the fair value of these hedges will be recognised directly in reserves until such time as the relevant expenditure is incurred, when the hedge gains or losses will be reflected as part of the euro-equivalent expenses for the year.

For further information on risk and related management policies see the Risk Management section of this report on page 29.

Financial guarantees

Issued financial guarantees are initially recognised at their fair value, and subsequently measured at the higher of the unamortised balance of the related fees received and deferred, and the expected credit loss (ECL) at the balance sheet date. The latter is recognised when it is both probable that the guarantee will need to be settled and that the settlement amount can be reliably estimated. Financial guarantees are recognised within other financial assets and other financial liabilities.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets at amortised cost – performing assets prior to 1 January 2018

Provisions for impairment of classes of similar assets that are not individually identified as impaired are calculated on a portfolio basis (the general provision). The methodology used for assessing such impairment is based on a risk-rated approach, with the methodology applied for all sovereign risk assets taking into account the Bank's preferred creditor status afforded by its members. Under IAS 39, the Bank's methodology calculated impairment on an incurred loss basis. Impairment was deducted from the asset categories on the balance sheet and charged to the income statement.

The Bank additionally made transfers within its reserves to maintain a separate loan loss reserve to supplement the cumulative amount provisioned through the Bank's income statement on an incurred loss basis.

Financial assets at amortised cost – performing assets from 1 January 2018 (Stages 1 and 2)

Provisions for impairment of classes of similar assets that are not individually identified as impaired continue to be calculated on a portfolio basis (the general provision), but with several changes from the previous model under IAS 39. Under IFRS 9 the Bank's methodology is to calculate impairment on an expected credit loss basis.

A "three-stage" model for impairment is applied based on changes in credit quality since origination,²⁴ with the stage allocation being based on the financial asset's probability of default (PD). At origination loans are classified in Stage 1. If there is subsequently a significant increase in credit risk associated with the asset, it is then reallocated to Stage 2. The transition from Stage 1 to Stage 2 is significant because provisions for Stage 1 assets are based on expected losses over a 12-month horizon, whereas Stage 2 assets are provisioned based on lifetime expected losses. When objective evidence of impairment is identified, the asset is reallocated to Stage 3 as described below.

The staging model relies on a relative assessment of credit risk, that is, a loan with the same characteristics could be included in Stage 1 or in Stage 2, depending on the credit risk at origination of the loan. As a result, an entity could have different loans with the same counterparty that are included in different stages of the model, depending on the credit risk that each loan had at origination.

For Stage 1 and Stage 2 assets impairment is deducted from the asset categories on the balance sheet and charged to the income statement. The Bank additionally makes transfers within its reserves, maintaining a separate loan loss reserve to supplement the cumulative amount provisioned through the Bank's income statement for Stage 1 assets. The amounts held within the loan loss reserve equate to the difference between the ECL calculated on a lifetime basis and the ECL calculated over a 12-month horizon for the assets held in Stage 1.

Applying the IFRS 9 model for impairment at 1 January 2018 increased impairment by €52 million, with the increase being recognised as a reduction to the brought forward balance of reserves and retained earnings.²⁵

²⁴ For the purpose of calculating impairment, origination is the trade date of the asset (that is, the signing date in the case of the Bank's loans at amortised cost), not the date of the initial recognition of the asset on the Bank's balance sheet.

²⁵ See the table on page 20.

Financial assets at amortised cost – non-performing assets (Stage 3)

There is no significant difference in the accounting for non-performing assets between IAS 39 and IFRS 9. Where there is objective evidence that an identified loan asset is impaired, specific provisions for impairment are recognised in the income statement, and under IFRS 9, the asset is classified in Stage 3. The criteria that the Bank uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- delinquency in contractual payments of principal or interest
- cash flow difficulties experienced by the borrower
- breach of loan covenants or conditions
- initiation of bankruptcy proceedings
- deterioration in the borrower's competitive position
- deterioration in the value of collateral.

Impairment is quantified as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the net present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate where applicable. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement. After initial impairment, subsequent adjustments include the unwinding of the discount in the income statement over the life of the asset, and any adjustments required in respect of a reassessment of the initial impairment.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly only through repayment or upon write-off. When a loan is deemed uncollectible the principal is written off against the related impairment provision. Such loans are written off only after all necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Recoveries are credited to the income statement if previously written off.

Loans and advances may be renegotiated in response to an adverse change in the circumstances of the borrower. Depending upon the degree to which the original loan is amended, it may continue to be recognised or will be derecognised and replaced with a new loan. To the extent the original loan is retained, it will continue to be shown as overdue if appropriate and individually impaired where the renegotiated payments of interest and principal will not recover the original carrying amount of the asset.

Statement of cash flows

The statement of cash flows is prepared using the indirect method. Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months maturity from the date of the transaction, which are available for use at short notice and that are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Foreign currencies

The Bank's reporting currency for the presentation of its financial statements is the euro.

Foreign currency transactions are initially translated into euro using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions, and from the translation at the year-end exchange rate of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are included in the income statement, except when deferred in reserves as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Capital subscriptions

The Bank's share capital is denominated in euro and is divided into paid-in and callable shares. Paid-in shares are recognised on the balance sheet as members' equity. Callable shares will not be recorded on the balance sheet unless the Bank exercises its right to call the shares.

Intangible assets

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Bank, and that will generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. Direct costs include the staff costs of the software development team and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

Expenditure that enhances or extends the performance of computer software programmes beyond their original specifications is recognised as a capital improvement and is added to the original cost of the software. Computer software development costs recognised as intangible assets are amortised using the straight-line method over an estimated life of three to ten years.

Property, technology and equipment

In 2017 the Bank took legal ownership of a stock of railcars in part settlement of a loan which was in default and which had been fully provisioned. The loan and associated provision were each reduced by the value attributed to the railcars. The railcars are classified as "property, technology and equipment" with income generated from the operation of the railcars classified as fee and commission income.

Property, technology and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method to write off the cost of each asset to its residual value over the estimated life as follows:

Freehold property	30 years
Improvements on leases of less than 50 years unexpired	Unexpired periods
Technology and office equipment	Between three and ten years
Other (railcars)	20 years

Accounting for leases

Leases of assets under which all the risks and benefits of ownership are effectively retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. The Bank has entered into such leases for its office accommodation, both in its UK Headquarters and its Resident Offices in other economies in which it has a presence. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which the termination takes place.

Interest, fees, commissions and dividends

Interest income and expense is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future payments or receipts to the gross carrying amount of the financial instrument. This method requires that, in addition to the contractual interest rate attaching to a financial instrument, those fees and direct costs associated with originating the instrument are also recognised as interest income or expense over the life of the instrument. Further details are provided below.

- **Banking loans:** this represents interest income on banking loans. Interest is recognised on impaired loans through unwinding the discount used in deriving the present value of expected future cash flows.
- **Fixed-income debt securities and other:** this represents interest income on Treasury investments with the exception of those measured at fair value where the interest is recognised in “net gains from Treasury activities at fair value through profit or loss”. Where hedge accounting is applied to an underlying investment – typically using a swap to convert fixed-rate interest into floating – the net interest of the swap is included within this interest income line.
- **Interest expense and similar charges:** this represents interest expense on all borrowed funds. The majority of the Bank’s borrowings are undertaken through the issuance of bonds that are usually paired with a one-to-one swap to convert the proceeds into the currency and floating rate profile sought by the Bank. Hedge accounting is applied to such relationships and the net interest of the associated swap is included within interest expense.
- **Net interest income/(expense) on derivatives:** in addition to swaps where the interest is associated with specific investments or borrowings, the Bank also employs a range of derivatives to manage the risk deriving from interest rate mismatches between the asset and liability side of the balance sheet. The net interest associated with these derivatives is presented separately as it is not identifiable to individual assets or liabilities presented elsewhere within “net interest income”. This lack of specific “matching” also means that hedge accounting is not applied in respect of the risks hedged by these derivatives.

Fees received in respect of services provided over a period of time, including loan commitment fees are recognised as income as the services are provided. Other fees and commissions are classed as income when received. Issuance fees and redemption premiums or discounts are amortised over the period to maturity of the related borrowings on an effective yield basis.

Dividends relating to share investments are recognised in accordance with IFRS 15 when the Bank’s right to receive payments has been established, and when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the amount can be reliably measured.

Staff retirement schemes

The Bank has a defined contribution scheme and a defined benefit scheme to provide retirement benefits to its staff. The Bank keeps all contributions to the schemes, and all other assets and income held for the purposes of the schemes, separately from all of its other assets.

Under the defined contribution scheme, the Bank and staff contribute to provide a lump sum benefit, such contributions being charged to the income statement and transferred to the scheme’s independent custodians.

The defined benefit scheme is funded entirely by the Bank and benefits are based on years of service and a percentage of final gross base salary as defined in the scheme. Independent actuaries calculate the defined benefit obligation at least every three years by using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows (relating to service accrued to the balance sheet date) using the yields available on high-quality corporate bonds. For intermediate years, the defined benefit obligation is estimated using approximate actuarial roll-forward techniques that allow for additional benefit accrual, actual cash flows and changes in the underlying actuarial assumptions.

The Bank's contributions to the defined benefit scheme are determined by the Retirement Plan Committee, with advice from the Bank's actuaries, and the contributions are transferred to the scheme's independent custodians.

The defined benefit cost charged to the income statement represents the service cost, the net interest income/(cost) and any foreign exchange movements on the plan's net asset or liability. Remeasurements due to actuarial assumptions, including the difference between expected and actual net interest, are recognised in "other comprehensive income". The net defined benefit or liability recognised on the balance sheet is equal to the actual surplus or deficit of the defined benefit plan.

Taxation

In accordance with Article 53 of the Agreement, within the scope of its official activities, the Bank, its assets, property and income are exempt from all direct taxes. Taxes and duties levied on goods or services are likewise exempted or reimbursable except for those parts of taxes or duties that represent charges for public utility services.

C. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Preparing financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Bank to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts included in the income statement during the reporting period. Estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

These estimates are highly dependent on a number of variables that reflect the economic environment and financial markets of the economies in which the Bank invests, but which are not directly correlated to market risks such as interest rate and foreign exchange risk. The Bank's critical accounting estimates are outlined below.

Fair value of derivative financial instruments

The fair values of the Bank's derivative financial instruments are determined by using discounted cash flow models. These cash flow models are based on underlying market prices for currencies, interest rates and option volatilities. Where market data are not available for all elements of a derivative's valuation, extrapolation and interpolation of existing data has been used. Where unobservable inputs have been used, a sensitivity analysis has been included under "fair value hierarchy" within the Risk Management section of the report on page 53.

Fair value of Banking loans at fair value through profit or loss

The fair values of the Bank's loans at fair value through profit or loss are determined by using a combination of discounted cash flow models and options pricing models. These models incorporate market data pertaining to interest rates, a borrower's credit spreads, underlying equity prices and dividend cash flows. Where relevant market data are not available extrapolation and interpolation of existing data has been used. Where unobservable inputs have been used, a sensitivity analysis has been included under "fair value hierarchy" within the Risk Management section of the report.

Fair value of share investments

The Bank's method for determining the fair value of share investments is described under "Financial assets" in the Accounting Policies section of the report and an analysis of the share investment portfolio is provided in note 18 on page 67. In relation to the Bank's share investments where the valuations are not based on observable market inputs, additional sensitivity information has been included under "fair value hierarchy" in the Risk Management section of the report on page 54.

Provisions for the impairment of loan investments

The Bank's method for determining the level of impairment of loan investments is described within the Accounting Policies section of the report (page 23) and further explained under credit risk within the Risk Management section of the report (page 31).

During 2018 the Bank implemented IFRS 9 impairment rules, moving from an "incurred loss" model (that is, a loss event must have occurred in order to recognise a provision) to a forward looking "expected credit loss" model (that is, provisions should be recognised in anticipation of future loss events). For more information about this change see the significant accounting policies section on page 23.

In accordance with IFRS 9, ECL represents the average credit losses weighted by the probabilities of default (PD), whereby credit losses are defined as the present value of all cash shortfalls. The ECL is calculated for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 loans by applying the provision rate to the projected exposure at default (EAD), and discounting the resulting provision using the loan's effective interest rate (EIR). The provision rate is generated by multiplying the PD rate and the loss given default (LGD) rate applicable to the loan.

A number of critical accounting estimates and judgements are therefore made in the calculation of impairment of loan investments.

Stage assessment

In order to determine whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since origination and hence transition to Stage 2 a combination of quantitative and qualitative risk metrics are employed. All loans with a 3-notch downgrade in PD on the Bank's internal ratings scale since origination, all loans for which the contractual payments are overdue by between 31 and 89 days inclusive, as well as all loans placed on the "watch list" are transitioned to Stage 2.²⁶

Point-in-time PD rates

To calculate expected credit losses for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 assets, a default probability is mapped to each PD rating using historical default data. The Bank uses forward looking point-in-time (PIT) PD rates to calculate the ECL. The PIT PD rates are derived from through-the-cycle (TTC) PD rates adjusted for projected macroeconomic conditions. The cumulative TTC PD rates used in 2018 are set out by internal rating grade below:

PD rating ²⁷	External rating equivalent	1-year horizon	2-year horizon	3-year horizon	4-year horizon	5-year horizon
1.0	AAA	0.01%	0.03%	0.13%	0.24%	0.35%
2.0	AA	0.02%	0.06%	0.15%	0.26%	0.37%
3.0	A	0.06%	0.15%	0.24%	0.36%	0.49%
4.0	BBB	0.17%	0.43%	0.68%	1.05%	1.42%
5.0	BB	0.29%	0.85%	1.51%	2.27%	3.04%
6.0	B	1.42%	3.05%	4.36%	5.59%	6.60%
7.0	CCC	9.18%	13.55%	17.44%	20.48%	23.18%

TTC PD rates express the likelihood of a default based on long-term credit risk trend rates and are constructed by using external benchmarks for investment grades and blending internal default experience with external data, assigning 75 per cent weight to the Bank's internal experience, and 25 per cent to emerging markets data published by Standards & Poor's for sub-investment grades. These are then adjusted based on analysis of the Bank's historical default experience in relation to the macroeconomic environment prevailing at the time of default. The Bank has broken down TTC PD rates into PD rates applicable during periods of macroeconomic growth and recession. Consequently forward-looking country-specific probabilities of macroeconomic growth and recession are a key driver of PIT PD rates, and therefore a key driver of the level of impairment recognised by the Bank.

Update of historical default data

In 2018 the Bank carried out its regular annual review of the loss parameters underpinning estimates of unidentified impairment, with the aim of better reflecting the Bank's loss experience. The key revision to these estimates was in determining the probabilities of default for each risk rating,²⁸ the historical data used to calibrate the rates were updated to include 2017 data. This was carried out for both the internal and external data used to determine the final probability of default rates.²⁹

There was an overall improvement in the TTC PD rates from 2016 to 2017. As a result, retaining the old PD rates would have increased the 2018 general provisions by €14 million.

Loss given default rates

An LGD rate is assigned to individual facilities indicating how much the Bank expects to lose on each facility if the borrower defaults. The rates for senior and subordinated loans are in accordance with the Foundation-IRB³⁰ approach under the Basel Accord, and rates for covered bonds are in line with the guidance provided by the European Banking Authority. The resulting average LGD rate for the non-sovereign portfolio is consistent with the Bank's long-term recovery experience.

In the case of a sovereign default, the Bank believes that its payment would be more likely to remain uninterrupted, benefitting from its preferred creditor status. These features are reflected in the LGD rate assigned to a sovereign exposure. Different categories of LGD rates are established based on the ability of the state to extend preferred credit status primarily through reviewing the proportion of preferred creditor debt to overall public debt and the overall institutional and governance effectiveness. Sub-sovereign recovery rates are adjusted in line with the recovery rates associated with the respective sovereigns.

Guarantors

Where the Bank's loans are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, and the PD and/or LGD rating of the guarantor is better than the PD and/or LGD rating of the borrower, the ECL is based on the better of the PD and LGD ratings of the borrower and the guarantor.

²⁶ A project is assigned to the "watch list" when a risk officer determines that there is a heightened risk that needs to be flagged to management and Corporate Recovery of the project failing to meet debt service and the Bank subsequently suffering a financial loss.

²⁷ The Bank's internal PD rating scale is explained in detail on page 31 of the Risk Management section.

²⁸ See table showing probability of default ratings used by the Bank in the credit risk section under "Risk Management" on page 31.

²⁹ See PD table above.

³⁰ Internal ratings based.

Exposure at default

EAD estimates the outstanding balance at the point of default. EAD is modelled at an individual loan level, with all future expected cash flows including disbursements, cancellations, prepayments and interest being considered. The Bank's EAD combines actual and contractual cash flows and models future disbursements and repayments based on the Bank's own experience.

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity of portfolio provisions at 31 December 2018 to the key variables used in determining the level of impairment is provided below.

Adjusted risk parameter	Recalculated provision €million	Change in provision €million	Change in provision %
2018 portfolio provision (Stages 1 and 2)	306	-	-
Staging ³¹			
All loans in Stage 1	236	(70)	(23)%
All loans in Stage 2	786	480	157%
PD Ratings ³²			
All loans upgraded 1 notch	179	(127)	(42)%
All loans downgraded 1 notch	513	207	67%
All loans upgraded 3 notches	57	(249)	(81)%
All loans downgraded 3 notches	1,391	1,085	354%
Projected GDP ³³			
Projected GDP increased by 1%	286	(20)	(7)%
Projected GDP decreased by 1%	330	24	8%
Projected GDP increased by 5%	236	(70)	(23)%
Projected GDP decreased by 5%	450	144	47%
LGD			
All loans decreased by 10%	227	(79)	(26)%
All loans increased by 10%	386	80	26%
EAD			
All undrawn commitments cancelled	260	(46)	(15)%
All undrawn commitments disbursed within one month	355	49	16%
PD rates – weighting of Bank data and external data			
Increase weighting of Bank data by 10%	269	(37)	(12)%
Decrease weighting of Bank data by 10%	343	37	12%

With respect to specific provisions, an increase or decrease of 10 percentage points on the current provision cover level would have an impact of ±€99 million (2017: €85 million).

Judgements not involving estimation

In the process of applying its accounting policies, the Bank makes various judgements in addition to those involving estimation that can significantly affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. These judgements are described in detail in the accounting policies section on page 19.

³¹ The level of provision is very sensitive to an adverse move in stage allocation. This sensitivity is driven by relatively long maturity of the underlying assets, as well as the fact that around 90 per cent of the portfolio is currently in Stage 1.

³² Adjusting the PD ratings has a dual impact in that a changed PD rating results in a change in the PD rate applied in the ECL calculation, but can also lead to a change in the staging of a loan, given that a three-notch downgrade since inception is one of the Bank's triggers for including an asset in Stage 2. Both of these effects are captured here.

³³ The relatively low sensitivity to changes in GDP is due to high historical volatilities of GDP growth in the economies where the Bank invests, resulting in substantial uncertainty around GDP forecasts. This analysis of sensitivity excludes any stage transition effects that might occur in parallel to such changes in GDP forecasts.

Risk management

Financial risks

Risk governance

The Bank's overall framework for identification and management of risks is underpinned by independent second line of defence³⁴ control functions, including the Risk Management department, Office of the Chief Compliance Officer, Environmental and Social Department, Finance Department, Evaluation Department and other relevant units. An Internal Audit Department acts as third line of defence and independently assesses the effectiveness of the processes within the first and second lines of defence. The Vice President, Risk and Compliance and Chief Risk Officer (CRO) is responsible for ensuring the independent risk management of the Banking and Treasury exposures, including adequate processes and governance structure for independent identification, measurement, monitoring and mitigation of risks incurred by the Bank. The challenge of the control functions, review of their status and assessment of their ability to perform duties independently falls within the remit of the Audit Committee of the Board.

Matters related to Bank-wide risk and associated policies and procedures are considered by the Risk Committee. The Risk Committee is chaired by the Vice President, Risk and Compliance, CRO. The Risk Committee is accountable to the President. It oversees all aspects of the Banking and Treasury portfolios across all sectors and countries, and provides advice on risk management policies, measures and controls. It also approves proposals for new products submitted by Banking or Treasury. The membership comprises senior managers across the Bank including representatives from Risk Management, Finance, Banking and the Office of the General Counsel.

The Managing Director, Risk Management reports to the Vice President, Risk and Compliance, CRO and leads the overall management of the department. Risk Management provides an independent assessment of risks associated with individual investments undertaken by the Bank, and performs an ongoing review of the portfolio to monitor credit, market and liquidity risks and to identify appropriate risk management actions. It also assesses and proposes ways to manage risks arising from correlations and concentrations within the portfolio, and ensures that adequate systems and controls are put in place for identification and management of operational risks across the Bank. It develops and maintains the risk management policies to facilitate Banking and Treasury operations and promotes risk awareness across the Bank.

In exercising its responsibilities, Risk Management is guided by its mission to:

- provide assurance to stakeholders that risk decision-making in the Bank is balanced and within agreed appetite, and that control processes are rigorously designed and applied
- support the Bank's business strategy including the maximisation of transition impact through provision of efficient and effective delivery of risk management advice, challenge and decision-making.

Risks in 2019

Below is a summary of current top and emerging risks identified by the Bank. These are risks that, if they were to crystallise, have the potential to negatively affect the Bank's ability to carry out its mandate and/or which would cause a material deterioration in its portfolio. These risks therefore provide a background to understanding the changes in the Bank's risk profile and exposures and are closely monitored by management.

- Further increase in prominence of parties and policies with "national (inward)" focus leading to progressive fragmentation of global economy and hence increasing the challenge of delivering on transition and the Bank's mission overall.
- Global cyclical economic slowdown, putting pressure on credit availability and export revenues in the economies where the Bank invests and adversely impacting valuations and credit risk in the Bank's portfolio.
- Sharp capital outflows from several economies where the Bank invests, which could lead to exchange rates shifts, increased costs of borrowing, as well as substantial drop in equity prices. This would likely pose new challenges for the Bank's clients, increase credit risk and materially decrease the value and liquidity of the Bank's equity investments, resulting in financial losses and reduction in the Bank's capital.
- Escalation of instability and/or regional conflict in the southern and eastern Mediterranean region (SEMED), with spillover effects on other parts of the region, leading to increased political risks and a deteriorating business environment.
- Material reform slowdown in one or more of the Bank's key markets (Turkey, Egypt, Poland, Ukraine and Kazakhstan), reducing the scope for the Bank's engagement in pursuing its mandate.

In carrying out its mission, the Bank is exposed to financial risks through both its Banking and Treasury activities. These are principally credit, market, operational and liquidity risks.

³⁴ With the Banking Vice-Presidency being the first line of defence in identifying and managing risks related to Banking debt and equity operations and the Treasury department being the first line of defence in identifying and managing risks related to Treasury exposure.

A. Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential loss to a portfolio that could result from either the default of a counterparty or the deterioration of its creditworthiness. The Bank is also exposed to concentration risk, which arises from too high a proportion of the exposure being exposed to a single obligor and/or exposure that has the potential to simultaneously deteriorate due to correlation to an event. Exposure to obligors in the same country or sector are examples but such concentrations could also include clusters or subsets of country or sector portfolios.

The Bank is exposed to credit risk in both its Banking and Treasury activities, as Banking and Treasury counterparties could default on their contractual obligations, or the value of the Bank's investments could become impaired. The Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk from financial instruments is approximated on the balance sheet, inclusive of the undrawn commitments related to loans and guarantees (see note 27 on page 74).

Details of collateral and other forms of risk reduction are provided within the respective sections on Banking and Treasury below.

Credit risk in the Banking portfolio: Management

Individual projects

The Board of Directors approves the principles underlying the credit process for the approval, management and review of Banking exposures. The Audit Committee periodically reviews these principles and its review is submitted to the Board.

The Operations Committee reviews all Banking projects (both debt and equity transactions) prior to their submission for Board approval. The Committee is chaired by the First Vice President and Head of Client Services Group and its membership comprises senior managers of the Bank, including the Vice President, Risk and Compliance, CRO and the Managing Director, Risk Management. A number of frameworks for smaller projects are considered by the Small Business Investment Committee or by senior management under a delegated authority framework supervised by the Operations Committee. The project approval process is designed to ensure compliance with the Bank's criteria for sound banking, transition impact and additionality.³⁵ It operates within the authority delegated by the Board, via the President, to approve projects within Board-approved framework operations. The Operations Committee is also responsible for approving significant changes to existing operations.

The Equity Committee acts as the governance committee for the equity portfolio and reports to the Operations Committee. Risk Management is represented at both the Equity Committee and the Small Business Investment Committee.

Risk Management conducts reviews of all exposures within the Banking portfolio. At each review, Risk Management assesses whether there has been any change in the risk profile of the exposure, recommends actions to mitigate risk and reconfirms or adjusts the risk rating. It also reviews the fair value of equity investments.

Portfolio level review

Risk Management reports on the development of the portfolio as a whole on a quarterly basis to senior management and the Board. The report includes a summary of key factors affecting the portfolio and provides analysis and commentary on trends within the portfolio and various sub-portfolios. It also includes reporting on compliance with portfolio risk limits.

To identify emerging risk and enable appropriate risk mitigating actions Risk Management also conducts regular Bank-wide (top-down) and regional (bottom-up) stress testing exercises and comprehensive reviews of its investment portfolios. The Bank recognises that any resulting risk mitigation is constrained by the limited geographical space within which the Bank operates.

EBRD internal ratings

Probability of default ratings (PD ratings)

The Bank assigns its internal risk ratings to all counterparties, including borrowers, investee companies, guarantors, put counterparties and sovereigns in the Banking and Treasury portfolios. Risk ratings reflect the financial strength of the counterparty as well as consideration of any implicit support, for example from a major shareholder. The sovereign rating takes into consideration the ratings assigned by external rating agencies. For sovereign risk projects, the overall rating is the same as the sovereign rating. For non-sovereign operations, probability of default ratings are normally capped by the sovereign rating, except where the Bank has recourse to a guarantor from outside the country which may have a better rating than the local sovereign rating.

³⁵ For further information on the concepts of transition impact and additionality, visit: <https://www.ebrd.com/our-values.html>

The table below shows the Bank's internal probability of default rating scale from 1.0 (lowest risk) to 8.0 (highest risk) and how this maps to the external ratings of Standard & Poor's (S&P). References to risk rating through this text relate to probability of default ratings unless otherwise specified.³⁶

EBRD risk rating category	EBRD risk rating	External rating equivalent	Category name	Broader category
1	1.0	AAA	Excellent	Investment grade
2	1.7	AA+	Very strong	
	2.0	AA		
	2.3/2.5	AA-		
3	2.7	A+	Strong	
	3.0	A		
	3.3	A-		
4	3.7	BBB+	Good	
	4.0	BBB		
	4.3	BBB-		
5	4.7	BB+	Fair	Risk range 5
	5.0	BB		
	5.3	BB-		
6	5.7	B+	Weak	Risk range 6
	6.0	B		
	6.3	B-		
7	6.7	CCC+	Special attention	Risk range 7
	7.0	CCC		
	7.3	CCC-/CC/C		
8	8.0	D	Non-performing	NPL/Impaired assets

Loss given default

The Bank assigns loss given default percentages on a scale of 3 to 100 determined by the seniority of the instrument in which the Bank invested.³⁷

Non-performing loans (NPL)

NPL definition

An asset is designated as non-performing when either the borrower is past due on payment to any material creditor for 90 days or more, or when Risk Management considers that the counterparty is unlikely to pay its credit obligations in full without recourse by the Bank to actions such as realising security, if held.³⁸

Provisioning methodology

A specific provision is raised on all NPL accounted for at amortised cost. The provision represents the amount of anticipated loss, being the difference between the outstanding amount from the client and the expected recovery amount. The expected recovery amount is equal to the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate. For loans held at fair value through either profit and loss or other comprehensive income, the fair value of the loan equates to the expected recovery amount thus calculated.

General portfolio provisions

In the performing portfolio, provisions are held against expected credit losses. These amounts are based on the PD rates associated with the rating assigned to each counterparty, the LGD parameters reflecting product seniority, the effective interest rate of the loan and the exposure at default.

Credit risk in the Banking portfolio: 2018

Total Banking loan exposure (operating assets including fair value adjustments but before provisions) increased during the year from €23.0 billion at 31 December 2017 to €24.6 billion at 31 December 2018. The total signed Banking loan portfolio and guarantees increased from €34.5 billion at 31 December 2017 to €36.3 billion at 31 December 2018.

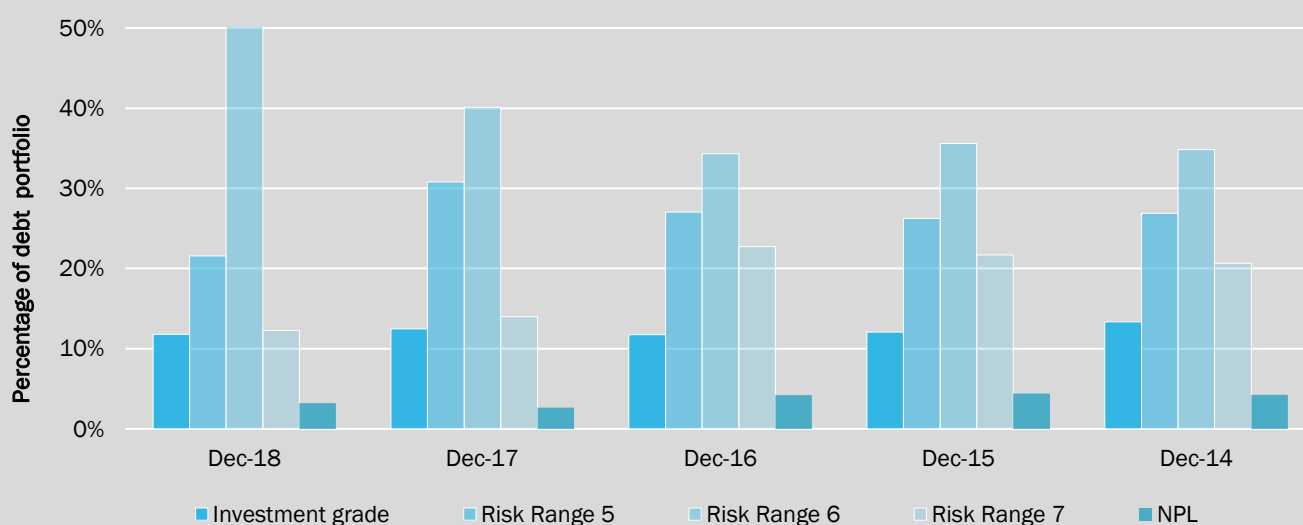
³⁶ The TTC probabilities of default associated with these risk ratings are summarised in the critical accounting estimates and judgement section on page 27.

³⁷ For more details on LGD rates see the critical accounting estimates and judgements section on page 27.

³⁸ For further details see the accounting policies section on page 23.

The average credit profile of the portfolio worsened slightly in 2018 as the weighted average probability of default (WAPD) rating increased to 5.74 (2017: 5.67). This performance largely reflected a slight deterioration in the economic and political environment in the economies where the Bank invests, with the sovereign downgrade in Turkey especially significant. Risk range 7 loans (those risk rated 6.7 to 7.3) decreased from 14.0 to 12.3 per cent and the absolute level now stands at €4.5 billion (2017: €4.9 billion). The reduction in this portfolio was driven by repayments in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

Credit risk in the Banking portfolio



NPL³⁹ increased over 2018, amounting to €1.2 billion or 4.7 per cent of operating assets at year-end 2018 (2017: €0.9 billion or 3.9 per cent). Distressed restructured loans⁴⁰ were relatively low, comprising an additional €526 million or 2.1 per cent of operating assets at year-end 2018 (2017: €727 million or 3.1 per cent). Net write-offs amounted to €107 million in 2018 (2017: €135 million).

Specific provisions also increased in 2018, reflecting weakening of the macro-financial environment in the economies in which the Bank invests, particularly Turkey.

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Movement in NPL⁴¹		
Opening balance	898	1,292
Repayments	(144)	(315)
Write-offs	(107)	(135)
New impaired assets	515	119
Other movements	14	(63)
Closing balance	1,176	898

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Movement in specific provisions⁴²		
Opening balance	602	765
Provision cover	71%	63%
New/increased specific provisions	252	122
Provisions release – repayments	(79)	(90)
Provisions release – now performing	-	(19)
Provisions release – write-offs	(91)	(115)
Foreign exchange movement	12	(46)

³⁹ NPL include impaired loans at amortised cost of €1.1 billion (2017: €0.8 billion), loans at fair value through profit or loss with an original cost of €41 million (2017: €49 million) and no loans at fair value through other comprehensive income (2017: nil).

⁴⁰ Defined as a loan in which any of the key terms and conditions have been amended due to the financial stress of the borrower, and without such amendment(s) would be likely to have become an impaired loan.

⁴¹ Includes loans at fair value that have no associated specific provisions.

⁴² Does not include fair value adjustments on impaired assets carried at fair value.

Unwinding discount ⁴³	(21)	(15)
Closing balance	675	602
Provision cover ⁴⁴	59%	71%

Loan investments at amortised cost

For the purpose of calculating impairment in accordance with IFRS 9, loans at amortised cost are grouped in three stages.⁴⁵

- Stage 1: Loans are originated in Stage 1. In this stage impairment is calculated on a portfolio basis and equates to the expected credit loss from these assets over a 12-month horizon.
- Stage 2: Loans for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since inception, but which are still performing loans are grouped in Stage 2. In this stage impairment is calculated on a portfolio basis and equates to the full life expected credit loss from these assets.
- Stage 3: Loans for which there is specific evidence of impairment are grouped in Stage 3. In this stage the lifetime expected credit loss is specifically calculated for each individual asset.

⁴³ Reduction in specific provisions due to interest income recognised.

⁴⁴ The ratio is calculated by dividing specific provisions over total impaired loans at amortised cost.

⁴⁵ For further information about stage assessment see the critical accounting estimates and judgements section on page 27.

Set out below is an analysis of the Banking loan investments and the associated impairment provisions for each of the Bank's internal risk rating categories. 2017 comparatives are presented in accordance with IAS 39 and hence there is no presentation of loan stages.

Risk rating category	Amortised cost carrying value					Impairment			Total net of impairment	
	Stage 1 € million	Stage 2 € million	Credit Impaired Stage 3 € million	Total € million	Total %	Stage 1 € million	Stage 2 € million	Credit Impaired Stage 3 € million	Total net of impairment € million	Impairment provisions coverage %
2: Very strong	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
3: Strong	478	34	-	512	2.3	-	-	-	512	-
4: Good	1,844	107	-	1,951	8.7	(1)	(2)	-	1,948	0.2
5: Fair	4,660	448	-	5,108	22.8	(7)	(2)	-	5,099	0.2
6: Weak	10,283	700	-	10,983	49.0	(100)	(15)	-	10,868	1.0
7: Special attention	1,979	743	-	2,722	12.1	(85)	(94)	-	2,543	6.6
8: Non-performing ⁴⁶	-	-	1,135	1,135	5.1	-	-	(675)	460	59.5
At 31 December 2018	19,244	2,034	1,135	22,413	100.0	(193)	(113)	(675)	21,432	

Risk rating category	Neither past due nor impaired € million	Past due but not impaired € million	Impaired € million	Total € million	Total %	Portfolio provisions for unidentified impairment € million	Specific provisions for identified impairment € million	Total net of impairment € million	Impairment provisions coverage %
2: Very strong	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
3: Strong	338	-	-	338	1.5	-	-	338	-
4: Good	2,571	-	-	2,571	11.4	(2)	-	2,569	0.1
5: Fair	7,404	99	-	7,503	33.2	(9)	-	7,494	0.1
6: Weak	8,402	3	-	8,405	37.1	(87)	-	8,318	1.0
7: Special attention	2,933	29	-	2,962	13.1	(150)	-	2,812	5.1
8: Non-performing	-	-	848	848	3.7	-	(602)	246	71.0
At 31 December 2017	21,651	131	848	22,630	100.0	(248)	(602)	21,780	

At the end of 2018, €66 million of loans were past due but not impaired (2017: €131 million). Loans amounting to €33 million were past due for 30 days or less (2017: €120 million), and €33 million were past due for more than 30 days but less than 90 days (2017: €11 million).

At 31 December 2018 the Bank had security arrangements in place for €7.7 billion of its loan operating assets (2017: €7.2 billion). Although this security is generally illiquid and its value is closely linked to the performance of the relevant loan operating assets, it does provide the Bank with rights and negotiating leverage that help mitigate overall credit risk. The Bank also benefited from guarantees and risk-sharing facilities extended by Special Funds and Cooperation Funds (see note 30: related parties on page 76) which provided credit enhancement of approximately €91 million at the year-end (2017: €90 million).

⁴⁶ The ratio of amortised cost impaired loans disclosed here is based on the exposure represented on the balance sheet rather than operating assets. Total NPL including fair value loans were 4.7 per cent of operating assets (2017: 3.9 per cent).

Loans at fair value through profit or loss

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's loans held at fair value through profit or loss for each of the Bank's relevant internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	Fair value 2018 € million	Fair value 2017 € million
5: Fair	13	72
6: Weak	236	189
7: Special attention	211	106
8: Non-performing	-	5
At 31 December	460	372

Loans at fair value through other comprehensive income⁴⁷

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's loans held at fair value through other comprehensive income for each of the Bank's relevant internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	Fair value 2018 € million	Fair value 2017 € million
3: Strong	60	-
4: Good	567	-
5: Fair	568	-
6: Weak	483	-
7: Special attention	59	-
At 31 December	1,737	-

Undrawn commitments and guarantees

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's undrawn loan commitments and guarantees for each of the Bank's relevant internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	Undrawn loan commitments 2018 € million	Guarantees 2018 € million	Undrawn loan commitments 2017 € million	Guarantees 2017 € million
3: Strong	76	-	104	-
4: Good	1,104	8	1,265	8
5: Fair	2,128	63	3,008	90
6: Weak	6,240	621	4,897	339
7: Special attention	1,245	196	1,410	338
8: Non-performing	9	-	8	20
At 31 December	10,802	888	10,692	795

The Bank would typically have conditions precedent that would need to be satisfied before further disbursements on its debt transactions. In addition, for projects risk rated 8, it is unlikely that commitments would be drawn down without additional assurances that credit quality would improve.

⁴⁷ There were no loans classified in this category in 2017 prior to the implementation of IFRS 9 (2014). For further details see the significant accounting policies section on page 18.

Credit risk in the Banking portfolio: Concentration

Concentration by country

The following table breaks down the main Banking credit risk exposures in their carrying amounts by country. The Bank is generally well diversified by country apart from its concentration in Turkey and Ukraine which account for 20.0 and 7.1 per cent of loans drawn down respectively (as shown below) and 15.9 and 9.4 per cent of the Bank's total loans including undrawn respectively. However, by the nature of the regional focus of the Bank's business model, some groups of countries in which the Bank operates are highly correlated.

Country	Loans 2018 € million	Undrawn loan commitments and guarantees 2018 € million	Total 2018 € million	Loans 2017 € million	Undrawn loan commitments and guarantees 2017 € million	Total 2017 € million
Albania	401	231	632	134	278	412
Armenia	163	73	236	154	54	208
Azerbaijan	998	388	1,386	671	478	1,149
Belarus	404	236	640	346	108	454
Bosnia and Herzegovina	537	493	1,030	542	474	1,016
Bulgaria	823	135	958	772	123	895
Croatia	653	171	824	727	164	891
Cyprus	15	66	81	14	50	64
Czech Republic	2	-	2	3	-	3
Egypt	1,415	1,911	3,326	845	1,611	2,456
Estonia	85	-	85	65	-	65
FYR Macedonia ⁴⁸	260	511	771	236	455	691
Georgia	683	130	813	619	79	698
Greece	993	377	1,370	697	182	879
Hungary	385	-	385	341	39	380
Jordan	654	302	956	443	284	727
Kazakhstan	1,509	735	2,244	1,601	811	2,412
Kosovo	82	177	259	52	167	219
Kyrgyz Republic	103	78	181	135	116	251
Latvia	88	2	90	92	2	94
Lebanon	130	60	190	-	-	-
Lithuania	142	23	165	76	43	119
Moldova	134	365	499	125	442	567
Mongolia	702	47	749	699	80	779
Montenegro	243	97	340	227	120	347
Morocco	438	453	891	402	439	841
Poland	1,723	282	2,005	1,768	287	2,055
Romania	1,179	272	1,451	1,101	273	1,374
Russian Federation	537	25	562	1,081	44	1,125
Serbia	1,399	531	1,930	1,252	750	2,002
Slovak Republic	305	114	419	220	142	362
Slovenia	148	23	171	168	41	209
Tajikistan	137	241	378	110	219	329
Tunisia	313	221	534	241	241	482
Turkey	4,970	863	5,833	5,070	1,072	6,142
Turkmenistan	29	14	43	39	11	50
Ukraine	1,726	1,673	3,399	1,925	1,744	3,669
Uzbekistan	102	370	472	9	64	73
At 31 December	24,610	11,690	36,300	23,002	11,487	34,489

⁴⁸ Following notification in February 2019 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia, in future editions of the *Financial Report* the country will be named North Macedonia.

Concentration by industry sector

The following table breaks down the main Banking credit exposures in their carrying amounts by the industry sector of the project. The portfolio is generally well diversified with only transport, power and energy as well as depository credit (banks) constituting substantial sector concentrations.

	Loans 2018 € million	Undrawn loan commitments and guarantees 2018 € million	Total 2018 € million	Loans 2017 € million	Undrawn loan commitments and guarantees 2017 € million	Total 2017 € million
Agribusiness	2,018	293	2,311	1,909	496	2,405
Depository credit (banks)	5,337	1,195	6,532	4,687	1,230	5,917
Information and communication technologies	546	20	566	611	6	617
Insurance, pension, mutual funds	74	2	76	101	1	102
Leasing finance	617	31	648	540	74	614
Manufacturing and services	2,425	448	2,873	2,226	412	2,638
Municipal and environmental infrastructure	1,964	2,770	4,734	1,651	1,105	2,756
Natural resources	2,690	1,111	3,801	1,902	499	2,401
Non-depository credit (non-bank)	553	114	667	172	50	222
Power and energy	4,211	2,084	6,295	2,910	1,067	3,977
Property and tourism	535	32	567	436	52	488
Transport	3,640	3,590	7,230	1,755	310	2,065
Non-sovereign	20,233	4,985	25,218	18,900	5,302	24,202
Sovereign	4,377	6,705	11,082	4,102	6,185	10,287
At 31 December	24,610	11,690	36,300	23,002	11,487	34,489

Concentration by counterparty

The Bank has maximum nominal as well as risk-based non-sovereign Banking counterparty exposure limits. Maximum exposure (after risk transfers) to a non-sovereign economic group was €569 million at end-2018 (2017: €852 million).

Credit risk in Treasury: Management

Key risk parameters for funding, cash management, asset and liability management and liquidity risk appetite are approved by the Board of Directors and articulated in the Treasury Authority and Liquidity Policy (TALP). The TALP is the document by which the Board of Directors delegates authority to the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer to manage and the Vice President Risk and Compliance, CRO to identify, measure, monitor and mitigate the Bank's Treasury exposures. The TALP covers all aspects of Treasury activities where financial risks arise and also Risk Management's identification, measurement, management and mitigation of those risks. In addition, Treasury Authority and Liquidity Procedures are approved by the Vice President Risk and Compliance, CRO to regulate operational aspects of Treasury risk-taking and the related risk management processes and procedures.

Eligible Treasury counterparties and investments are normally internally rated between 1.0 and 4.0 (approximately equivalent to S&P AAA to BBB ratings), with the exception of counterparties approved for local currency activities in the economies where the Bank invests. These activities support the Bank's initiatives to provide local currency financing to Banking clients and to develop local capital markets. In cases where the creditworthiness of an issuer or counterparty deteriorates to levels below the eligibility standard for existing exposures, Risk Management and Treasury recommend actions for the approval of the Vice President Risk and Compliance, CRO and the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

The Treasury Authority and Liquidity Procedures state the minimum internal credit rating and maximum tenor by type of eligible counterparty and set the maximum credit limits per rating. The actual credit limit and/or tenor approved for individual counterparties by Risk Management may be smaller or shorter than the ceilings defined by the Treasury Authority and Liquidity Procedures based on the likely direction of creditworthiness over the medium term, or on sector considerations. The limits apply across the range of eligible Treasury products for approved counterparties with exposures measured on a risk-adjusted basis. All individual counterparty and investment credit lines are monitored and reviewed by Risk Management at least annually.

The Bank's exposure measurement methodology for Treasury credit risk uses a Monte Carlo simulation technique that produces, to a high degree of confidence, maximum exposure amounts at future points in time for each counterparty. This includes all transaction types and is measured out to the maturity of the longest dated transaction with each respective counterparty. These potential future exposures (PFE) are calculated and controlled against approved credit limits on a daily basis with exceptions escalated to the relevant authority level for approval.

Further, the overall credit risk incurred by the Bank in its Treasury transactions is subject to a Default Value-at-risk (DVaR)⁴⁹ limit of 10 per cent of the Bank's available capital.

Risk mitigation techniques (such as netting and collateral) and risk transfer instruments reduce calculated credit exposure. For example, an ISDA Credit Support Annex (CSA) to underpin over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives activity reduce PFE/DVaR in line with collateral posting expectations.

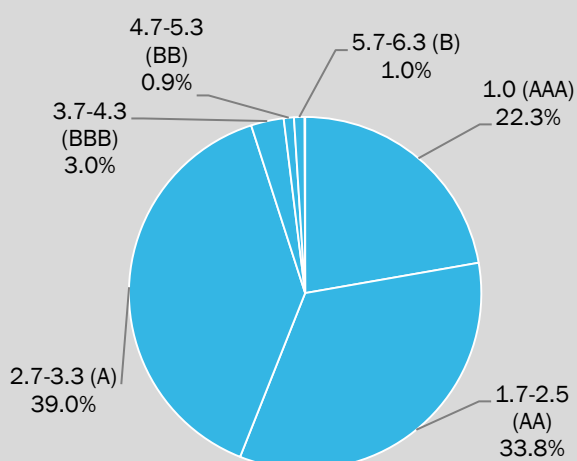
Credit risk in Treasury: Treasury liquid assets

The carrying value of Treasury's liquid assets stood at €29.0 billion at 31 December 2018 (2017: €25.0 billion).⁵⁰

The internal ratings of Treasury's counterparties and sovereign exposures are reviewed at least annually and adjusted as appropriate. Overall the WAPD rating, weighted by the carrying value of Treasury's liquid assets, improved to 2.30 at 31 December 2018 (2017: 2.32).

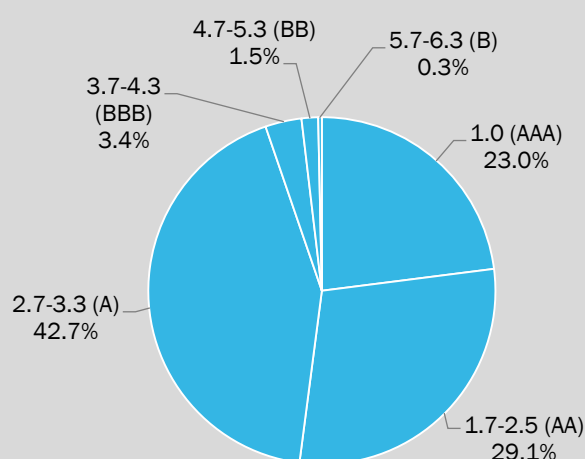
Credit quality of Treasury's liquid assets

31 December 2018



Credit quality of Treasury's liquid assets

31 December 2017



Placements with and advances to credit institutions

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's placements with and advances to credit institutions for each of the Bank's relevant internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	2018 € million	2017 € million
1: Excellent	-	287
2: Very strong	4,843	3,003
3: Strong	10,213	10,256
4: Good	693	649
5: Fair	237	372
6: Weak	15	32
7: Special attention	13	6
At 31 December	16,014	14,605

At 31 December 2018 there were no placements with and advances to credit institutions that were past due or impaired (2017: €nil).

⁴⁹ Calculated at 99.99% confidence level and over a one-year horizon.

⁵⁰ Treasury liquid assets consist of placements with and advances to credit institutions and debt securities.

Debt securities at fair value through profit or loss

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's debt securities at fair value through profit or loss for each of the Bank's relevant internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	2018 € million	2017 € million
1: Excellent	630	397
2: Very strong	323	112
3: Strong	175	141
4: Good	177	198
5: Fair	33	15
6: Weak	266	53
At 31 December	1,604	916

There were no debt securities at fair value past due in 2018 (2017: €nil).

Debt securities at amortised cost

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's debt securities at amortised cost for each of the Bank's relevant internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	2018 € million	2017 € million
1: Excellent	5,812	5,054
2: Very strong	3,826	2,914
3: Strong	1,705	1,497
At 31 December	11,343	9,465

There were no debt securities at amortised cost past due in 2018 (2017: €nil).

Treasury credit risk exposure

In addition to Treasury's liquid assets there are other products such as OTC swaps and forward contracts that are included within Treasury's overall portfolio. PFE calculations show the future exposure throughout the life of a transaction or, in the case of collateralised portfolios, over the appropriate unwind periods. This is particularly important for Treasury's repurchase/reverse repurchase activity and hedging products such as OTC swaps and forwards. Calculation of PFE takes into account reduction in counterparty exposures through standard risk mitigations such as netting and collateral, which enables Risk Management to see a comprehensive exposure profile for all Treasury products (including liquid assets) against a specific counterparty limit on a daily basis. Whereas PFE measures the exposure at default, DVaR calculations are based on a simulation of counterparty defaults. DVaR measures the maximum aggregated loss, to a high degree of confidence (99.99%), that Treasury could incur over a one-year horizon due to defaults.

Treasury PFE stood at €27.1 billion at 31 December 2018 (2017: €22.3 billion), whereas the DVaR was €1.1 billion at 31 December 2018 (2017: €0.9 billion).

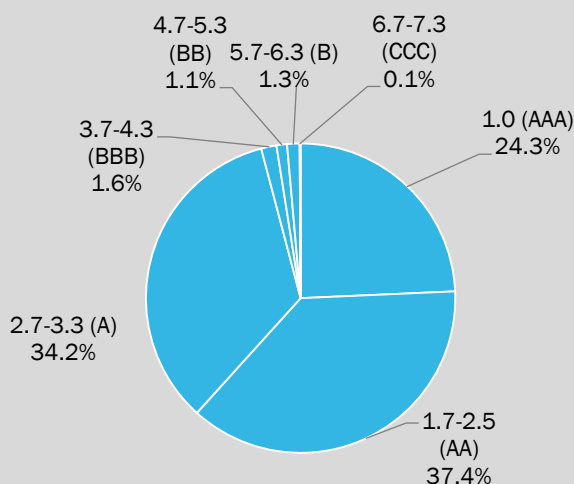
Treasury maintained a high-quality average credit risk profile during 2018 by investing liquidity in AAA sovereign and other highly rated assets. This was reflected in a high and stable WAPD rating of the portfolio, as measured by PFE, which was 2.24 at 31 December 2018 (2017: 2.23).

A very low proportion of Treasury exposures was below investment grade quality,⁵¹ amounting to around 2.4 per cent at 31 December 2018 (2017: 2.3 per cent). This comprised a small pool of local currency assets held with counterparties from the economies in which the Bank invests.

⁵¹ BB+/Ba1/BB+ level or worse.

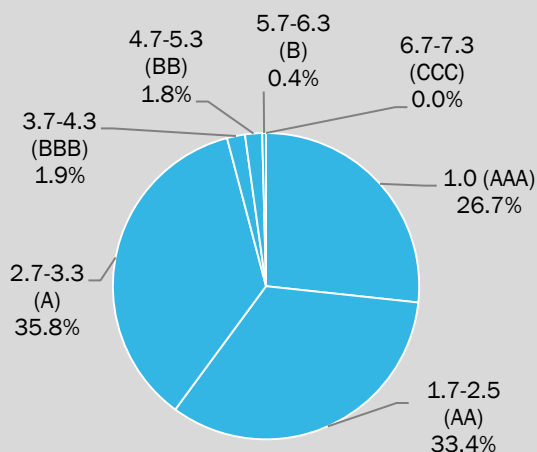
Credit quality of Treasury PFE

31 December 2018



Credit quality of Treasury PFE

31 December 2017



There were no impaired assets in the Treasury portfolio at 31 December 2018 (2017: €nil).

Derivatives

The Bank makes use of derivatives for different purposes within both its Banking portfolio and its Treasury activities. Within the Banking equity portfolio option contracts are privately negotiated with third parties to provide potential exit routes for the Bank on many of its unlisted share investments. Banking also has a portfolio of interest rate swaps with clients to hedge its market risks. Furthermore, Banking has a small number of currency swaps that are fully hedged and have been entered into with clients to assist them in the management of their market risks. Within Treasury, the use of exchange-traded and OTC derivatives is primarily focused on hedging interest rate and foreign exchange risks arising from Bank-wide activities. Market views expressed through derivatives are also undertaken as part of Treasury's activities (within the tight market risk limits described on page 44), while the transactions through which the Bank funds itself in the capital markets are typically swapped into floating-rate debt with derivatives.

The risks arising from derivative instruments are combined with those deriving from all other instruments dependent on the same underlying risk factors, and are subject to overall market and credit risk limits, as well as to stress tests. Additionally, special care is devoted to those risks that are specific to the use of derivatives through, for example, the monitoring of volatility risk for options.

The table below shows the fair value of the Bank's derivative financial assets and liabilities at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017.

	Assets 2018 € million	Liabilities 2018 € million	Total 2018 € million	Assets 2017 € million	Liabilities 2017 € million	Total 2017 € million
Portfolio derivatives not designated as hedges						
OTC foreign currency products						
Currency swaps	287	(74)	213	181	(91)	90
Spot and forward currency transactions	134	(69)	65	70	(148)	(78)
	421	(143)	278	251	(239)	12
OTC interest rate products						
Interest rate swaps	103	(157)	(54)	79	(152)	(73)
OTC credit products						
Credit default swaps	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Banking derivatives						
Fair value of equity derivatives held in relation to the Banking portfolio	499	(99)	400	455	(77)	378
Total portfolio derivatives not designated as hedges and Banking derivatives	1,023	(399)	624	785	(469)	316
Derivatives held for hedging						
Derivatives designated as fair value hedges						
Interest rate swaps	1,042	(312)	730	1,092	(259)	833
Cross currency interest rate swaps	1,278	(1,220)	58	1,361	(980)	381
Embedded derivatives ⁵²	603	(148)	455	438	(116)	322
	2,923	(1,680)	1,243	2,891	(1,355)	1,536
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges						
Forward currency transactions	2	-	2	1	-	1
Total derivatives held for hedging	2,925	(1,680)	1,245	2,892	(1,355)	1,537
Total derivatives at 31 December	3,948	(2,079)	1,869	3,677	(1,824)	1,853

Set out below is an analysis of the Bank's derivative financial assets for each of the Bank's internal risk rating categories.

Risk rating category	2018 € million	2017 € million
1: Excellent	604	438
2: Very strong	1,965	1,234
3: Strong	813	1,489
4: Good	173	150
5: Fair	195	301
6: Weak	176	15
7: Special attention	22	50
At 31 December	3,948	3,677

There were no derivative financial assets past due in 2018 (2017: €nil).

Included in the fair value of derivatives is a net valuation increase of €40 million attributable to the counterparty portfolio-level adjustments for CVA/DVA/FVA (2017: €43 million). The valuation adjustments may be analysed thus:

- CVA: the credit valuation adjustment which reflects the impact on the price of a derivative trade from changes in the credit risk associated with the counterparty; €10 million (2017: €11 million).
- DVA: the debit valuation adjustment which reflects the impact on the price of a derivative trade from changes in the credit risk associated with the EBRD; €(12) million (2017: €(6) million).
- FVA: the funding valuation adjustment which reflects the costs and benefits arising when uncollateralised derivative exposures are hedged with collateralised trades; €42 million (2017: €38 million).

Also included in the valuation of derivatives is an overall negative value to the Bank of €6 million attributable to "cheapest-to-deliver" (CTD) adjustments (2017: €18 million) reflecting the value of terms and conditions relating to the posting of collateral in the Bank's CSA agreements.

In order to manage credit risk in OTC derivative transactions,⁵³ the Bank's policy is to approve, in advance, each counterparty individually and to review its creditworthiness and eligibility regularly. Derivatives limits are included in overall counterparty credit limits. OTC derivative transactions are normally carried out only with the most creditworthy counterparties, rated at the internal equivalent of BBB and above.

⁵² Where a financial liability held at amortised cost contains an embedded derivative which is of a different economic character to the host instrument, that embedded derivative is bifurcated and measured at fair value through the income statement. All such derivatives bifurcated by the Bank are embedded in Debts Evidenced by Certificates.

⁵³ This does not include negotiated options associated with share investments.

Furthermore, the Bank pays great attention to mitigating the credit risk of OTC derivatives through the negotiation of appropriate legal documentation with counterparties. OTC derivative transactions are documented under an ISDA Master Agreement within an accompanying CSA. These provide for close-out netting and the posting of collateral by the counterparty once the Bank's exposure exceeds a given threshold, which is usually a function of the counterparty's risk rating.

The Bank has also expanded the scope for applying risk mitigation techniques by documenting the widest possible range of instruments transacted with a given counterparty under a single Master Agreement and CSA, notably foreign exchange transactions. Similarly, the Bank emphasises risk mitigation for repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and related transaction types through Master Agreement documentation.

Collateral

The Bank mitigates counterparty credit risk by holding collateral against exposures to derivative counterparties.

Counterparty exposure, for the purposes of collateralising credit risk, is only concerned with counterparties with whom the Bank has an overall net positive exposure. At 31 December 2018 this exposure stood at €1.3 billion (2017: €1.4 billion). Against this, the Bank held collateral of €1.3 billion (2017: €1.4 billion), reducing its net credit exposure to €nil (2017: €nil).

Where the Bank borrows or purchases securities subject to a commitment to resell them (a reverse repurchase agreement) but does not acquire the risk and rewards of ownership, the transactions are treated as collateralised loans. The securities are not included in the balance sheet and are held as collateral.

The table below illustrates the fair value of collateral held that is permitted to be sold or repledged in the absence of default. Sold or repledged collateral includes collateral on-lent through bond lending activities. In all cases the Bank has an obligation to return equivalent securities.

Collateral held as security	Held collateral 2018 € million	Sold or repledged 2018 € million	Held collateral 2017 € million	Sold or repledged 2017 € million
Derivative financial instruments				
High grade government securities	347	-	60	-
Cash	910	910	1,358	1,358
	1,257	910	1,418	1,358
Reverse sale and repurchase transactions	3,111	46	3,828	34
At 31 December	4,368	956	5,246	1,392

Where the Bank sells securities subject to a commitment to repurchase them (a repurchase agreement) but does not transfer the risk and rewards of ownership, the transactions are treated as collateralised borrowings. The securities remain included in the balance sheet and are deemed to be held by the counterparty as collateral. The table below shows the carrying amount of collateral that has been pledged by the Bank in connection with its borrowings.

Collateral pledged as security	Pledged collateral 2018 € million	Pledged collateral 2017 € million
Sale and repurchase transactions	412	393

The table below shows the reported values of derivatives that are subject to Master Agreement netting arrangements.

	Recognised derivative assets 2018 € million	Recognised derivative liabilities 2018 € million	Net position 2018 € million	Collateral held 2018 € million
Subject to a master netting agreement				
Net derivative assets by counterparty	1,818	(540)	1,278	1,209
Net derivative liabilities by counterparty	982	(1,287)	(305)	48
	2,800	(1,827)	973	1,257
No master netting agreement				
Other derivatives	46	(5)	41	-
Embedded derivatives	603	(148)	455	-
Equity derivatives	499	(99)	400	-
	1,148	(252)	896	-
At 31 December	3,948	(2,079)	1,869	1,257

	Recognised derivative assets 2017 € million	Recognised derivative liabilities 2017 € million	Net position 2017 € million	Collateral held 2017 € million
Subject to a master netting agreement				
Net derivative assets by counterparty	1,997	(593)	1,404	1,392
Net derivative liabilities by counterparty	751	(1,028)	(277)	26
	2,748	(1,621)	1,127	1,418
No master netting agreement				
Other derivatives	36	(10)	26	-
Embedded derivatives	438	(116)	322	-
Equity derivatives	455	(77)	378	-
	929	(203)	726	-
At 31 December	3,677	(1,824)	1,853	1,418

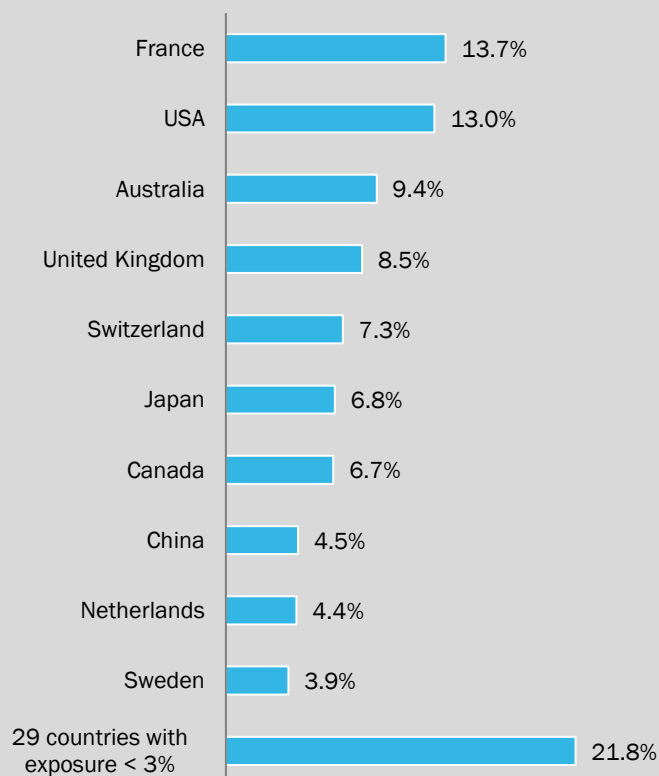
Credit risk in Treasury: Concentration

Concentration by country

At the end of 2018, Treasury credit risk exposure was spread across the following countries:

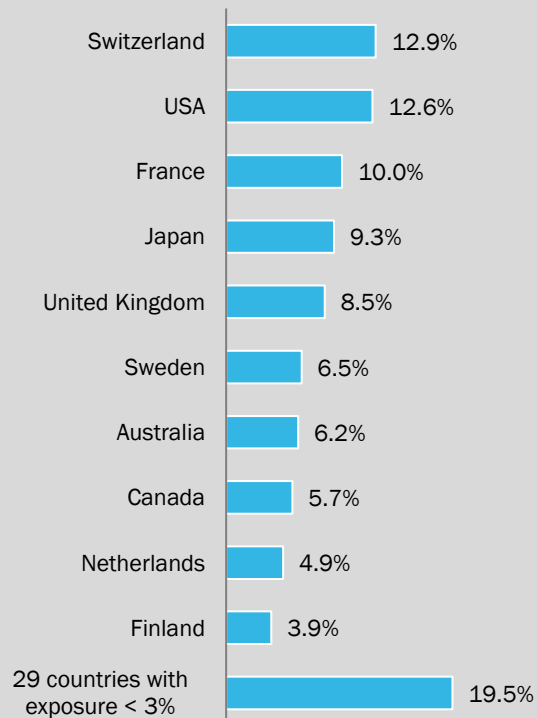
Concentration of Treasury peak exposure by country/region

31 December 2018



Concentration of Treasury peak exposure by country/region

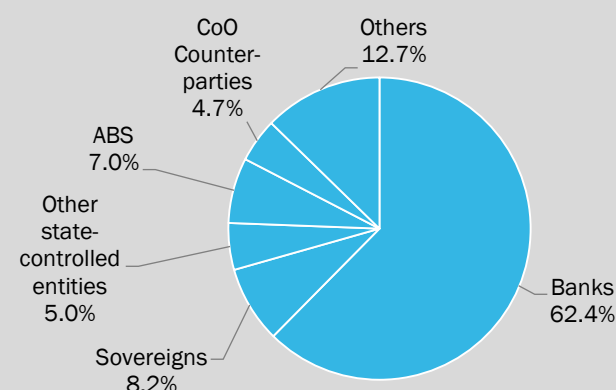
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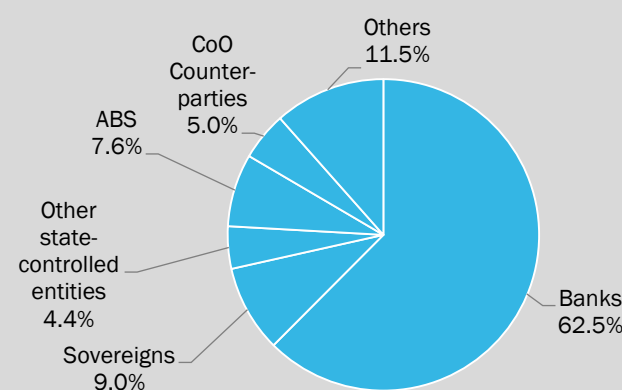
Concentration by counterparty type

The Bank continues to be largely exposed to banks in the Treasury portfolio which accounted for 62.4 per cent of the portfolio peak exposure (2017: 62.5 per cent). Direct sovereign exposure⁵⁴ decreased to 8.2 per cent (2017: 9.0 per cent), while exposure to counterparties in the economies in which the Bank invests remained stable at 4.7 per cent (2017: 5.0 per cent) on a PFE basis.

Concentration of peak exposure by counterparty type
31 December 2018



Concentration of peak exposure by counterparty type
31 December 2017



CoO: Countries of operations ABS: Asset-backed securities

B. Market risk

Market risk is the potential loss that could result from adverse market movements. The drivers of market risk are: (i) interest rate risk; (ii) foreign exchange risk; (iii) equity risk; and (iv) commodity price risk.

Market risk in the Banking portfolio

The Banking loan portfolio is match-funded by Treasury in terms of currency, so for loan facilities extended in currencies other than the euro the foreign exchange risk is hedged by Treasury. Likewise, interest rate risk to which the Banking loan portfolio would normally be exposed is managed through the Treasury portfolio. As such there is minimal residual foreign exchange or interest rate risk present in the Banking loan portfolio.

The main exposure to market risk in the Banking portfolio arises from the exposure of share investments to foreign exchange and equity price risk, neither of which is captured in the eVaR⁵⁵ figures discussed under “Market risk in the Treasury portfolio”. Additional sensitivity information for the Bank’s share investments has been included under “fair value hierarchy” later in this section of the report.

The EBRD takes a long-term view of its equity investments, and therefore accepts the short-term volatilities in value arising from exchange rate risk and price risk.

Foreign exchange risk

The Bank is subject to foreign exchange risks as it invests in equities that are denominated in currencies other than the euro. Accordingly, the value of the equity investments may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates. The table below indicates the currencies to which the Bank had significant exposure on its equity investments at 31 December 2018.⁵⁶ The sensitivity analysis summarises the total effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate⁵⁷ against the euro on equity fair value and on profit or loss with all other variables held constant.

⁵⁴ Indirect exposure is not included – that is, where the Bank holds government securities as collateral.

⁵⁵ Value-at-risk (VaR) is a statistical estimate of the maximum probable loss that can be incurred, due to adverse movements in major risk drivers, over a one-day trading horizon and estimated at a given confidence level. Expected shortfall (eVaR) is the average loss beyond the VaR level and is a more accurate measure of large potential losses.

⁵⁶ The table reflects the currency in which shares are denominated. For most of the share investments denominated in euro (€1.87 billion) and in United States dollar (€811 million equivalent) the underlying risk exposures (and cash flows determining the equity values) are in local currency of one of the economies where the Bank invests. As a result, the overall foreign exchange risk for these exposures also includes movements between the relevant local currency and either euro or United States dollar (but which is outside the scope of this disclosure).

⁵⁷ Based on a five-year rolling average movement in the exchange rate.

Share investments at fair value through profit or loss

	5-year rolling average movement in exchange rate %	Fair value € million	Impact on net profit € million
Euro	-	1,865	-
United States dollar	8.6	811	70
Russian rouble	21.2	410	89
Turkish lira	17.8	349	62
Romanian leu	0.9	281	2
Polish zloty	3.0	233	7
Ukrainian hryvnia	27.7	160	44
Hungarian forint	2.4	110	3
Other non-euro	11.8	526	62
At 31 December 2018		4,745	339

	5-year rolling average movement in exchange rate %	Fair value € million	Impact on net profit € million
Euro	-	1,815	-
United States dollar	8.6	853	74
Russian rouble	21.2	638	135
Romanian leu	1.0	299	3
Turkish lira	16.1	288	46
Polish zloty	2.8	186	5
Ukrainian hryvnia	28.0	133	37
Hungarian forint	2.0	126	3
Other non-euro	12.0	496	60
At 31 December 2017		4,834	363

The average movement in exchange rate for the “other non-euro” consists of the weighted average movement in the exchange rates listed in the same table.

Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk of unfavourable changes in the fair values of equities as the result of changes in the levels of equity indices and the value of individual shares. In terms of equity price risk, the Bank expects the effect on net profit will bear a linear relationship to the movement in equity indices, for both listed and unlisted equity investments. The table below summarises the potential impact on the Bank's net profit from a reasonably possible change in equity indices.⁵⁸

Share investments at fair value through profit or loss

		5-year rolling average movement in benchmark index %	Fair value € million	Impact on net profit € million
Russian Federation	INDEXCFIndex	14.8	713	105
Turkey	XU100 Index	24.0	478	115
Romania	BET Index	10.8	359	39
Poland	WIG Index	5.1	312	16
Ukraine	PFTS Index	34.6	186	64
Hungary	BUX Index	9.3	138	31
Slovenia	SBT10P Index	9.3	176	17
Serbia	BELEX15 Index	8.1	116	9
Regional and other	Weighted average	16.0	2,267	362
At 31 December 2018			4,745	758

⁵⁸ Based on a five-year rolling average movement in the relevant equity market indices.

		5-year rolling average movement in benchmark index %	Fair value € million	Impact on net profit € million
Russian Federation	MICEX Index	13.5	1,074	145
Turkey	XU100 Index	22.5	437	98
Romania	BET Index	9.4	332	31
Poland	WIG Index	10.5	308	32
Ukraine	PFTS Index	20.8	166	35
Greece	GREK Index	28.0	152	43
Serbia	BELEX15 Index	9.4	102	10
Georgia	BGAX Index	14.1	92	13
Regional and other	Weighted average	15.3	2,171	331
At 31 December 2017			4,834	738

The average movement in benchmark index for “regional and other” is made up of the weighted average movement in benchmark indices of the countries listed in the same table.

Commodity risk in the Banking portfolio

The Bank is exposed to commodity risk through some of its investments and due to the significant importance of commodities in a number of the economies in which it invests. The aggregate direct exposure to oil and gas extraction, metal ore mining and coal mining (and related support activities) fell to 2.9 per cent (2017: 4.3 per cent) of the overall banking portfolio. This decline in exposure was primarily driven by repayments in Central Asia and Central Europe and the Baltic states. Although the share of this portfolio is a small percentage of the total, the potential overall risk can be more substantial, as several economies in which the Bank invests, most notably Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia, are heavily reliant on commodity exports to support their economic growth, domestic demand and budgetary revenues. A prolonged and material decline in oil prices would have an adverse effect on hydrocarbon producers and processors, as well as on the relevant sovereigns and corporate clients reliant on domestic demand. The Bank monitors this risk carefully and incorporates oil price movements into its stress testing exercises.

Market risk in the Treasury portfolio

Interest rate and foreign exchange risk

The Bank’s market risk exposure arises from the fact that the movement of interest rates and foreign exchange rates may have an impact on positions taken by the Bank. These risks are centralised and hedged by the Asset and Liability Management desk in Treasury.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The length of time for which the interest is fixed on a financial instrument indicates the extent to which it is exposed to interest rate risk. Interest rate risks are managed by hedging the interest rate profiles of assets and liabilities through the use of exchange-traded and OTC derivatives.

The Bank measures its exposure to market risk and monitors limit compliance daily. The main market risk limits in the Bank are based on eVaR computed at a 95 per cent confidence level over a one-day trading horizon. eVaR is defined as the average potential loss above a certain threshold (for example 95 per cent) that could be incurred due to adverse fluctuations in interest rates and/or foreign exchange rates. The Bank’s overall eVaR limit, laid down in the Board-approved TALP, at a 95 per cent confidence level over a one-day trading horizon is €60.0 million (less than 0.5 per cent of capital).

For enhanced comparability across institutions, numbers disclosed in this financial report show eVaR-based measures scaled up to a 10-trading-day horizon. The market risk methodology considers the three-month swap curve as the main interest rate risk factor and the other factors as basis spread risk factors.⁵⁹ The total eVaR (95 per cent confidence level over a 10-day trading horizon) of the Bank’s Treasury portfolio, including basis spread risks, stood at €16.7 million at 31 December 2018 (2017: €11.8 million) with an average eVaR over the year of €13.8 million (2017: €14.8 million). Interest rate option exposure remained modest throughout the year with option eVaR at €1.4 million at year-end (2017: €0.5 million), having peaked at €1.8 million during the year (2017: €2.2 million). The specific contribution from foreign exchange risk to the overall eVaR stood at €0.6 million at year-end (2017: €1.5 million). As in previous years, this contribution was small throughout 2018 and never exceeded €4.8 million (2017: €4.3 million).

⁵⁹ Spread risk arises from cross-currency basis spreads, tenor spreads (for example, between 6-month and 3-month Libor), Overnight Index Swap (OIS) vs. 3-month Libor spread and government bond spreads.

Local currency inflation risk

The Treasury portfolio is additionally exposed to local currency market risk in Kazakh Consumer Price Index (CPI) that exposes the Bank to model risk, given that there is no market in Kazakh inflation. Treasury have raised Kazakh tenge through issuances linked to inflation, given that the Kazakh tenge market has no transparent domestic reference rate for borrowing and lending. This risk is mitigated by the fact that the liabilities are largely matched by on-lending linked to Kazakh CPI. At 31 December 2018 surplus Kazakh tenge CPI-linked funding stood at €165 million; these funds were invested predominantly in short-term Kazakhstan Government bonds.

Equity price risk

The Treasury had direct exposure to equity risk of €75 million at 31 December 2018 through three Treasury share investments⁶⁰ (2017: €76 million). Indirect exposure to equity risk occurs in the form of linked structures that are traded on a back-to-back basis and therefore result in no outright exposure.

C. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk management process

The Bank's liquidity policies are reviewed annually and any changes approved by the Board of Directors. The policies are designed to ensure that the Bank maintains a prudent level of liquidity, given the risk environment in which it operates, and to support its AAA credit rating.

The Bank's medium-term liquidity requirements are based on satisfying each of the following three minimum constraints:

- Net Treasury liquid assets must be at least 75 per cent of the next two years' projected net cash requirements, without recourse to accessing funding markets.
- The Bank's liquidity must be considered a strong positive factor when rating agency methodologies are applied. These methodologies include applying haircuts to the Bank's liquid assets, assessing the level of debt due within one year and considering undrawn commitments. This provides an external view of liquidity coverage under stressed circumstances.
- The Bank must be able to meet its obligations for at least 12 months under an extreme stress scenario. This internally generated scenario considers a combination of events that could detrimentally impact the Bank's liquidity position.

For the purposes of the net cash requirements coverage ratio above, all assets managed within the Treasury portfolio are considered to be liquid assets while "net" Treasury liquid assets represent gross treasury assets net of short-term debt.⁶¹

The Bank holds liquidity above its minimum policy levels to allow flexibility in the execution of its borrowing programme. At 31 December 2018, the Bank's key medium-term liquidity metrics were as follows:

- Net Treasury liquid assets represented 113 per cent (2017: 148 per cent) of the next two years' net cash requirements against a minimum 75 per cent coverage. The movement in liquidity coverage relative to the prior year is driven by the planned increase in mandated activities and to a lesser extent scheduled debt redemptions.
- Treasury liquid assets (after the application of haircuts) represented 110 per cent (2017: 106 per cent) of one-year debt service plus 50 per cent of undrawn commitments, against a minimum 100 per cent coverage.

The average weighted maturity of assets managed by Treasury at 31 December 2018 was 1.6 years (2017: 1.4 years).

The Bank's short-term liquidity policy is based on the principles of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio within the Basel III reform package. The policy requires that the ratio of maturing liquid assets and scheduled cash inflows to cash outflows over both a 30-day and 90-day horizon must be a minimum of 100 per cent. The minimum ratios under the Bank's policy have been exceeded at 31 December 2018 and consistently throughout the year.

In addition to the above, Treasury actively manages the Bank's liquidity position on a daily basis.

The Bank has a proven record of access to funding in the capital markets via its global medium-term note programme and commercial paper facilities. In 2018 the Bank raised €8.7 billion of medium to long-term debt with an average tenor of 4.1 years (2017: €8.2 billion and 3.8 years). The Bank's triple-A credit rating with a stable outlook was affirmed by the three major rating agencies in 2018.

The Bank's liquidity policies are subject to independent review by Risk Management prior to their submission for Board approval.

The table below is a maturity analysis of the undiscounted cash flows deriving from the Bank's financial liabilities. Cash flows are presented in the earliest maturity band in which they could potentially fall due. For this purpose, callable debt is profiled in line with options conferring the right to its derivative counterparties to terminate the associated hedging instruments prior to maturity. This reflects how the Bank manages its

⁶⁰ See note 19 to the financial statements on page 67.

⁶¹ For this ratio, short-term debt is debt with a fixed or optional maturity of one year or less at the point of acquisition – that is, it is not debt where the remaining maturity was one year or less at 31 December 2018.

debt in practice despite the fact that the debt is callable at the option of the Bank and therefore there is no legal obligation to redeem the debt before its legal maturity.

As the figures represent undiscounted cash flows, they do not agree with the balance sheet.

	Up to and including 1 month € million	Over 1 month and up to and including 3 months € million	Over 3 months and up to and including 1 year € million	Over 1 year and up to and including 3 years € million	Over 3 years € million	Total € million
Financial liabilities at 31 December 2018						
Non-derivative cash flows						
Amounts owed to credit institutions	(1,581)	(362)	(145)	-	(50)	(2,138)
Debts evidenced by certificates	(1,013)	(3,922)	(10,802)	(15,493)	(12,320)	(43,550)
Other financial liabilities	(6)	(16)	(74)	(67)	(174)	(337)
At 31 December 2018	(2,600)	(4,300)	(11,021)	(15,560)	(12,544)	(46,025)
Trading derivative cash flows						
Net settling interest rate derivatives	(4)	(6)	(39)	(67)	(59)	(175)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – outflow	(36)	(116)	(1,208)	(565)	(1,382)	(3,307)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – inflow	31	98	1,169	554	1,047	2,899
Foreign exchange derivatives – outflow	(5,077)	(2,483)	(700)	(16)	-	(8,276)
Foreign exchange derivatives – inflow	5,045	2,467	675	15	-	8,202
At 31 December 2018	(41)	(40)	(103)	(79)	(394)	(657)
Hedging derivative cash flows						
Net settling interest rate derivatives	(2)	(35)	(97)	(92)	(11)	(237)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – outflow	(153)	(268)	(1,793)	(2,592)	(3,908)	(8,714)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – inflow	130	231	1,696	2,463	3,289	7,809
At 31 December 2018	(25)	(72)	(194)	(221)	(630)	(1,142)
Total financial liabilities at 31 December 2018	(2,666)	(4,412)	(11,318)	(15,860)	(13,568)	(47,824)
Other financial instruments						
Undrawn commitments						
Financial institutions	(2,481)	-	-	-	-	(2,481)
Non-financial institutions	(10,587)	-	-	-	-	(10,587)
At 31 December 2018	(13,068)	-	-	-	-	(13,068)

	Up to and including 1 month € million	Over 1 month and up to and including 3 months € million	Over 3 months and up to and including 1 year € million	Over 1 year and up to and including 3 years € million	Over 3 years € million	Total € million
Financial liabilities at 31 December 2017						
Non-derivative cash flows						
Amounts owed to credit institutions	(2,226)	(367)	(91)	-	-	(2,684)
Debts evidenced by certificates	(961)	(1,609)	(10,412)	(15,128)	(13,591)	(41,701)
Other financial liabilities	(2)	(13)	(113)	(77)	(45)	(250)
At 31 December 2017	(3,189)	(1,989)	(10,616)	(15,205)	(13,636)	(44,635)
Trading derivative cash flows						
Net settling interest rate derivatives	(3)	(6)	(24)	(48)	(87)	(168)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – outflow	(349)	(371)	(1,124)	(894)	(873)	(3,611)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – inflow	322	327	1,105	843	913	3,510
Foreign exchange derivatives – outflow	(5,579)	(3,479)	(1,145)	-	-	(10,203)
Foreign exchange derivatives – inflow	5,448	3,428	1,125	-	-	10,001
Credit derivatives	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	(2)
At 31 December 2017	(161)	(101)	(63)	(100)	(48)	(473)
Hedging derivative cash flows						
Net settling interest rate derivatives	(2)	(7)	(32)	(104)	(38)	(183)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – outflow	(142)	(123)	(334)	(619)	(1,426)	(2,644)
Gross settling interest rate derivatives – inflow	145	132	297	642	1,405	2,621
At 31 December 2017	1	2	(69)	(81)	(59)	(206)
Total financial liabilities at 31 December 2017	(3,349)	(2,088)	(10,748)	(15,386)	(13,743)	(45,314)
Other financial instruments						
Undrawn commitments						
Financial institutions	(2,621)	-	-	-	-	(2,621)
Non-financial institutions	(10,149)	-	-	-	-	(10,149)
At 31 December 2017	(12,770)	-	-	-	-	(12,770)

D. Operational risk

The Bank defines operational risk as all aspects of risk-related exposure other than those falling within the scope of credit, market and liquidity risk. This includes the risk of loss (financially and/or to our reputation) resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

Sources of operational risk

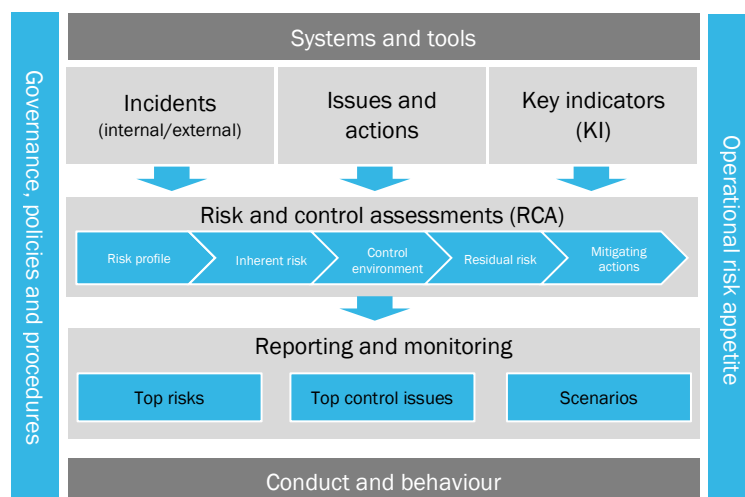
Operational risk can manifest itself in various ways, including business interruptions, inappropriate behaviour of employees (including fraud), failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations or failure of vendors to perform in accordance with their contractual arrangements. These events could result in financial losses, as well as reputational damages to the Bank.

Operational Risk Framework

The Bank's Operational Risk Framework (ORF) is a network of processes, procedures, reports and responsibilities that are used to identify, manage and monitor the operational risks of the Bank. These include governance committees, day-to-day management practices such as the collection and analysis of key risks, risk of loss incidents and both strategic and cultural practices.

The ORF provides a structured approach to managing operational risk. It seeks to apply consistent standards and techniques for evaluating risks across the Bank within which individual businesses have sufficient flexibility to tailor specific components to their own needs.

The main components of the Operational Risk Framework are described below:



Governance, policies and procedures

The Bank utilises a comprehensive set of policies and procedures that set out how operational risks should be managed throughout the Bank.

Operational risk appetite

This determines the Bank's approach to risk taking and articulates the motivations for taking, accepting or avoiding certain types of risks or exposures.

Incidents

The Bank systematically collects, analyses and reports data on operational risk incidents to ensure it understands the reasons they occurred and how controls can be improved to reduce the risk of future incidents. It also collects and utilises available data on incidents at relevant peer firms through the Global Operational Risk Loss Database to identify potential risks that may be relevant in the future, even if they have not currently impacted the Bank.

Issues and actions

Issues comprise a catalogue of problems the business faces with potential operational risks arising as a consequence of business activities. Actions address these issues and are steps taken to ensure these issues do not present operational risks.

Key indicators

These are metrics that are used to monitor particular operational risks and controls over time.

Risk and control assessments

Risk and control assessments are comprehensive, bottom-up assessments of the key operational risks in each business. They comprise a self-assessment that defines a risk profile based on Bank-wide operational risk taxonomy, classifies risks under a standardised approach, covers the inherent risks of each business and control function, provides an evaluation of the effectiveness of the controls in place to mitigate these risks, determines the residual risk ratings and requires a decision to either accept or remediate any residual risks.

Reporting and monitoring

The Bank produces a wide range of regular management information reports covering the key inputs and outputs of the ORF. These reports are used by senior management to monitor outcomes against agreed targets and tolerance levels.

Systems and tools

The Bank utilises system and tools to ensure operational risks are identified and managed properly.

Conduct and behaviour

Several ORF components include assessments of behaviour as effective operational risk management relies on employees conducting themselves appropriately. For example, investigations of incidents typically consider whether employees escalated issues at an appropriately

early stage. Risks that have implications for conduct risk can be identified and assessed via the operational risk register and the risk and control assessment process.

Key risks and mitigations

The Bank continually assesses and strengthens its risk and control processes and technological support tools to increase their effectiveness. The following table summarises key operational risks currently considered most relevant to its business.

Key risk	Description	How is the risk managed
Reputational risk	Reputational risk can arise from any of the key risks outlined below. Reputational risk relates to the Bank's brand, as well as ethics, trust, relationships with clients and stakeholders, conduct and the overall culture and values of our organisation. Reputational risk may also arise from taking on inappropriate client relationships which may have adverse implications for the Bank.	Consider key reputational risks when initiating changes in strategy or operating model. Engage in proactive communications with all stakeholders and monitor media coverage to understand how our reputation is perceived. In addition, a number of controls and frameworks are in place to address other risks that could affect our reputation including: conduct risk, financial crime, investment risk and client take-on and product development.
Conduct risk	The potential detriment to the EBRD, its stakeholders and clients with respect to investment management, lending fraud, market integrity, money laundering, bribery and corruption.	Managed through a framework focusing on enhancements to risk identification, mitigation, management information, reporting in conjunction with line management, OCCO and Human Resources.
People risk	The risk that losing one important employee or team would cause a significant negative impact to the Bank or that failing to attract talent leads to sub-optimal performance. This relates to investment staff or teams associated with key products or other individuals with significant experience or specialist knowledge (for example, key operator or IT system specialists).	Key mitigations include identifying and developing resources to support front to back processes, talent management programme and succession planning. Develop comprehensive procedure documentation of all key processes and where possible include as part of disaster recovery tests.
Process risk	Risk arising from the failure of significant business processes undertaken by the EBRD, including for example critical transaction and payments processing, client suitability checks and asset pricing.	Risk and control assessments are used to identify and assess key operational risks. Associated controls are assessed with regard to their design and performance. Where required, processes and controls are enhanced to improve the control environment with the aim of preventing risk events from recurring.
Change management risk/project risk	Risk of negative impact from change/projects/initiatives. Project risk is the risk that ineffective project implementation could lead to sub-optimal solutions being delivered on our key projects.	Dedicated change management team overseeing all major projects, ensuring that consistent, Bank-wide rigour is brought to the initiation, approval and monitoring of projects. The Bank does not implement new processes and systems before they have been fully tested.
Cyber crime	Risk of loss or detriment to the Bank's business and customers as a result of actions committed or facilitated through the use of networked information systems.	The Bank's IT and information security procedures and processes ensure that all servers and computers have up to date antivirus software. Backups are made regularly and regular access control checks, system penetration and vulnerability tests along with disaster recovery tests are performed. The Bank's anti-cyber attack controls are checked and aligned with external best practice.
Business resilience risk	Business resilience risk is the risk that, for a number of reasons, the Bank is unable to continue to operate.	Resilience planning is in place across the business with clear identification of key staff and their involvement in business resumption plans. This includes annual disaster recovery testing at the Bank's back-up site. Bank-wide insurance held against a loss resulting from interruption to the business as a consequence of loss of or damage to our property. The Bank works closely with its third-party suppliers to maintain the quality and continuity of service.
Technology risk	The risks that the Bank's technology systems and support are inadequate or fail to adapt to changing requirements.	Build a technology risk management operating model that enables the organisation to identify, measure, and manage technology risks against its business objectives, critical processes, and information risks. Ensure consideration for key areas such as incident, change, and capacity management. Regularly review the progress of major information technology projects and new systems are subject to rigorous testing before approval.
Third-party service provider risk	Inadequate selection and ongoing management of external suppliers. Third-party service provider risk relates to the risk that suppliers may not be able to meet their agreed service level terms.	Before entering into third-party arrangements, the Bank undertakes due diligence on third-party suppliers and maintain a programme of regular assessment against agreed service levels. Exit plans are considered prior to appointment and provide a framework for transitioning business from one service provider to another should the quality fall below the agreed service level.

Outlook

The overall operational risk outlook remains materially unchanged from previous year. The Bank continues to focus on strengthening its information, cyber security and business resilience capabilities and practices.

To reduce the expected technology risk that naturally arises from the life expectancy of our IT estate and to address the growing market experience of sophisticated challenges to IT security, the Bank is taking steps to modernise IT delivery and service. This programme will commence in 2019 and is expected to be substantially implemented by the end of 2020. As with all material IT change projects, and despite appropriate mitigation and monitoring, this will lead to an increase in the residual operational risk exposure during the transition.

The Bank also remains vigilant on the potential impact of Brexit on our staff and business. A Brexit working group has been established and is liaising closely with all staff and a number of external organisations; however, it is confident that the Bank will be able to address any challenges this may present.

E. Capital management

The Bank's original authorised share capital was €10.0 billion. Under Resolution No. 59, adopted on 15 April 1996, the Board of Governors approved a doubling of the Bank's authorised capital stock to €20.0 billion.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 5.3 of the Agreement, the Board of Governors reviews the capital stock of the Bank at intervals of not more than five years. At the Annual Meeting in May 2010 the Bank's Board of Governors approved the Fourth Capital Resources Review (CRR4) which established the Bank's strategy for the period 2011-15. This included an analysis of the transition impact and operational activity of the Bank; an assessment of the economic outlook and transition challenges in the region; the formulation of medium-term portfolio development strategy and objectives; and a detailed analysis of the Bank's projected future financial performance and capital adequacy. The review underlined the fact that the Bank relies on a strong capital base and stressed the need for prudent financial policies supporting conservative provisioning, strong liquidity and long-term profitability.

As a result of the assessment of capital requirements in CRR4, in May 2010 the Board of Governors approved a two-step increase in the authorised capital stock of the Bank: an immediate €1.0 billion increase in authorised paid-in shares (Resolution No. 126), and a €9.0 billion increase in authorised callable capital shares (Resolution No. 128). This amounts to an aggregate increase in the authorised capital stock of the Bank of €10.0 billion (collectively referred to as the second capital increase). The increase in callable capital became effective on 20 April 2011 when subscriptions were received for at least 50 per cent of the newly authorised callable capital. The callable shares were issued subject to redemption in accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 128. At 31 December 2018, €8.9 billion of the callable capital increase had been subscribed (2017: €8.9 billion).

At the May 2015 Annual Meeting the Board of Governors reviewed the capital stock of the Bank pursuant to Article 5.3 of the Agreement and resolved that the projected capital stock is appropriate for the 2016-20 period, in the context of the approval of the Bank's Strategic and Capital Framework 2016-20. The Board of Governors further resolved that no callable capital shares would be redeemed and that the redemption and cancellation provisions in Resolution No. 128 be removed. Finally, the Board of Governors resolved that the adequacy of the Bank's capital would next be reviewed at the 2020 Annual Meeting (Resolutions No. 181, 182 and 183).

The Bank does not have any other classes of capital.

The Bank's capital usage is guided by statutory and financial policy parameters. Article 12 of the Agreement establishes a 1:1 gearing ratio which limits the total amount of outstanding loans, share investments and guarantees made by the Bank in the economies in which it invests to the total amount of the Bank's unimpaired subscribed capital, reserves and surpluses. This capital base incorporates unimpaired subscribed capital (including callable capital), the unrestricted general reserves, loan loss reserve, special reserve and adjustments for general loan impairment provisions on Banking exposures and unrealised equity losses. Reflecting a change in interpretation in 2015, specific provisions are not included in the statutory capital base. The capital base for these purposes amounted to €40.5 billion⁶² at 31 December 2018 after 2018 net income allocation decisions (2017: €40.3 billion).

The Bank interprets the gearing ratio on a "disbursed Banking assets" or "operating assets" basis. To ensure consistency with the statutory capital base, specific provisions are deducted from total operating assets for the purposes of the ratio. At 31 December 2018, the Bank's gearing ratio on an aggregated basis was 73 per cent (2017: 70 per cent). Article 12 also limits the total amount of disbursed share investments to the total amount of the Bank's unimpaired paid-in subscribed capital, surpluses and general reserve. No capital utilisation limits were breached during the year (2017: none).

The Bank's statutory measure of capital adequacy under the gearing ratio is supplemented by a risk-based prudential capital adequacy limit under its Capital Adequacy Policy.

The Bank defines required capital as the potential capital losses it may incur based on probabilities consistent with the Bank's AAA credit rating. The main risk categories assessed under the capital adequacy framework are credit risk, market risk and operational risk, and the total risk is managed within an available capital base that excludes callable capital, while maintaining a prudent capital buffer.

⁶² Deductions are made to exclude revaluation reserves related to Banking assets (as operating assets are considered at cost).

One of the main objectives of the Capital Adequacy Policy is to manage the Bank's capital within a medium-term planning framework, providing a consistent measurement of capital headroom over time. The Bank's objective is to prevent the need to call on subscribed callable capital and to use only available risk capital including paid-in capital and reserves.

At 31 December 2018 the ratio of required capital to available capital was 73 per cent (2017: 70 per cent) compared with a policy threshold for this ratio of 90 per cent. The Bank's risk-based capital requirement under this policy is managed alongside the Bank's statutory capital constraint.

The Bank's prudent approach to capital management is reflected in the key financial ratios presented on page 7. At 31 December 2018, the ratio of members' equity to total assets was 26 per cent (2017: 29 per cent) and the ratio of members' equity to Banking assets was 58 per cent (2017: 60 per cent).

F. Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Classification and fair value of financial assets and liabilities

	Carrying amount € million	Fair value € million
Financial assets at 31 December 2018		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss or fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Debt securities	1,604	1,604
Derivative financial instruments	3,948	3,948
Banking loans at fair value through profit or loss	460	460
Banking loans at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,737	1,737
Banking portfolio: Share investments at fair value through profit or loss	4,745	4,745
Treasury portfolio: Share investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	75	75
	12,569	12,569
Financial assets measured at amortised cost:⁶³		
Placements with and advances to credit institutions	16,014	16,014
Debt securities	11,343	11,312
Other financial assets	381	381
Banking loan investments at amortised cost	21,432	21,957
	49,170	49,664
Total	61,739	62,233

	Carrying amount € million	Fair value € million
Financial assets at 31 December 2017		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss or fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Debt securities	916	916
Derivative financial instruments	3,677	3,677
Banking loans at fair value through profit or loss	372	372
Banking portfolio: Share investments at fair value through profit or loss	4,834	4,834
Treasury portfolio: Share investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	76	76
	9,875	9,875
Financial assets measured at amortised cost:		
Placements with and advances to credit institutions	14,605	14,605
Debt securities	9,465	9,512
Other financial assets	352	352
Banking loan investments at amortised cost	21,780	22,314
	46,202	46,783
Total	56,077	56,658

	Held for trading € million	At fair value through profit or loss € million	Derivatives held for hedging purposes € million	Financial liabilities at amortised cost € million	Carrying amount € million	Fair value € million
Financial liabilities at 31 December 2018						
Amounts owed to credit institutions	-	-	-	(2,107)	(2,107)	(2,107)
Debts evidenced by certificates	-	-	-	(40,729)	(40,729)	(40,642)
Derivative financial instruments	(300)	(99)	(1,680)	-	(2,079)	(2,079)
Other financial liabilities	-	(111)	-	(542)	(653)	(653)

⁶³ With the exception of debt securities and loan investments, the fair value for the other amortised cost assets approximates to their carrying value due to the short-dated nature of these assets.

Financial liabilities at 31 December 2018	Held for trading € million	At fair value through profit or loss € million	Derivatives held for hedging purposes € million	Financial liabilities at amortised cost € million	Carrying amount € million	Fair value € million
Total financial liabilities	(300)	(210)	(1,680)	(43,378)	(45,568)	(45,481)

Financial liabilities at 31 December 2017	Held for trading € million	At fair value through profit or loss € million	Derivatives held for hedging purposes € million	Financial liabilities at amortised cost € million	Carrying amount € million	Fair value € million
Amounts owed to credit institutions	-	-	-	(2,650)	(2,650)	(2,650)
Debts evidenced by certificates	-	-	-	(35,116)	(35,116)	(34,964)
Derivative financial instruments	(392)	(77)	(1,355)	-	(1,824)	(1,824)
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-	(431)	(431)	(431)
Total financial liabilities	(392)	(77)	(1,355)	(38,197)	(40,021)	(39,869)

At 31 December 2018, the Bank's balance sheet approximates to fair value in all financial asset and liability categories, with the exception of loan investments at amortised cost.

The amortised cost instruments held within placements with and advances to credit institutions, other financial assets, amounts owed to credit institutions, and other financial liabilities are all deemed to have amortised cost values approximating their fair value, being primarily simple, short-term instruments. They are classified as having Level 2 inputs (see fair value hierarchy, below) as the Bank's assessment of their fair value is based on the observable market valuation of similar assets and liabilities.

Amortised cost debt securities are valued using Level 2 inputs. The basis of their fair value is determined using valuation techniques appropriate to the market and industry of each investment. The primary valuation techniques used are quotes from brokerage services and discounted cash flows. Techniques used to support these valuations include industry valuation benchmarks and recent transaction prices.

Banking loan investments whereby the objective of the Bank's business model is to hold these investments to collect the contractual cash flow, and the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest, are recognised at amortised cost. The fair value of these loans was calculated using Level 3 inputs by discounting the cash flows at a year-end interest rate applicable to each loan and further discounting the value by an internal measure of credit risk.

Debts evidenced by certificates represents the Bank's borrowings raised through the issuance of commercial paper and bonds.⁶⁴ The fair value of the Bank's issued bonds is determined using discounted cash flow models and therefore relies on Level 3 inputs. Due to the short-tenor nature of commercial paper, amortised cost approximates fair value. The fair value of the Bank's issued commercial paper is determined based on the observable market valuation of similar assets and liabilities and therefore relies on Level 2 inputs.

Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 13 specifies classification of fair values on the basis of a three-level hierarchy of valuation methodologies. The classifications are determined based on whether the inputs used in the measurement of fair values are observable or unobservable. These inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- **Level 1** – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed share investments on stock exchanges and listed bonds classified as loans held at fair value through other comprehensive income.
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices). This level includes debt securities, most derivative products and listed share and bond investments valued using a quoted price but where there is no market sufficiently active to be included in Level 1. The sources of inputs include prices available from screen-based services such as SuperDerivatives and Bloomberg, broker quotes and observable market data such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates which are used in deriving the valuations of derivative products.
- **Level 3** – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes share investments and debt securities or derivative products for which not all valuation inputs are observable.

⁶⁴ Adjusted for hedge accounting as applicable.

The table below provides information at 31 December 2018 about the Bank's financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value. Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

	At 31 December 2018			
	Level 1 € million	Level 2 € million	Level 3 € million	Total € million
Debt securities	-	1,604	-	1,604
Derivative financial instruments	-	3,449	499	3,948
Banking loans	1,737	-	460	2,197
Share investments (Banking portfolio)	1,520	51	3,174	4,745
Share investments (Treasury portfolio)	-	75	-	75
Total financial assets at fair value	3,257	5,179	4,133	12,569
Derivative financial instruments	-	(1,980)	(99)	(2,079)
Other liabilities	-	-	(111)	(111)
Total financial liabilities at fair value	-	(1,980)	(210)	(2,190)

	At 31 December 2017			
	Level 1 € million	Level 2 € million	Level 3 € million	Total € million
Debt securities	-	916	-	916
Derivative financial instruments	-	3,215	462	3,677
Banking loans	-	-	372	372
Share investments (Banking portfolio)	1,548	-	3,286	4,834
Share investments (Treasury portfolio)	-	76	-	76
Total financial assets at fair value	1,548	4,207	4,120	9,875
Derivative financial instruments	-	(1,747)	(77)	(1,824)
Total financial liabilities at fair value	-	(1,747)	(77)	(1,824)

During 2018 €51 million worth of Banking share investments were transferred from Level 1 to Level 2. These transfers have occurred when the volume of trading of these investments has fallen to a level that is insufficient for their market to be deemed active.

The table below provides a reconciliation of the fair values of the Bank's Level 3 financial assets and financial liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2018.

	Derivative financial instruments € million	Banking loans € million	Banking share investments € million	Total assets € million	Other liabilities € million	Derivative financial instruments € million	Total liabilities € million
Balance at 31 December 2017	462	372	3,286	4,120	-	(77)	(77)
Total (losses)/gains for the year ended 31 December 2018 in:							
Net (loss)/gains	99	34	94	227	-	(22)	(22)
Deferred loss	(8)	-	-	(8)	-	-	-
Purchases/issues	-	132	362	494	(70)	-	(70)
Sales/settlements	(47)	(62)	(559)	(668)	-	-	-
Write offs	-	(16)	(9)	(25)	-	-	-
Transfers (out of)/into Level 3	(7)	-	-	(7)	(41)	-	(41)
Balance at 31 December 2018	499	460	3,174	4,133	(111)	(99)	(210)
Total gains/(losses) for the period included in net profit from assets and liabilities held at 31 December 2018	110	25	36	171	-	(9)	(9)

	Derivative financial instruments € million	Banking loans € million	Banking share investments € million	Total assets € million	Derivative financial instruments € million	Total liabilities € million
Balance at 31 December 2016	577	313	3,455	4,345	(51)	(51)
Total gains/(losses) for the year ended 31 December 2017 in:						
Net profit/(loss)	(82)	(2)	157	73	(26)	(26)
Deferred profit	56	-	-	56	-	-
Purchases/issues	-	106	389	495	-	-
Sales/settlements	(89)	(56)	(667)	(812)	-	-
Write offs	-	(21)	-	(21)	-	-
Reclassification	-	32	-	32	-	-
Transfers out of Level 3	-	-	(48)	(48)	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2017	462	372	3,286	4,120	(77)	(77)
Total gains/(losses) for the period included in net profit for assets and liabilities held at 31 December 2017	34	(14)	100	120	(39)	(39)

Transfers into and out of Level 3 for Banking share investments relate to listed investments that switch from/(to) an actively traded market.

Level 3 – sensitivity analysis

The table below presents the Level 3 financial instruments carried at fair value at 31 December 2018, the main valuation models/techniques⁶⁵ used in the valuation of these financial instruments and the estimated increases or decreases in fair value based on reasonably possible alternative assumptions:

		Impact on net profit in 2018		
		Carrying amount € million	Favourable change € million	Unfavourable change € million
Main valuation models/techniques				
Banking loans	DCF and option pricing models	460	44	(31)
Banking share investments, EPF and associated derivatives ⁶⁶	NAV and EBITDA multiples, DCF models, compounded interest and option pricing models	3,463	407	(343)
At 31 December		3,923	451	(374)

		Impact on net profit in 2017		
		Carrying amount € million	Favourable change € million	Unfavourable change € million
Main valuation models/techniques				
Treasury derivative financial instruments	DCF models	7	-	(1)
Banking loans	DCF and option pricing models	372	12	(17)
Banking share investments and associated derivatives	NAV and EBITDA multiples, DCF models, compounded interest and option pricing models	3,664	760	(732)
At 31 December		4,043	772	(750)

Treasury debt securities and derivative financial instruments

The Bank's derivative instruments held within the Treasury portfolio are valued through DCF models. Valuations are reconciled to counterparty statements on a daily basis. Therefore, the reasonable possible alternative valuations have been determined based on the range of discrepancies between the Bank's valuations and those of our counterparties.

The Bank's debt securities are priced via a third-party market data service, screen-based services such as Bloomberg or using broker quotes.

Banking loans

Banking loans at fair value through profit or loss mainly comprise convertible loans or loans with an element of performance-based return. The valuation models/techniques used to derive the fair value of these instruments are DCF models and option pricing models. The inputs into the models include interest rates, the borrower's credit spreads and underlying equity prices. Reasonable possible alternative valuations have been determined based on the borrower's probability of default, alternative EBITDA multiples and changes to assumptions in underlying DCF models, for example, amending the discount rate.

⁶⁵ NAV = net asset value; EBITDA = earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation; DCF = discounted cash flow.

⁶⁶ Banking share investments typically have an attached put and/or call option derivative. As such, any change in the underlying value of the equity may be offset by the change in the value of the derivative. For this reason, Banking share investments and the associated derivatives have been combined for the sensitivity analysis. For details of the EPF, see note 31 on page 80.

Banking loans at fair value through other comprehensive income comprise listed bonds for which there is an active market. They are valued based on the traded price observable in the market.

Banking share investments and derivatives

The Bank's unlisted equity portfolio comprises direct share investments, equity derivatives and equity funds. The main valuation models/techniques used to determine the fair value of these financial instruments are NAV multiples, EBITDA multiples and DCF models. NAV multiples are most commonly applied to bank investments and equity funds. Recent transactions within sectors are also considered where available. Reasonable possible alternative valuations have been determined based on the NAV multiple ranges in the valuations received for bank investments, and by considering the impact of adjusting the portfolio discount applied to equity funds. For investments valued using EBITDA multiples and DCF models, sensitivity analysis was performed by determining reasonable alternative valuations using sales, EBITDA, price-to-earnings multiples methods, as well as industry specific methods like multiples based on production capacities. Further, within a given method valuation ranges were determined by using bottom and top quartile multiples. For DCF models, sensitivity analysis was performed by changing certain underlying assumptions (for example, an increase or decrease in the discount rate).

Notes to the financial statements

1. Establishment of the Bank

I. Agreement Establishing the Bank

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank), whose principal office is located in London, is an international organisation formed under the Agreement Establishing the Bank dated 29 May 1990 (the Agreement). At 31 December 2018, the Bank's members comprised 67 countries, together with the European Union and the European Investment Bank.

II. Headquarters Agreement

The status, privileges and immunities of the Bank and persons connected with the Bank in the United Kingdom are confirmed and supplemented in the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Bank (Headquarters Agreement). The Headquarters Agreement was signed in London at the start of the Bank's operations on 15 April 1991.

2. Segment information

The Bank's activities are primarily Banking and Treasury. Banking activities represent investments in projects that, in accordance with the Agreement, are made for the purpose of assisting the economies in which the Bank invests in their transition to open, market economies whilst fostering sustainable and inclusive growth and applying sound banking principles. The main investment products are loans, share investments and guarantees. Treasury activities include raising debt finance, investing surplus liquidity, managing the Bank's foreign exchange and interest rate risks and assisting clients in asset and liability management matters.

Information on the financial performance of Banking and Treasury operations is prepared regularly and provided to the President, the Bank's chief operating decision-maker. On this basis, Banking and Treasury operations have been identified as the operating segments.

Segment performance

The President assesses the performance of the operating segments based on the net profit for the year, which is measured in a manner consistent with the financial statements. The segment information provided to the President for the operating segments for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017 is as follows:

	Banking 2018 € million	Treasury 2018 € million	Aggregated 2018 € million	Banking 2017 € million	Treasury 2017 € million	Aggregated 2017 € million
Interest income	1,064	348	1,412	974	173	1,147
Other income	146	34	180	411	49	460
Total segment revenue	1,210	382	1,592	1,385	222	1,607
Interest expense and similar charges	(396)	(435)	(831)	(286)	(143)	(429)
Net interest income on derivatives	-	170	170	-	36	36
General administrative expenses	(371)	(20)	(391)	(371)	(24)	(395)
Depreciation and amortisation	(28)	(1)	(29)	(24)	(2)	(26)
Segment result before provisions and hedges	415	96	511	704	89	793
Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges	-	21	21	-	(20)	(20)
Provisions for impairment of loan investments and guarantees	(192)	-	(192)	(1)	-	(1)
Net profit for the year	223	117	340	703	69	772
Transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors			(130)			(180)
Net profit after transfers approved by the Board of Governors			210			592
Segment assets						
Total assets	29,266	32,585	61,851	27,819	28,374	56,193
Segment liabilities						
Total liabilities	436	45,132	45,568	328	39,694	40,022

Segment revenues – geographic

The Bank's activities are divided into six regions for internal management purposes.

	Segment revenue 2018 € million	Segment revenue 2017 € million
Advanced countries ⁶⁷	129	270
Early/intermediate countries ⁶⁸	711	761
Russian Federation	(78)	(38)
SEMED	165	107
Turkey	283	285
OECD ⁶⁹	382	222
Total	1,592	1,607

Revenues are attributed to regions on the basis of the location in which a project operates.

3. Net interest income

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Banking loans	1,064	974
Debt securities	196	101
Reverse repurchase agreements	28	17
Cash and short-term funds	99	55
Other	25	-
Interest and similar income	1,412	1,147
Debts evidenced by certificates	(747)	(360)
Amounts owed to credit institutions	(83)	(69)
Other	(1)	-
Interest expense and similar charges	(831)	(429)
Net interest income on derivatives	170	36
Net interest income	751	754

Interest income accrued on impaired financial assets during 2018 was €21 million (2017: €16 million).⁷⁰

4. Net fee and commission income

The main components of net fee and commission income are as follows:

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Commitment fees	53	48
Syndication and agency fees	4	3
Administration fees	7	4
Prepayment fees	4	3
Trade finance fees	9	8
Equity fees	6	6
Railcar income ⁷¹	9	5
Other	9	3
Fee and commission income	101	80
Equity fees	(4)	(2)
Other	(4)	(4)
Fee and commission expense	(8)	(6)
Net fee and commission income	93	74

⁶⁷ Advanced countries are Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

⁶⁸ Early/intermediate countries are Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

⁶⁹ Other member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development which are not classed as advanced or early/intermediate. www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/

⁷⁰ This interest income equates to the unwinding of the discount on expected future cash flows from impaired financial assets.

⁷¹ See the Significant accounting policies, Property technology and equipment section on page 24 for an explanation of this income.

Front-end and appraisal fees of €69 million (2017: €62 million) received in 2018, together with related direct costs of €4 million (2017: €4 million), have been deferred on the balance sheet. They will be recognised in interest income over the period from disbursement to repayment of the related loan as part of the loan's effective interest, in accordance with IFRS 9.

5. Net (losses)/gains from share investments at fair value through profit or loss

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Net realised (losses)/ gains from share investments and equity-related derivatives	(105)	40
Net unrealised (losses)/ gains from share investments and equity-related derivatives	(71)	107
Net (losses)/ gains from share investments at fair value through profit or loss	(176)	147

On exit of an equity investment, the cumulative gain/loss is realised with a corresponding reversal of the cumulative unrealised gain/loss recorded prior to the exit.

6. Net gains from loans

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Realised gains from loans at fair value through profit or loss	6	-
Loans at fair value through profit or loss written off	(16)	(21)
Unrealised fair value gains on loans at fair value through profit or loss	19	25
Unrealised foreign exchange gains/(losses) on loans at fair value through profit or loss	6	(6)
Net gains/(losses) from loans at fair value through profit or loss	15	(2)
Realised gains from loans at amortised cost	7	7
Realised gains from loans at fair value through other comprehensive income	3	-
Net gains from loans	25	5

7. Net gains from Treasury assets held at amortised cost

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Net realised gains from debt securities at amortised cost	-	2
Net gains from Treasury assets held at amortised cost	-	2

During the year the Bank sold €195 million of debt securities held at amortised cost (2017: €556 million).

8. Net gains from Treasury activities at fair value through profit or loss

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Debt buy-backs and termination of related derivatives	1	-
Balance sheet management	33	42
Internally managed dealing portfolio designated at fair value	-	5
Net gains from Treasury activities at fair value through profit or loss	34	47

Treasury balance sheet management activities are primarily concerned with the management of market risks across the Bank's balance sheet together with short-term liquidity management. The financial performance of these activities is affected by the currency basis spreads used in the valuation of swaps through which Treasury funds the Bank's local currency denominated loan portfolio.⁷² These swaps are used for funding purposes and so will be held to maturity; any unrealised valuation losses or gains caused by the volatility in currency basis spreads will reverse over time.⁷³ A €4 million gain was recognised in 2018 relating to these spreads (2017: €13 million gain).

The profit deriving from the Bank's debt buyback activities is unpredictable as it typically occurs through the Bank responding to investors looking to exit holdings of the Bank's debt.

⁷² The loans funded in this manner are predominantly denominated in Russian rouble and Turkish lira.

⁷³ Such movements in foreign currency basis are recognised in the income statement as they occur where they apply to instruments not involved in a back-to-back hedging relationship where hedge accounting is applied. For instruments in designated hedging relationships, such movements are initially recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income as described in note 9 on page 61.

9. Fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges

The hedging practices and accounting treatment are disclosed under “Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting” on page 21 in the Accounting Policies section of this report.

The fair value movement on non-qualifying and ineffective hedges represents an accounting adjustment in respect of hedging relationships undertaken by the Bank that either do not qualify for hedge accounting or do not fully offset when measured in accordance with IFRS. This unrealised adjustment does not reflect economic substance, inasmuch as the reported losses would not be realised in cash if the hedging relationships were terminated. The adjustment will reverse over time as the underlying deals approach their maturities.

The Bank applies hedge accounting where there is an identifiable, one-to-one relationship between a hedging derivative instrument and a hedged cash instrument. These relationships predominantly arise within the context of the Bank’s borrowing activities in which the Bank’s issued bonds are combined with swaps to achieve floating-rate debt in the currency sought by the Bank. While such hedges are matched in cash flow terms, accounting rules may require different valuation methodologies to be applied to such cash flows. Such differences can create hedge ineffectiveness or hedge failures under IFRS, the combined effect of which is reported within this line of the income statement.

One example of such a difference is a pricing component of currency swaps known as the basis swap spread, which is not applied to the related hedged bond. This component is a feature of supply and demand requirements for other currencies relative to the US dollar or the euro. Following the implementation of IFRS 9 hedge accounting rules in 2018, movements in hedging swap valuations attributable to this factor are now recognised in the statement of other comprehensive income, rather than in the statement of profit or loss as was formerly the case under IAS 39.

During the year fair value movements on one-to-one hedging relationships resulted in a loss of €29 million, comprising losses of €599 million on the derivative hedging instruments and gains of €570 million on the hedged items (2017: a gain of €13 million comprising gains of €85 million on the derivative hedging instruments and losses of €72 million on the hedged items).

In addition to the one-to-one hedge relationships for which the Bank applies hedge accounting, the Bank also hedges interest rate risk across total assets and liabilities on a portfolio basis, for which hedge accounting is not applied. This activity results in the gains or losses arising on the hedging derivative instruments being recognised in the periods in which they occur while the offsetting impact deriving from the hedged cash instruments will accrue over a different timescale in keeping with the interest rates applicable to the specific periods for those instruments. For the year this resulted in a gain of €50 million (2017: loss of €33 million).

The combined effect of all the hedging activities described above was a gain of €21 million for the year (2017: loss of €20 million).

Cash flow hedges

The Bank hedges on an annual basis to minimise the exchange rate risk associated with incurring administrative expenses in pound sterling. In 2018 no gain or loss was recognised as ineffectiveness in the income statement arising from cash flow hedges, as was the case in 2017.

10. Provisions for impairment of Banking loan investments at amortised cost⁷⁴

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Charge for the year		
Portfolio provisions for unidentified impairment of loan investments at amortised cost	(12)	13
Specific provisions for unidentified impairment of loan investments at amortised cost ⁷⁵	(175)	(16)
Associated hedging costs ⁷⁶	(1)	-
Provisions for impairment of Banking loan investments at amortised cost	(188)	(3)
Provisions for impairment of Banking loan investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(4)	-
Provisions for impairment of Banking loan investments	(192)	(3)
	2018 € million	2017 € million
Movement in provisions		
At 1 January	(850)	(1,044)
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9	(47)	-
At 1 January as restated	(897)	-
Charge for the year to the income statement ⁷⁷	(188)	(3)
Reversal of accrued interest income on newly impaired loans	4	2
Unwinding of the discount relating to identified impairment of assets	21	16
Foreign exchange adjustments	(11)	64
Release against amounts written off	91	115
Recovery against amounts written off	(1)	-
At 31 December	(981)	(850)
Analysed between		
Provisions for unidentified impairment of non-sovereign loan investments at amortised cost	(288)	(230)
Provisions for unidentified impairment of sovereign loan investments at amortised cost	(18)	(18)
Specific provisions for identified impairment of loan investments at amortised cost	(675)	(602)
At 31 December	(981)	(850)

For the purpose of calculating impairment in accordance with IFRS 9, loans at amortised cost are grouped in three stages.

- Stage 1: Loans are originated in Stage 1. In this stage impairment is calculated on a portfolio basis and equates to the expected credit loss from these assets over a 12-month horizon.
- Stage 2: Loans for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since inception, but which are still performing loans are grouped in Stage 2. In this stage impairment is calculated on a portfolio basis and equates to the full life expected credit loss from these assets.
- Stage 3: Loans for which there is specific evidence of impairment are grouped in Stage 3. In this stage the lifetime expected credit loss is specifically calculated for each individual asset.

⁷⁴ Provisions for loans held at fair value through other comprehensive income equated to €9 million (2017: nil). These provisions form part of the overall balance for loans at fair value through other comprehensive income on the balance sheet.

⁷⁵ Comprised of €247 million of new provisions against €76 million of released provisions (2017: €122 million against €106 million respectively).

⁷⁶ Provisions raise in non-euro currencies create foreign exchange exposures which Treasury hedges. To the extent these hedges are transacted at different rates to the rates applied by the Bank's accounting system to translate the provisions into the euro equivalent amounts, the difference is recognised as part of the overall provision charge in the income statement.

⁷⁷ Excludes provisions for guarantees which are recorded in other assets.

Set out below is an analysis of the movements in the Banking loan investments and the associated impairment provisions for each of the stages of impairment. As these categories did not exist under IAS 39, there are no comparative tables for 2017.

	12-month ECL (Stage 1) 2018 € million	Lifetime ECL (Stage 2) 2018 € million	Lifetime ECL (Stage 3) 2018 € million	Total 2018 € million
Movement in provisions				
At 1 January	181	114	602	897
New loans originated	51	-	-	51
Transfer to Stage 1	12	(30)	-	(18)
Transfer to Stage 2 – significant increase in credit risk	(18)	94	-	76
Transfer to Stage 3 – credit impaired	(1)	(45)	231	185
ECL release – repayments/settlements	(16)	(17)	(80)	(113)
ECL release – write offs	-	-	(91)	(91)
Changes in model or risk parameters	(18)	(2)	1	(19)
Foreign exchange and other movements	2	(1)	12	13
At 31 December	193	113	675	981

	Loans Stage 1 2018 € million	Loans Stage 2 2018 € million	Loans Stage 3 2018 € million	Total 2018 € million
Movement in loans at amortised cost				
At 1 January	17,981	2,622	848	21,451
New banking loans originated	6,918	-	-	6,918
Transfer to Stage 1	932	(932)	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2 – significant increase in credit risk	(1,354)	1,354	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3 – credit impaired	(74)	(422)	496	-
Repayments/settlements	(5,291)	(605)	(135)	(6,031)
Write offs	-	-	(91)	(91)
Remeasurement of previously impaired loans	9	-	-	9
Foreign exchange and other movements	123	17	17	157
At 31 December	19,244	2,034	1,135	22,413

11. General administrative expenses

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Personnel costs	(276)	(274)
Overhead expenses	(119)	(125)
General administrative expenses	(395)	(399)
Deferral of direct costs related to loan origination	4	4
Net general administrative expenses	(391)	(395)

The Bank's expenses are predominantly incurred in pound sterling. The pound sterling equivalent of the Bank's general administrative expenses, excluding depreciation and amortisation, totalled £348 million (2017: £345 million).

The following fees for work performed by the Bank's external auditor were included in overhead expenses:

	2018 € 000	2017 € 000
Audit and assurance services		
Services as auditor of the Bank	(299)	(295)
Internal controls framework assurance	(142)	(140)
Retirement plan audit	(24)	(24)
Tax recovery audit	-	(11)
Audit and assurance services	(465)	(470)

12. Placements with and advances to credit institutions

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Analysed between		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,544	6,271
Other current placements and advances	10,470	8,334
At 31 December	16,014	14,605

Cash and cash equivalents are those placements and advances which have an original tenor equal to, or less than, three months. "Current" is defined as those assets maturing, or liabilities due, within the next 12 months. All other assets or liabilities are "non-current".

13. Debt securities

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Debt securities at fair value through profit or loss	1,604	916
Debt securities at amortised cost	11,343	9,465
At 31 December	12,947	10,381
Analysed between		
Current	4,091	3,061
Non-current	8,856	7,320
At 31 December	12,947	10,381

There were no impairment losses relating to debt securities in 2018 (2017: €nil).

14. Other financial assets

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Fair value of derivatives designated as fair value hedges	2,923	2,891
Fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	2	1
Fair value of portfolio derivatives not designated as hedges	524	330
Fair value of derivatives held in relation to the banking portfolio	499	455
Interest receivable	255	217
Paid-in capital receivable	7	10
Other	119	125
At 31 December	4,329	4,029
Analysed between		
Current	793	1,061
Non-current	3,536	2,968
At 31 December	4,329	4,029

15. Banking loan investments at amortised cost

	2018 Sovereign loans € million	2018 Non-sovereign loans € million	2018 Total loans € million	2017 Sovereign loans € million	2017 Non-sovereign loans € million	2017 Total loans € million
At 1 January	4,071	18,559	22,630	4,019	18,993	23,012
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9 ⁷⁸	-	(1,179)	(1,179)	-	-	-
At 1 January as restated	4,071	17,380	21,451			
Movement in fair value revaluation ⁷⁹	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)
Disbursements	1,092	5,826	6,918	1,477	7,027	8,504
Repayments and prepayments	(795)	(5,236)	(6,031)	(1,327)	(6,210)	(7,537)
Remeasurement of previously impaired loans	-	9	9	-	30	30
Foreign exchange movements	53	76	129	(96)	(1,123)	(1,219)
Movement in effective interest rate adjustment	(45)	55	10	(2)	(8)	(10)
Reclassification	-	18	18	-	(32)	(32)
Written off	-	(91)	(91)	-	(115)	(115)
At 31 December	4,376	18,037	22,413	4,071	18,559	22,630
Impairment at 31 December	(18)	(963)	(981)	(18)	(832)	(850)
Total net of impairment at 31 December	4,358	17,074	21,432	4,053	17,727	21,780
Analysed between						
Current			3,000			2,854
Non-current			18,432			18,926
Total net of impairment at 31 December	4,358	17,074	21,432	4,053	17,727	21,780

At 31 December 2018 the Bank categorised 82 loan investments at amortised cost as impaired, with operating assets totalling €1,135 million (2017: 86 loans totalling €848 million). Specific provisions on these assets amounted to €675 million (2017: €602 million).

⁷⁸ Following the adoption of IFRS 9, some loans previously classified at amortised cost under IFRS 9 (2009) were reclassified at fair value through other comprehensive income. For more information on this change see the significant accounting policies section on page 19.

⁷⁹ This movement in fair value relates to a hedge adjustment to fixed-rate loans that qualify for hedge accounting for interest rate risk.

16. Banking loan investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Non-sovereign loans		
At 1 January	-	-
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9 ⁸⁰	1,190	-
At 1 January as restated	1,190	-
Movement in fair value revaluation	(17)	-
Movement in expected credit loss	(4)	-
Disbursements	792	-
Repayments and prepayments	(190)	-
Foreign exchange movements	(16)	-
Reclassification	(18)	-
At 31 December	1,737	-
Analysed between		
Current	110	-
Non-current	1,627	-
Total net of impairment at 31 December	1,737	-

At 31 December 2018 the Bank categorised no loan investments at fair value through other comprehensive income as non-performing.

17. Banking loan investments at fair value through profit or loss

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Non-sovereign loans		
At 1 January	372	313
Movement in fair value revaluation	19	21
Disbursements	132	106
Repayments and prepayments	(62)	(56)
Foreign exchange movements	15	(23)
Reclassification	-	32
Written off	(16)	(21)
At 31 December	460	372
Analysed between		
Current	45	19
Non-current	415	353
At 31 December	460	372

⁸⁰ Following the adoption of IFRS 9, some loans previously classified at amortised cost under IFRS 9 (2009) were reclassified at fair value through other comprehensive income. For more information on this change see the Accounting Policies section on page 19.

18. Share investments at fair value through profit or loss

	2018 Fair value Unlisted € million	2018 Fair value Listed € million	2018 Fair value Total € million	2017 Fair value Unlisted € million	2017 Fair value Listed € million	2017 Fair value Total € million
Outstanding disbursements						
At 1 January	3,826	1,680	5,506	4,238	1,896	6,134
Transfer between unlisted and listed	-	-	-	(76)	76	-
Disbursements	319	412	731	379	140	519
Disposals	(577)	(124)	(701)	(715)	(432)	(1,147)
Written off	-	(9)	(9)	-	-	-
At 31 December	3,568	1,959	5,527	3,826	1,680	5,506
Fair value adjustment						
At 1 January	(761)	89	(672)	(1,080)	211	(869)
Transfer between unlisted and listed	-	-	-	28	(28)	-
Movement in fair value revaluation	165	(275)	(110)	291	(94)	197
At 31 December	(596)	(186)	(782)	(761)	89	(672)
Fair value at 31 December	2,972	1,773	4,745	3,065	1,769	4,834

Summarised financial information on share investments where the Bank owned greater than, or equal to, 20 per cent of the investee share capital at 31 December 2018 (venture capital associates), is detailed in note 30: related parties on page 77.

19. Treasury share investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

Treasury holds two strategic share investments for the purposes of accessing hedging and risk management products in the currencies of less developed markets. These are in the Currency Exchange Fund N.V. and the Frontier Clearing Fund. The Bank also has a purely nominal shareholding in SWIFT as membership is required to participate in this international payments system.

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Share investment designated at fair value through other comprehensive income		
The Currency Exchange Fund N.V.	68	69
The Frontier Clearing Fund	7	7
SWIFT	-	-
At 31 December	75	76

No dividend income was received on these share investments during 2018 (2017: €nil).

20. Intangible assets

	Computer software development costs 2018 € million	Computer software development costs 2017 € million
Cost		
At 1 January	129	115
Additions	17	14
Disposals	(1)	-
At 31 December	145	129
Amortisation		
At 1 January	(67)	(52)
Charge	(16)	(15)
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December	(83)	(67)
Net book value at 31 December	62	62

21. Property, technology and equipment

	Property 2018 € million	Property under construction 2018 € million	Technology and equipment 2018 € million	Other 2018 € million	Total 2018 € million	Property 2017 € million	Property under construction 2017 € million	Technology and equipment 2017 € million	Other 2017 € million	Total 2017 € million
Cost										
At 1 January	78	2	19	18	117	77	-	18	-	95
Additions	6	-	2	1	9	1	2	1	18	22
Transfers	2	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(1)	-	(1)	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December	85	-	20	19	124	78	2	19	18	117
Depreciation										
At 1 January	(46)	-	(15)	(2)	(63)	(39)	-	(13)	-	(52)
Charge	(9)	-	(2)	(2)	(13)	(7)	-	(2)	(2)	(11)
Disposals	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December	(55)	-	(15)	(4)	(74)	(46)	-	(15)	(2)	(63)
Net book value at 31 December	30	-	5	15	50	32	2	4	16	54

22. Borrowings

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Amounts owed to credit institutions and other third parties		
Amounts owed to credit institutions	(461)	(431)
Amounts held as collateral	(962)	(1,393)
Amounts managed on behalf of third parties ⁸¹	(684)	(826)
At 31 December	(2,107)	(2,650)
Of which current:	(2,085)	(2,627)

⁸¹ See note 30 on page 77 for details of third parties.

23. Debts evidenced by certificates

The Bank's outstanding debts evidenced by certificates are summarised below by currency. A significant proportion of the Bank's debts evidenced by certificates are hedged in a one-to-one hedging relationship with a cross-currency swap. On these bond issuances, as the bond's cash flows are offset by equivalent cash flows on the swap, the Bank's funding costs are effectively incurred in the currency of the funding leg of the swap. The table below therefore also presents the outstanding debts evidenced by certificates by currency after factoring in these currency hedges.

	Bond denominations 2018 € million	Currency after swap 2018 € million	Bond denominations 2017 ⁸² € million	Currency after swap 2017 € million
Australian dollar	(1,062)	(298)	(830)	(42)
Brazilian real	(839)	-	(1,133)	-
Euro	(3,774)	(4,243)	(2,975)	(5,663)
Indonesian rupiah	(1,197)	-	(926)	-
Indian rupee	(683)	-	(782)	-
Kazakh tenge	(587)	(522)	(636)	(554)
New Turkish lira	(2,032)	-	(920)	-
Pound sterling	(3,489)	(1,824)	(2,005)	(1,132)
United States dollar	(24,599)	(33,169)	(22,196)	(27,310)
Other currencies	(2,467)	(673)	(2,713)	(415)
At 31 December	(40,729)	(40,729)	(35,116)	(35,116)

Where the swap counterparty exercises a right to terminate the hedging swap prior to legal maturity, the Bank is committed to exercise the same right with its issued bond.

Analysed between	2018 € million	2017 € million
Current	(15,044)	(12,348)
Non-current	(25,685)	(22,768)
Debts evidenced by certificates at 31 December	(40,729)	(35,116)

During the year the Bank redeemed €340 million of bonds and medium-term notes prior to maturity (2017: €170 million), generating a net gain of €1 million (2017: €nil).

The table below provides a reconciliation of the movements in debts evidenced by certificates for the year ended 31 December 2018, including both changes arising from cash flows and non-cash changes.

For the year ended 31 December 2018	2017 € million	Cash flows € million	Fair value movements € million	Foreign exchange movements € million	Deals pending settlement € million	2018 € million
Debts evidenced by certificates	35,116	4,697	(289)	1,205	-	40,729

	2016 € million	Cash flows € million	Fair value movements € million	Foreign exchange movements € million	Deals pending settlement € million	2017 € million
Debts evidenced by certificates	35,531	2,752	501	(3,622)	(46)	35,116

⁸² The presentation of 2017 bond denominations has been changed. The change concerns the treatment of synthetic issuances, that is issuances where the underlying risks of the bond are in a different currency to those of the cash flows. Previously in this disclosure, such issuances were recorded in the currency of the cash flows, these are now presented in the underlying currency and the 2017 comparative figures have been amended to match the new presentation.

24. Other financial liabilities

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Fair value of derivatives designated as fair value hedges	(1,680)	(1,355)
Fair value of portfolio derivatives not designated as hedges	(300)	(392)
Fair value of other derivatives held in relation to the banking portfolio	(99)	(77)
Interest payable	(308)	(171)
Amounts payable to the Equity Participation Fund	(111)	(42)
Other	(234)	(218)
At 31 December	(2,732)	(2,255)
Analysed between		
Current	(911)	(898)
Non-current	(1,821)	(1,357)
At 31 December	(2,732)	(2,255)

25. Subscribed capital

	2018 Number of shares	2018 Total € million	2017 Number of shares	2017 Total € million
Authorised shared capital	3,000,000	30,000	3,000,000	30,000
of which				
Subscribed capital	2,974,279	29,743	2,972,307	29,723
Unsubscribed capital	25,721	257	27,693	277
At 31 December	3,000,000	30,000	3,000,000	30,000

The Bank's capital stock is divided into paid-in shares and callable shares. Each share has a par value of €10,000. At the Bank's Annual Meeting in May 2010, the Board of Governors approved a two-step increase in the authorised capital stock of the Bank: a €1.0 billion increase in authorised paid-in shares and a €9.0 billion increase in authorised callable capital shares, amounting to a €10.0 billion aggregate increase in the authorised capital stock of the Bank (collectively referred to as the second capital increase). Resolution No. 126 authorised the increase in authorised capital stock by 100,000 paid-in shares, each share having a par value of €10,000, taking the authorised capital stock of the Bank to €21.0 billion. Resolution No. 128 authorised the increase in the authorised capital stock of the Bank by 900,000 callable shares, each share having a par value of €10,000. These shares were originally subject to redemption in accordance with the terms of Resolution No. 128, but such provisions were removed under the terms of Resolution No. 183 approved by the Board of Governors at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The increase in callable capital became effective in April 2011.

Payment for the paid-in shares issued as part of the original authorised capital stock, and as part of the first capital increase and subscribed to by members, was made over a period of years determined in advance. Payment for the paid-in shares issued under the second capital increase was by way of a reallocation of net income previously allocated to surplus for other purposes, namely for the payment of such paid-in shares, pursuant to Article 36.1 of the Agreement and approved by Board of Governors Resolution No. 126, dated 14 May 2010. Article 6.4 of the Agreement states that payment of the amount subscribed to the callable capital is subject to call by the Bank, taking account of Articles 17 and 42 of the Agreement, only as and when required by the Bank to meet its liabilities. Article 42.1 states that in the event of the termination of the Bank's operations, the liability of all members for all uncalled subscriptions to the capital stock will continue until all claims of creditors, including all contingent claims, have been discharged.

The Agreement allows for a member to withdraw from the Bank, in which case the Bank is required to repurchase the former member's shares. No member has ever withdrawn its membership. The stability in the membership reflects the fact that the members are 67 countries and two inter-governmental organisations, and that the purpose of the Bank is to foster the transition process in politically qualifying economies from central Europe to Central Asia and the SEMED region.

Moreover, there is a financial disincentive to withdrawing membership. The upper limit of the amount of the repurchase price of the former member's shares is the amount of its paid-in capital, yet a former member remains liable for its direct obligations and its contingent liabilities to the Bank for as long as any part of the loans, share investments or guarantees contracted before it ceased to be a member are outstanding. Were a member to withdraw from the Bank, the Bank would be able to impose conditions and set dates in respect of payments for shares repurchased. If, for example, paying a former member would have adverse consequences for the Bank's financial position, the Bank could defer payment until the risk had passed, and indefinitely if appropriate. If a payment was then made to a former member, the member would be required to repay, on demand, the amount by which the repurchase price would have been reduced if the losses for which the former member remained liable had been taken into account at the time of payment.

Under the Agreement, payment for the paid-in shares of the initial capital stock subscribed to by members was made in five equal annual instalments. Of each instalment, up to 50 per cent was payable in non-negotiable, non-interest-bearing promissory notes or other obligations issued by the subscribing member and payable to the Bank at par value upon demand. Under Resolution No. 59, payment for the paid-in shares subscribed to by members under the first capital increase was made in eight equal annual instalments. Under Resolution No. 126, payment for the paid-in shares issued to members under the second capital increase was made in one instalment immediately following approval of Resolution No. 126.

On 5 July 2018, Egypt increased its subscription to the Bank's capital stock by 986 shares (807 callable shares and 179 paid-in shares). A capital contribution of €1.79 million was made for the paid-in shares.

On 11 July 2018, India was admitted to membership of the Bank, subscribing to 986 shares of the Bank's capital stock (807 callable shares and 179 paid-in shares). A capital contribution of €1.79 million was made for the paid-in shares.

A statement of capital subscriptions showing the amount of paid-in and callable shares subscribed to by each member, together with the number of votes, is set out in the following table. Under Article 29 of the Agreement, the voting rights of members that have failed to pay any part of the amounts due in respect of their capital subscription are proportionately reduced until payment is made.

Statement of capital subscriptions

At 31 December 2018 Members	Total shares (number)	Resulting votes ⁸³ (number)	Total capital € million	Callable capital € million	Paid-in capital € million
Albania	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Armenia	1,499	1,499	14.99	11.86	3.13
Australia	30,014	30,014	300.14	237.54	62.60
Austria	68,432	68,432	684.32	541.59	142.73
Azerbaijan	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Belarus	6,002	6,002	60.02	47.50	12.52
Belgium	68,432	68,432	684.32	541.59	142.73
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,071	5,071	50.71	40.14	10.57
Bulgaria	23,711	23,711	237.11	187.65	49.46
Canada	102,049	102,049	1,020.49	807.64	212.85
China	2,900	2,900	29.00	23.75	5.25
Croatia	10,942	10,942	109.42	86.60	22.82
Cyprus	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Czech Republic	25,611	25,611	256.11	202.69	53.42
Denmark	36,017	36,017	360.17	285.05	75.12
Egypt	3,087	3,087	30.87	22.82	8.05
Estonia	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
European Investment Bank	90,044	90,044	900.44	712.63	187.81
European Union	90,044	90,044	900.44	712.63	187.81
Finland	37,518	37,518	375.18	296.92	78.26
FYR Macedonia ⁸⁴	1,762	1,762	17.62	13.31	4.31
France	255,651	255,651	2,556.51	2,023.28	533.23
Georgia	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Germany	255,651	255,651	2,556.51	2,023.28	533.23
Greece	19,508	19,508	195.08	154.39	40.69
Hungary	23,711	23,711	237.11	187.65	49.46
Iceland	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
India	986	986	9.86	8.07	1.79
Ireland	9,004	9,004	90.04	71.26	18.78
Israel	19,508	19,508	195.08	154.39	40.69
Italy	255,651	255,651	2,556.51	2,023.28	533.23
Japan	255,651	255,651	2,556.51	2,023.28	533.23
Jordan	986	986	9.86	8.07	1.79
Kazakhstan	6,902	6,902	69.02	54.62	14.40
Republic of Korea	30,014	30,014	300.14	237.54	62.60
Kosovo	580	580	5.80	4.75	1.05

⁸³ The voting power of members who have failed to pay any part of the amount due in respect of their obligations in relation to paid-in shares has been adjusted down by a percentage corresponding to the percentage which the unpaid amount due bears to the total amount of paid-in shares subscribed to by that member. Consequently the overall number of exercisable votes is lower than the total amount of subscribed shares.

⁸⁴ Following notification in February 2019 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia, in future editions of the *Financial Report* the country will be named North Macedonia.

At 31 December 2018 Members	Total shares (number)	Resulting votes ⁸³ (number)	Total capital € million	Callable capital € million	Paid-in capital € million
Kyrgyz Republic	2,101	1,010	21.01	14.75	6.26
Latvia	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Lebanon	986	986	9.86	8.07	1.79
Liechtenstein	599	599	5.99	4.74	1.25
Lithuania	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Luxembourg	6,002	6,002	60.02	47.50	12.52
Malta	210	210	2.10	1.47	0.63
Mexico	4,501	4,501	45.01	34.50	10.51
Moldova	3,001	3,001	30.01	23.75	6.26
Mongolia	299	299	2.99	2.36	0.63
Montenegro	599	599	5.99	4.74	1.25
Morocco	2,464	2,464	24.64	19.35	5.29
Netherlands	74,435	74,435	744.35	589.10	155.25
New Zealand	1,050	1,050	10.50	7.00	3.50
Norway	37,518	37,518	375.18	296.92	78.26
Poland	38,418	38,418	384.18	304.05	80.13
Portugal	12,605	12,605	126.05	99.76	26.29
Romania	14,407	14,407	144.07	114.02	30.05
Russian Federation	120,058	120,058	1,200.58	950.17	250.41
Serbia	14,031	14,031	140.31	111.05	29.26
Slovak Republic	12,807	12,807	128.07	101.36	26.71
Slovenia	6,295	6,295	62.95	49.82	13.13
Spain	102,049	102,049	1,020.49	807.64	212.85
Sweden	68,432	68,432	684.32	541.59	142.73
Switzerland	68,432	68,432	684.32	541.59	142.73
Tajikistan	2,101	1,106	21.01	14.75	6.26
Tunisia	986	986	9.86	8.07	1.79
Turkey	34,515	34,515	345.15	273.16	71.99
Turkmenistan	210	210	2.10	1.47	0.63
Ukraine	24,011	24,011	240.11	190.03	50.08
United Kingdom	255,651	255,651	2,556.51	2,023.28	533.23
United States of America	300,148	300,148	3,001.48	2,375.44	626.04
Uzbekistan	4,412	4,412	44.12	30.97	13.15
Capital subscribed by members	2,974,279	2,972,193	29,742.79	23,528.24	6,214.55

26. Reserves and retained earnings

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Special reserve		
At 1 January	306	306
At 31 December	306	306
Loan loss reserve		
At 1 January	1,219	1,171
Transferred (to)/from retained earnings	(706)	48
At 31 December	513	1,219
Net income allocation		
At 1 January	8	9
Transferred from retained earnings	130	180
Distributions	(130)	(181)
At 31 December	8	8

General reserve – other reserve		
Revaluation reserve		
At 1 January	20	19
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9 ⁸⁵	16	-
At 1 January as restated	36	-
Net losses arising on revaluation of loan investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(17)	-
Net (losses)/ gains arising on revaluation of share investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(1)	1
At 31 December	18	20
Hedging reserve – cash flow hedges		
At 1 January	1	(2)
Losses from changes in fair value of fair value hedges recognised in equity	(46)	-
Gains from changes in fair value of cash flow hedges recognised in equity	1	3
At 31 December	(44)	1
Other		
At 1 January	231	225
Internal tax for the year	6	6
At 31 December	237	231
General reserve – other reserve at 31 December	211	252
General reserve – retained earnings		
At 1 January	8,176	7,623
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9 ⁸⁶	(52)	-
At 1 January as restated	8,124	-
Net profit before transfers of net income approved by the Board of Governors	340	772
Transferred to loan loss reserve	706	(48)
Transferred to net income allocation	(130)	(179)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit scheme	(10)	8
General reserve retained earnings at 31 December	9,030	8,176
Total reserves and retained earnings at 31 December	10,068	9,961

The **special reserve** is maintained, in accordance with Article 16 of the Agreement, for meeting certain defined losses of the Bank. The special reserve has been established, in accordance with the Bank's financial policies, by setting aside 100 per cent of qualifying fees and commissions received by the Bank associated with loans, guarantees and underwriting the sale of securities. In 2011 the Board of Directors decided that for the foreseeable future the size of the special reserve was adequate.

In 2005, the Bank created a **loan loss reserve** (LLR) within members' equity, to set aside an amount of retained earnings equal to the difference between the impairment losses expected over the life of the loan portfolio and the amount recognised on the Bank's balance sheet in accordance with IFRS impairment rules. In 2015 in a one-off allocation of €660 million was moved to the LLR. Following a period of more stable economic conditions, it was agreed during 2017 that this additional allocation would be released in full as of 1 January 2018. Excluding the release of €660 million, the LLR decreased by €46 million (2017: increase of €48 million), in part as a result of the adoption of IFRS 9 impairment increasing the proportion of expected losses recognised on the balance sheet.

The **general reserve** represents all reserves except those amounts allocated to the special and loan loss reserves and it primarily comprises retained earnings. It also includes the retention of internal tax paid in accordance with Article 53 of the Agreement. This requires that all Directors, Alternate Directors, officers and employees of the Bank are subject to an internal tax imposed by the Bank on salaries and emoluments paid by the Bank and which is retained for its benefit. At the end of the year internal tax amounted to €128 million (2017: €122 million).

The **hedging reserve** includes foreign exchange revaluation amounts on designated hedging instruments held by the Bank for the purposes of hedging its estimated future pound sterling operating expenditure. At 31 December 2018 there was a gain of €2 million on these hedges. Revaluation gains or losses on these hedges are held in reserves until the related hedged expenditure is incurred at which time such gains or losses are released to profit or loss. Following the adoption of IFRS 9, the reserve also includes valuation adjustments on designated hedging instruments held by the Bank as fair value hedges that are attributable to movements in foreign currency basis spreads. These deferred gains

⁸⁵ For further details see the significant accounting policies section on page 19.

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or losses will be released from reserves over the remaining life of the underlying hedging instruments. At 31 December 2018 there was a deferred loss of €46 million on these hedging instruments.

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Reserves and retained earnings		
Special reserve	306	306
Loan loss reserve	513	1,219
Net income allocation	8	8
Unrealised gains	1,234	1,162
Total restricted reserves	2,061	2,695
Unrestricted general reserves	8,007	7,266
At 31 December	10,068	9,961

The Bank's reserves are used to determine, in accordance with the Agreement, what part of the Bank's net income will be allocated to surplus or other purposes and what part, if any, will be distributed to its members. For this purpose, the Bank uses unrestricted general reserves.

Article 36 of the Agreement relates to the allocation and distribution of the Bank's net income and states: "No such allocation, and no distribution, shall be made until the general reserve amounts to at least ten per cent of the authorised capital stock". This figure is currently €3.0 billion (2017: €3.0 billion).

During 2018, the Board of Governors approved the transfer of €130 million of net income to be allocated to other purposes. This amount was reflected in the 2018 income statement, below net profit from continuing operations. Under Resolution No. 214: 2017 Net Income Allocation, €110 million was allocated to the EBRD Shareholder Special Fund (including an amount of €15 million required to support the Bank's specific operational response for refugee-hosting countries), €20 million was allocated as a contribution to the EBRD Trust Fund for the West Bank and Gaza.

27. Undrawn commitments and guarantees

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Analysis by instrument		
Undrawn commitments		
Loans	10,802	10,692
Share investments	1,378	1,283
At 31 December	12,180	11,975
Guarantees		
Trade finance guarantees	797	694
Other guarantees	91	101
At 31 December	888	795
Undrawn commitments and guarantees at 31 December	13,068	12,770

28. Operating lease commitments

The Bank leases its Headquarters building in London and all of its Resident Office buildings in the economies in which it invests. These are standard operating leases and include renewal options, periodic escalation clauses and are mostly non-cancellable in the normal course of business without the Bank incurring substantial penalties with the exception of the Headquarters lease. The most significant lease is that for the Bank's Headquarters building. Rent payable under the terms of this lease is reviewed every five years and is based on market rates. The most recent review was completed in 2016 from which there was no increase in rent. The next review is due to commence in 2021.

Minimum future lease payments under long-term non-cancellable operating leases and payments made under such leases during the year are shown below:

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Payable		
Not later than one year	28	29
Later than one year and not later than five years	73	88
Later than five years	-	-
At 31 December	101	117
Expenditure incurred in the current year	30	27

29. Staff retirement schemes

There are two retirement plans in operation. The FSP is a defined benefit scheme, to which only the Bank contributes. The MPP is a defined contribution scheme to which both the Bank and staff contribute, with Plan members making individual investment decisions. Both plans provide a lump sum benefit on leaving the Bank or at retirement age, meaning that retirement plan obligations to staff once they have left the Bank or retired are minimal (being limited to inflation adjustments on undrawn or deferred benefits under each plan).

Defined benefit scheme

A qualified actuary performs a full actuarial valuation of the FSP at least every three years using the projected unit method, with a more high-level interim valuation performed annually. The most recent full valuation was carried out on 30 June 2017 which, for the purposes of IAS 19: Employee Benefits, was rolled forward to 31 December 2018. The present value of the defined benefit obligation and current service cost was calculated using the projected unit credit method.

The primary risk associated with the FSP is that its assets will fall short of its liabilities. This risk, encompassing market risk and credit risk associated with its investments and the liquidity risk associated with the payment of defined obligations as they fall due is borne by the Bank as the FSP is fully funded by the Bank. Responsibility for the investment strategy of the Scheme rests with the Retirement Plan Investment Committee (RPIC).

The aim of investment risk management is to minimise the risk of an overall reduction in the value of the FSP assets and to maximise the opportunity for gains across the whole investment portfolio. This is achieved through asset diversification to reduce exposure to market risk and credit risk to an acceptable level. For example, the non-cash and government bond investment holdings held by the FSP are fund-based investments that diversify their exposure to a number of underlying investments.

The RPIC passively manages credit risk by selecting investment funds that invest in gilts rather than corporate bonds. To mitigate against market risk the RPIC meets quarterly with the FSP's investment adviser to review the performance of all of the funds against their benchmarks. No asset-liability matching strategies are undertaken in relation to the FSP.

If, at the effective date of any actuarial valuation, the value of the plan's assets is less than the liabilities, it is the Bank's policy to review the funding status of the FSP and decide if a recovery plan should be put in place. Typically, such a recovery plan would include either anticipated investment out-performance, additional contributions from the Bank, or both. In the event that the plan assets are estimated to have fallen below 90 per cent of the defined benefit obligation (DBO), the Bank would expect to make additional contributions to restore the funding of the plan to at least 90 per cent as soon as possible.

Amounts recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Fair value of plan assets	462	464
Present value of the defined benefit obligation	(480)	(461)
Net defined benefit asset at 31 December	(18)	3
Movement in the net defined benefit asset (included in "Other assets"):		
At 1 January	3	4
Contributions paid ⁸⁷	31	29
Total expense as below	(42)	(38)
Remeasurement effects recognised in other comprehensive income	(10)	8
At 31 December	(18)	3

⁸⁷ Contributions for 2019 are expected to be €31 million.

The amounts recognised in the income statement are as follows:

Current service cost	(42)	(38)
Total included in staff costs	(42)	(38)

Principal actuarial assumptions used:

	2018	2017
Discount rate	2.55%	2.35%
Expected return on plan assets	2.55%	2.35%
Price inflation	3.25%	3.25%
Future salary increases	3.75%	3.75%
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation	10 years	12 years

Sensitivity analysis on the key actuarial assumptions:

	Assumption	Sensitivity	(Decrease)/increase in DBO € million
Discount rate	2.55%	±0.5% pa	(23)/25
Price inflation	3.25%	±0.25% pa	12/(12)

These sensitivity analyses have been determined based on reasonably possible changes of the respective assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period, while holding all other assumptions constant. The sensitivity analysis presented above may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another as the assumptions may be correlated.

	2018 Listed € million	2018 Unlisted € million	2018 Total € million	2017 Listed € million	2017 Unlisted € million	2017 Total € million
Plan asset allocation						
Equities	209	47	256	214	48	262
Index-linked bonds	170	-	170	162	-	162
Other	-	36	36	-	40	40
Fair value of plan assets	379	83	462	376	88	464

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:		
Present value of defined benefit obligation at 1 January	(461)	(418)
Service cost	(42)	(38)
Interest cost	(11)	(10)
Effect of exchange rate movement	6	13
Actuarial gain/(loss) arising due to changes in assumptions ⁸⁸	15	(27)
Benefits paid	13	19
Present value of defined benefit obligation at 31 December	(480)	(461)

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:		
Present value of plan assets at 1 January	464	422
Interest income on plan assets	11	10
Return on assets (lower)/greater than discount rate	(25)	35
Effect of exchange rate movement	(6)	(13)
Contributions paid	31	29
Benefits paid	(13)	(19)
Present value of plan assets at 31 December	462	464

⁸⁸ All actuarial losses relate to changes in financial assumptions.

	2018 € million	2017 € million
Experience gains and losses		
Defined benefit obligation	(480)	(461)
Plan assets	462	464
(Deficit)/surplus	(18)	3
Experience losses on plan assets:		
Amount	3	-
Percentage of the present value of the plan assets	0.6%	0%
Actual return less expected return on plan assets:		
Amount	(25)	35
Percentage of the present value of the plan assets	(5.4%)	7.5%

Defined contribution scheme

The charge recognised in the income statement under the MPP was €18 million (2017: €17 million) and is included in “General administrative expenses”.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Bank maintains a medical retirement benefit plan to provide staff retiring from the Bank, aged 50 or over and with at least seven years’ service, with a lump sum benefit to help purchase medical insurance cover. The total charge for the year was €4 million (2017: €3 million).

30. Related parties

The Bank has the following related parties:

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise: members of the Bank’s Executive Committee, Managing Directors and the Director of the President’s Office.

Salaries and other benefits paid to key management personnel in 2018 amounted to €17 million (2017: €18 million). This comprises salary and employee benefits of €14 million (2017: €14 million) and post-employment benefits of €3 million (2017: €4 million).

In pound sterling terms, the salaries and other benefits paid to key management personnel in 2018 amounted to £16 million (2017: £16 million), comprising salary and employee benefits of £13 million (2017: £13 million) and post-employment benefits of £3 million (2017: £3 million).

Venture capital associates

The Bank has invested in a number of venture capital associates that it accounts for at fair value through profit or loss. At 31 December 2018, according to the 2017⁸⁹ audited financial statements (and where these are not available, the most recent unaudited management information) from the investee companies, these venture capital associates had total assets of €26.1 billion (2017: €29.5 billion) and total liabilities of €18.5 billion (2017: €21.7 billion). For the year ended 31 December 2017, these associates had income of €3.6 billion (2016: €4.3 billion) and made €1.0 billion profit before tax (2016: €0.5 billion).

In addition, as at 31 December 2018, the Bank had outstanding €9 million (2017: €17 million) of financing to these companies on which it had received no interest income during the year (2017: €1 million).

⁸⁹ The 2017 financial statements are the most recent available.

Set out below is summarised financial information for the one venture capital associate deemed material to the Bank. The information presented is based off the latest set of audited financial statements available at the time which was 31 December 2017.

Meridiam Infrastructure Eastern Europe (SCA) SICAR

	€ million
The Bank's ownership percentage	25.0%
Principal place of business	Eastern Europe
Summarised balance sheet	
Current assets	13
Current liabilities	2
Non-current assets	368
Non-current liabilities	-
Summarised income statement	
Revenue	39
Profit or loss from continuing operations	23
Other comprehensive income	-
Total comprehensive income	23
Dividends	8

Special Funds

Special Funds are established in accordance with Article 18 of the Agreement Establishing the Bank and are administered under the terms of the rules and regulations for each such Special Fund. At 31 December 2018 the Bank administered 18 Special Funds (2017: 18 Funds) with aggregate pledged contributions and associated fees amounting to €2.4 billion (2017: €2.1 billion).

The Bank acts as manager and administrator of the Special Funds for which it receives management and cost recovery fees. In 2018 these fees amounted to €8.8 million (2017: €12.6 million) of which €0.1 million was receivable at 31 December 2018 (2017: €0.9 million).

The Bank pays for guarantees from certain Special Funds in respect of specific exposures arising in its trade finance portfolios for which it paid €0.1 million in 2018 (2017: €0.1 million). In addition, the Bank also benefits from fee-free guarantee arrangements with certain Special Funds for losses which it could potentially incur in its investment activities. The provision of these guarantees qualifies such Special Funds as unconsolidated structured entities within the meaning of IFRS 12. The Bank's only exposure to these Special Funds would arise in the period between recognising a guarantee receivable on its balance sheet and the settlement of that receivable.

At 31 December 2018 the Bank had €1.9 million such exposures (2017: €2.5 million).

Audit fees payable to the Bank's auditor for the 2018 audits of the Special Funds totalled €0.1 million (2017: €0.1 million).

The financial statements of each Special Fund are approved separately by the Board of Governors at the Bank's Annual Meeting.

Trust Funds

On 10 May 2017 the Board of Directors established the Trust Fund for the West Bank and Gaza and the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the West Bank and Gaza in accordance with Article 20.1 (vii) of the Agreement Establishing the EBRD. The Trust Funds are governed under the terms of the rules and guidelines for each such Trust Fund.

At 31 December 2018 the total pledged contributions to the Trust Fund for the West Bank and Gaza were €50 million (2017: €30 million). The total pledged contributions to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the West Bank and Gaza were €0.8 million (2017: nil). This Trust Fund has not yet met the conditions to be in operation.

The Bank acts as the administrator of both Trust Funds and is entitled to management and cost recovery fees. During 2018 these fees totalled €1.3 million for the Trust Fund for the West Bank and Gaza (2017: €1.1 million), of which €0.2 million was receivable at 31 December 2018 (2017: €0.1 million).

The financial statements of the Trust Fund in operation are approved separately by the Board of Governors at the Bank's Annual Meeting.

31. Other fund agreements

Cooperation Funds

In addition to the Bank's ordinary operations, the Special Funds programme and the Trust Funds, the Bank administers numerous bilateral and multilateral contribution agreements to provide technical assistance and investment support grants in the existing and potential economies in which it invests. These grants focus primarily on project preparation, project implementation (including goods and works), advisory services and training. The Bank also acts as a fund manager for donor-financed grants that can be accessed by other International Finance Institutions. The Bank acts as fund manager for the following funds: Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership Funds (E5P), European Western Balkans Joint Fund (EWBJF – under the Western Balkans Investment Framework) and the Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership Fund (non-nuclear).

The resources provided through cooperation contribution agreements are held separately from the ordinary capital resources of the Bank and are typically subject to external audit when required by the agreements.

In 2018 new agreements and replenishments of €520 million (2017: €432 million) were signed with donors. Contributions of €310 million (2017: €195 million) were received, and disbursements of €160 million (2017: €131 million) paid out during the year. At 31 December 2018, the total number of open Cooperation Funds was 212 (2017: 204).

Nuclear Funds

Following a proposal by the G7 countries for a multilateral programme of action to improve safety in nuclear power plants in the economies in which the Bank invests, the Nuclear Safety Account (NSA) was established by the Bank in March 1993. The NSA funds are in the form of grants and are used for funding safety improvement measures.

At their Denver Summit in June 1997, the G7 countries and the European Union endorsed the setting up of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund (CSF). The CSF was established on 7 November 1997, when the rules of the CSF were approved by the Board of Directors. It became operational on 8 December 1997, when the required eight contributors had entered into contribution agreements with the Bank. The objective of the CSF is to assist Ukraine in transforming the existing Chernobyl sarcophagus into a safe and environmentally stable system.

In 1999, in pursuit of their policy to accede to the European Union, Lithuania, Bulgaria and the Slovak Republic gave firm commitments to close and decommission their nuclear power plant units with RBMK and VVER 440/230 reactors by certain dates. In response to this, the European Commission announced its intention to support the decommissioning of these reactors with substantial grants, and invited the Bank to administer three International Decommissioning Support Funds (IDSFs). On 12 June 2000, the Bank's Board of Directors approved the rules of the Ignalina, Kozloduy and Bohunice IDSFs and the role of the Bank as their administrator. The funds finance selective projects to help with the decommissioning of designated reactors. They also finance measures to facilitate the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation of the energy production, transmission and distribution sectors and improvements in energy efficiency.

In late 1999, the European Council launched the Northern Dimension policy as demonstration of regional cooperation. The Bank was entrusted with setting up a Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership (NDEP), as a multi-donor fund providing grant assistance to address the most pressing environmental challenges in the north-west of Russia focusing on radioactive waste, within the "nuclear window".⁹⁰ The Board of Directors adopted the Rules of the NDEP Support Fund on 10 January 2002. On 21 May 2003, the European Commission, the Russian Federation and a number of donor countries signed a framework facilitating cooperation in the area of safety of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste management in Russia, referred to as the "Multilateral Nuclear Environmental Programme in the Russian Federation" (MNEPR). The signing of the MNEPR was a pre-condition for entering into NDEP grant agreements and marked the beginning of operations in the NDEP nuclear safety programme.

In 2011, major donors to the NSA and CSF expressed interest in the creation, by the Bank, of an independent project monitoring function on projects undertaken by the NSA and CSF. The Chernobyl Projects Monitoring Account was established by the Bank to fulfil this interest and became operational on 29 August 2012, when the required two contributors had entered into cooperation agreements with the Bank.

In 2013 the European Commission asked the Bank to set up a multilateral fund to finance projects dealing with uranium mining legacy in Central Asia. In May 2015, the Bank's Board of Directors approved the rules of the Environmental Remediation Account and the role of the Bank as fund manager. The Account became operational in 2016.

⁹⁰ Nuclear projects in the north west of Russia which are fully grant funded and managed by EBRD under the supervision of the Nuclear Operating Committee.

The table below provides a summary of Nuclear Fund contributions.

	2018 Contributions pledged € million	2018 Number of contributors	2017 Contributions pledged € million	2017 Number of contributors
Nuclear Safety Account	427	17	403	17
Chemobyl Shelter Fund	1,646	28	1,646	28
Ignalina IDSF	778	15	778	15
Kozloduy IDSF	1,087	10	1,044	10
Bohunice IDSF	653	8	653	8
NDEP ⁹¹	353	12	353	12
Chemobyl Projects Monitoring Account	5	3	4	3
Environmental Remediation Account	32	5	23	2

The cash balances belonging to each of the funds in the table above are managed by the Bank on their behalf.⁹²

Audit fees payable to the Bank's auditor for the 2018 audits of the Cooperation and Nuclear Safety funds amounted to €0.5 million (2017: €0.5 million).

Equity Participation Fund

In 2016 the Bank set up the EBRD Equity Participation Fund LP (EPF) as part of a strategy to attract long-term institutional capital into private sector investments in the economies where the Bank invests. The EPF is a fixed-term fund (12 years) that gives investors a pre-determined (20 per cent) holding in new EBRD direct equity investments which meet the EPF eligibility criteria. These eligibility criteria ensure that neither the EBRD nor the EPF are able to "cherry-pick" the investments in which the EPF participates. Throughout the life of the direct equity investment the EBRD retains legal ownership and control over the equity investments, albeit that the economic benefits of the participation do not accrue to the Bank. In return for the purchase price the EPF receives from the EBRD an equity return swap (ERS). The ERS is classified as a financial liability held at fair value through profit or loss⁹³ within "Other Liabilities" and as at 31 December 2018 has a total value of €111 million (2017: €42 million). In exchange for managing the equity investments the EBRD receives a management fee. The Bank charged a management fee of €4 million in 2018 (2017: €5 million) of which none remained payable at 31 December 2018 (2017: nil). Since the EPF's inception a total of €115 million has been invested in eight eligible investments.

32. Events after the reporting period

There have been no material events since the reporting period that would require adjustment to these financial statements.

Since 31 December 2018 observable movements in the value of the Bank's listed equities in 2018 have resulted in an increase of approximately €94 million while movements in the exchange rate of the Russian rouble and Turkish lira have decreased the fair value of the Bank's unlisted equity investments and associated derivatives by approximately €11 million. These gains of €83 million will be recognised in the 2019 financial statements.

At 27 March 2019 there had been no other material events after the reporting period to disclose.

On 27 March 2019 the Board of Directors reviewed the financial statements and authorised them for issue. These financial statements will be submitted for approval to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors to be held on 8-9 May 2019.

⁹¹ The NDEP includes a nuclear and non-nuclear programme.

⁹² See note 22 on page 68.

⁹³ The ERS does not meet the definition of a derivative as a large net investment was required from the holders of the ERS.

Responsibility for external financial reporting

Management's responsibility

Management's report regarding the effectiveness of internal controls over external financial reporting

The management of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of its published financial statements and associated disclosures presented in this *Financial Report 2018*. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements have been audited by an independent accounting firm, which has been given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and committees of the Board. Management believes that all representations made to the external auditor during its audit were valid and appropriate. The external auditor's report accompanies the audited financial statements.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over external financial reporting for financial presentation and measurement in conformity with IFRS. The system of internal control contains monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies identified. Management believes that internal controls for external financial reporting – which are subject to scrutiny and testing by management and are revised, as considered necessary, taking account of any related internal audit recommendations – support the integrity and reliability of the financial statements.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of overriding controls. Accordingly, even an effective internal control system can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statements. Furthermore, the effectiveness of an internal control system can change with circumstances.

The Bank's Board of Directors has appointed an Audit Committee, which assists the Board in its responsibility to ensure the soundness of the Bank's accounting practices and the effective implementation of the internal controls that management has established relating to finance and accounting matters. The Audit Committee is comprised entirely of members of the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee meets periodically with management in order to review and monitor the financial, accounting and auditing procedures of the Bank and related financial reports. The external auditor and the internal auditor regularly meet with the Audit Committee, with and without other members of management being present, to discuss the adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting and any other matters that they believe should be brought to the attention of the Audit Committee.

The Bank has assessed its internal controls over external financial reporting for 2018. Management's assessment includes the Special Funds and other fund agreements referred to in notes 30 and 31 of the *Financial Report 2018*, and the retirement plans. However, the nature of the assessment is restricted to the controls over the reporting and disclosure of these funds/plans within the Bank's financial statements, rather than the operational, accounting and administration controls in place for each fund.

The Bank's assessment was based on the criteria for effective internal controls over financial reporting described in the "Internal Control – Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework). Based upon this assessment, management asserts that at 31 December 2018 the Bank maintained effective internal controls over its financial reporting as contained in the *Financial Report 2018*.

The Bank's external auditor has provided an audit opinion on the fair presentation of the financial statements presented within the *Financial Report 2018*. In addition, it has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the Bank's internal control over financial reporting, as set out on page 82.



Suma Chakrabarti

President

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
London
27 March 2019



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Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

Report of the independent auditor

To the Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

We have examined management's assessment that the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) maintained effective internal controls over financial reporting as contained in the Bank's *Financial Report 2018*, based on the criteria for effective internal controls over financial reporting described in the "Internal Control – Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework). Management is responsible for maintaining effective internal controls over financial reporting and for the assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion over the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control over financial reporting, based on our examination.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000. Our examination included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our work provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

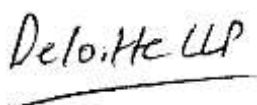
A bank's internal controls over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A bank's internal controls over financial reporting include those policies and procedures that: (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the bank; (2) provide reasonable assurance that the transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the bank are being made only in accordance with the authorisation of the bank's management; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the bank's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Bank maintained effective internal control over financial reporting, included within the "Responsibility for external financial reporting" section of the Bank's *Financial Report 2018* is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the criteria for effective internal controls over financial reporting described in the "Internal Control – Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework).

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for, and only for, the Board of Governors as a body in connection with management's attestation for maintaining effective internal controls over financial reporting and for no other purpose.

We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come, save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants
London, United Kingdom
27 March 2019

Independent auditor's report to the Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Bank's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

We have audited the financial statements of the Bank, which comprise:

- the income statement
- the statement of comprehensive income
- the balance sheet
- the statement of changes in equity
- the statement of cash flows
- the statement of accounting policies
- the risk management disclosures
- the related notes 1 to 32.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and IFRSs as adopted by the IASB.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Summary of our audit approach

Key audit matters	<p>The key audit matters that we identified in the current year were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• valuation of illiquid equity investments and associated derivatives• loan impairment and provisioning. <p>Within this report, any new key audit matters are identified with ↑ and any key audit matters which are the same as the prior year identified with ↔.</p>
Materiality	<p>The materiality that we used in the current year was €121 million which was determined on the basis of 0.75 per cent of shareholders' equity of €16.2 billion as disclosed in the balance sheet and statement of changes in equity.</p>
Scoping	<p>Our audit was performed on the Bank's legal entity. Audit work to respond to the risks of material misstatement was performed directly by the audit engagement team.</p>
Significant changes in our approach	<p>During the current period, we determined that as there was no change in accounting policy during the year that commitment fees were no longer a key audit matter.</p>

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether due to fraud or not) that we identified. These matters included those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Valuation of illiquid equity investments and associated derivatives

Key audit matter description ↔

The valuation of illiquid equities within “share investments” (December 2018: €3.2 billion; December 2017: €3.3 billion) and associated level 3 derivatives (December 2018: €400 million; December 2017: €385 million) is a key audit matter given the large size of the portfolio and the inherent subjectivity when determining fair values.

In general there is a lack of comparable market transactions in the economies where the Bank operates leading to difficulties in deriving fair values for illiquid equity investments. Additionally, the Bank enters into option transactions in order to facilitate an exit route for certain equity investments. The valuations of the associated derivatives are complex as they relate to subjective variables such as the valuation of the underlying equity and the time value to the option exercise date. The fair value of both the illiquid equity investments and associated derivatives can therefore fall within a relatively wide valuation range. Due to the high level of judgements involved, we have determined that there was a potential for fraud through possible manipulation of this balance.

Management have assessed the sensitivity of the portfolio by considering reasonably possible alternative assumptions (such as multiples) in the individual equity valuations as disclosed within Risk Management Note F on page 53 in the financial statements. The relevant accounting policy is disclosed in Note B on page 19, and further details in Notes 5, 14 and 18 to the financial statements.

How the scope of our audit responded to the key audit matter

We completed the following procedures in relation to the valuation of illiquid equity investments and associated derivatives:

- We tested management controls in place over the valuation process for illiquid equity investments and associated derivatives. This involved gaining an understanding of the Bank's valuation methodology and the processes and procedures to ensure this methodology is consistently applied over the portfolio with appropriate management review and challenge.
- We tested a sample of illiquid equity investments and associated derivatives to assess the appropriateness of the valuations applied by the Bank. Our work has involved testing and challenging the inputs and assumptions used in the methodologies adopted. This has included:
 - assessing the appropriateness of the methodology used – the Bank adopts a number of methodologies to estimate fair value including the use of earnings multiples, net asset values or discounted cash flows and we have assessed the appropriateness of the methodology choice made for each investment taking into account the nature of the investment being valued
 - assessing the appropriateness of inputs and assumptions – within each methodology, there are a number of inputs and assumptions. We have tested factual inputs (for example, earnings, comparable company multiples) to source information and assessed the appropriateness of any assumptions (for example, the choice of comparable companies, the level of liquidity discounts) applied to arrive at the final valuation.
- We have performed retrospective testing at the portfolio level to consider the reasonableness of the Bank's valuations in light of exit proceeds received during the year.
- We considered the frequency of historic trading of listed equities and assessed whether these investments had been appropriately classified as liquid or illiquid.
- We reviewed publicly available information in relation to the Bank as well as Bank Committee minutes for indications of exits or disbursements around year end.

Key observations

We conclude that the valuation of illiquid equities and associated derivatives is reasonable and within the acceptable range of possible outcomes.

Loan impairment and provisioning: stage classification and specific provisions

Key audit matter description ↔

The Bank has implemented the new IFRS 9 impairment standard in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. The total provision balance for December 2018 is €981 million (December 2017: €850 million).

Specific provisions comprise the majority of the loan loss provisions held by the Bank, being €675 million of the total €981 million provision balance as at December 2018 (December 2017: €602 million of a total €850 million). These constitute impaired loans within Stage 3 and represent loans in the portfolio where there is objective evidence of impairment.

Key judgements and estimates in respect of the measurement and the timing of expected credit losses include the allocation of assets to Stage 1, 2 or 3 using criteria in accordance with the accounting standard. In addition, the key judgement within Stage 3 loans is the measurement of individually assessed provisions where impairments are inaccurately calculated due to incorrect assumptions being applied to model future cash flows. Due to the judgement involved in identifying and assessing the occurrence of a default event, as defined, there is management judgement involved in identifying impaired loans on a timely basis.

Management have assessed the sensitivity of the portfolio provisions by considering reasonably possible alternative inputs into the provision calculation (such as probability of default ratings) in the individual loans as disclosed within “Critical accounting estimates and judgements”, note C on page 26.

How the scope of our audit responded to the key audit matter

We completed the following procedures in relation to the loan impairment and provisioning balances:

- As IFRS 9 was implemented at the beginning of the year, we performed audit procedures on the opening balance on transition from IAS 39.
- We have performed testing over management's lending and loan loss provisioning business cycles and tested the key controls in each including testing the relevant IT systems.
- We challenged each element of the new provisioning methodology and tested the appropriateness of the IFRS 9 provisioning policy against the requirements of the standard.
- We reviewed a sample of loans classified in Stage 1 and 2 assessing the appropriateness of the classification by looking at borrower financials, economic conditions, risks that the borrower is exposed to and internal risk ratings, to ensure that significant increases in credit risk have been adequately captured where necessary.
- We assessed the disclosures relating to provisions and adjustments made in the adoption of IFRS 9.

In order to consider the appropriateness of the valuation of specific provisions we performed further procedures:

- We assessed the design and implementation of controls in place over the credit assessment process for banking loans to ensure they have operated correctly throughout the period.

- For a sample of specific provisions, we:
 - assessed the economic situation of the borrower against Stage 3 determinants outlined in IFRS 9.
 - challenged management on assumptions made in factors affecting the cash flow forecast for specific loans. This included checking the consistency of inputs used to determine whether they are appropriate.
- We performed detailed testing through re-performing the individual net present value calculations associated with each specific provision tested and reconciling the inputs to supporting documentation.

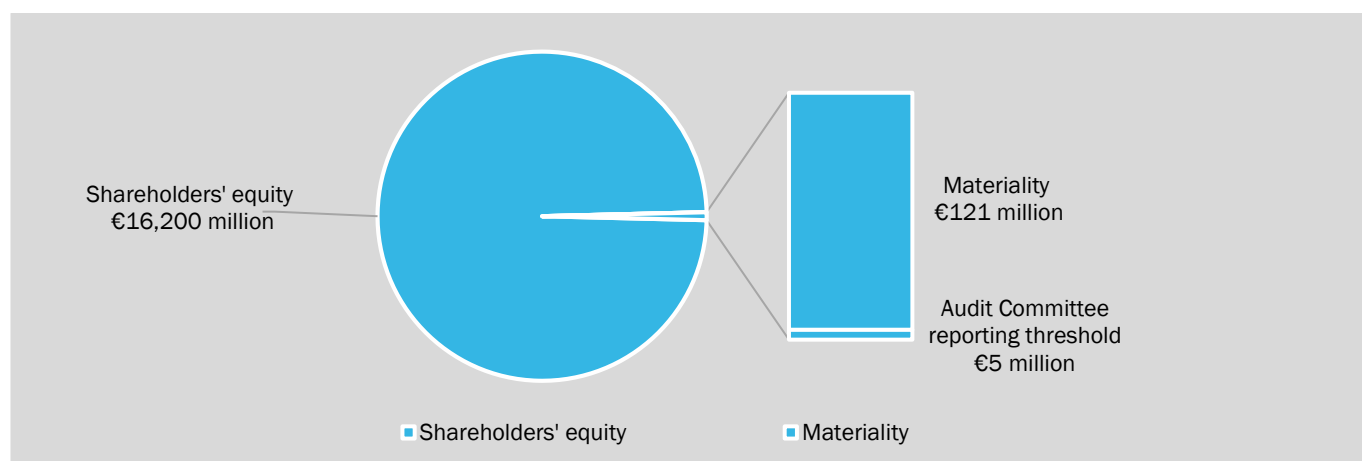
Key observations We concluded that the provision balance disclosed across all loans and including specific provisions was reasonable and in compliance with IFRS 9.

Our application of materiality

We define materiality as the magnitude of misstatement in the financial statements that makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable person would be changed or influenced. We use materiality both in planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

Materiality	€121 million (2017: €115 million)
Basis for determining materiality	The materiality was determined on the basis of 0.75 per cent (2017: 0.75 per cent) of shareholders' equity of €16.2 billion (2017: €15.4 billion) as disclosed in the balance sheet and statement of changes in equity.
Rationale for the benchmark applied	Materiality has been based on shareholder equity given our assessment of this being the most stable metric, and the most applicable to the operation of the Bank.



We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to the committee all audit differences in excess of €5 million (2017: €5 million), as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds. We also reported to the Audit Committee on disclosure matters that we identified when assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements.

An overview of the scope of our audit

Our audit was scoped by obtaining an understanding of the Bank and its environment, including internal control, and assessing the risks of material misstatement. Our audit was performed on the Bank legal entity given there were no material consolidated entities as at 31 December 2018. Audit work to respond to the risks of material misstatement was performed directly by the audit engagement team.

Other information

The President is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the highlights, financial results and additional reporting and disclosures sections of the *Financial Report* for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of the President for the financial statements

The President is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the President determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the President is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the President either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the President
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going-concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, include the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with the relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- adequate accounting records have not been kept
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of these matters.

Audit tenure

Following the recommendation of the Audit Committee, we were appointed by the President on 31 May 2011 to audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2011 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement including previous renewals and reappointments of the firm is eight years, covering the years ending 31 December 2011 to 31 December 2018.

Consistency of the audit report with the additional report to the Audit Committee

Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee we are required to provide in accordance with ISAs.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the Board of Governors, as a body, in accordance with Article 24 of the Agreement Establishing the Bank dated 29 May 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Governors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Bank and the Board of Governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Alan Chaudhuri

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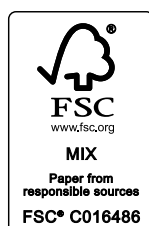
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