



## **BPCE S.A.**

50, avenue Pierre Mendès France 75013 Paris

---

Attestation of one of the auditors of BPCE S.A on the information relative to the allocation of funds raised for the Human Development Bonds Issued by BPCE S.A. since 2017.



## **BPCE S.A.**

50, avenue Pierre Mendès France  
75013 Paris

### **Attestation of one of the auditors of BPCE S.A on the information relative to the allocation of funds raised for the Human Development Bonds Issued by BPCE S.A. since 2017.**

To Jean-François Lequoy, Head of Finance and strategy, Member of the Management Board of BPCE,

In our capacity as one of the statutory auditors of BPCE S.A. (the "Company") and in accordance with your request, we have prepared this attestation on the information as at 30 September 2020 contained in the schedule "Proceed allocation" ("the Information") and set out in the BPCE S.A. Social Bond Report (the "Social Bond Report") dated December 2020 for the BPCE S.A. Human Development Social Bonds issued by BPCE S.A. since 2017 which amounts to JPY 190.2 billion and prepared by them to the terms and conditions of the final terms of the Issue (the "Final Terms").

The Social Bond Report, prepared for the purposes of the information of the Social Bond debt securities holders, present an allocation of the funds raised from the Issue to eligible projects as defined on the Final Terms (the "Eligible Projects") from the period beginning as of the receipt of the funds raised from the Issue until 30 September 2020.

This Information was prepared under the responsibility of BPCE based on the accounting records and data underlying the accounting records used for the preparation of the consolidated unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2020.

Our role is to report on:

- the compliance of Eligible Projects presented in the attached document with the eligibility criteria as defined in the Final Terms;
- the agreement of potential treasury or treasury equivalents exceeding the amounts raised through the issue and still to be allocated as of 30th September 2020, with the accounting records or data underlying the accounting records.;
- the agreement of the amount of funds allocated to Eligible Projects as part of the Issue as of 30 September 2020, with the accounting records or data underlying the accounting records.

However, we have no responsibility for challenging the eligibility criteria defined as an appendix to the Final Terms and, in particular, we give no interpretation on the terms of the Final Terms.

In addition, we have no responsibility for checking the real use of the allocated funds to Eligible Projects after such funds have been allocated and have not reviewed the quality of data contained in financial reporting systems used to prepare the Social Bond Report, including information such as eligible official sectors of economic activity codes (NAF codes).

The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities and over time.

In the context of our role as statutory auditor, we have reviewed the consolidated financial statements of BPCE SA for the 9-month period from 1st January 2020 to 30th September 2020. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Our review was conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, and was planned and performed for the purpose of forming a conclusion on the interim consolidated financial statements taken as a whole and not on any individual component of the accounts used to determine the Information. Accordingly, our tests and samples were not carried out with this objective and we do not express any conclusion on any components of the accounts taken individually.

Our engagement, which constitutes neither an audit nor a review, was performed in accordance with the professional guidance issued by the French Institute of Statutory Auditors (Compagnie nationale des commissaires aux comptes) relating to this engagement. For the purpose of this attestation, our work consisted in:

- making enquiries of BPCE S.A.'s management, including those with responsibility for Social bond governance, management and reporting;

- understanding the design of the key structures, systems, processes and controls for managing, recording and reporting the Information;
- verifying the Hybrid Id used by BPCE S.A. to trace the cash from issuance net proceeds and the dispatch of liquidity to regional Banques Populaires and Caisses d'Epargne;
- performing limited substantive testing on a sample basis of the Information, including:
  - verifying a sample of loans' supporting documentation and local financial reporting systems to verify that they reflect the information contained in the Social Bond Report, including verifying the consistency of NAF codes in local financial reporting systems with one of those displayed in the file "Eligible official sectors of economic activity code (NAF codes)" available on BPCE Investors website, verifying the existence of loans as at 30 September 2020 and the agreement of the outstanding amount of loans with the data underlying the accounting records as at 30 September 2020, and verifying that the granting of the credit is subsequent to 01 January 2016;
- verifying records maintained in local financial reporting systems to confirm the existence of the asset in these systems at 30 September 2020, and agreeing on the amounts allocated to assets shown in the Social Bond Report with local financial reporting systems ;
- comparing the exchange rates used in the Social Bond Report with independent, external sources and checking the accuracy of foreign exchange translation calculations;
- checking the absence of treasury or treasury equivalents raised through the Issue and still to be allocated as at 30 September 2020.

On the basis of our work, we have no matters to report on:

- the compliance of Eligible Projects presented in the attached document with the eligibility criteria as defined in the Final Terms;
- the agreement of potential treasury or treasury equivalents exceeding the amounts raised through the issue and still to be allocated as of 30th September 2020, with the accounting records or data underlying the accounting records.;
- the agreement of the amount of funds allocated to Eligible Projects as part of the Issue as of 30 September 2020, with the accounting records and data underlying the accounting records.

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of our attestation.

This attestation is governed by French law. The French courts have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any claim, difference or dispute which may arise out of or in connection with our engagement letter or this attestation. Each party irrevocably waives any right it may have to object to an action being brought in any of those Courts, to claim that the action has been brought in an illegitimate court or to claim that those Courts do not have jurisdiction.

**Neuilly-sur-Seine, 7 January 2021**

**PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the initials 'NM' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in a small hook.

Nicolas Montillot  
Partner



# GROUPE BPCE

Bankers and insurers with a different perspective

## BPCE SA

### SITUATION DATE

30 September 2020 **DATE OF REPORT:** 15 December 2020

### Information regarding the allocation, as of 30 September 2020, of the proceeds of the Human Development Social Bonds issued by BPCE since 2017

#### Human Development Bonds Issued since 2017:

BONDS									
ISSUER	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA	BPCE SA
ISIN	JP525021AH67	JP525021DH64	JP525021BH66	JP525021CHI	JP525021FJ11	JP525021EJ12	JP525021DJ70	JP525021EJ79	
CURRENCY	JPY	JPY	JPY	JPY	JPY	JPY	JPY	JPY	JPY
PROCEEDS (billion)	25	3	24	8	24	2	66	40	
EQ Euros (millions)	197	20	189	61	175	17	514	311	
ISSUANCE DATE	30/06/2017	30/06/2017	30/06/2017	30/06/2017	25/01/2018	25/01/2018	12/07/2018	12/07/2018	
REPAYMENT DATE	30/06/2022	30/06/2032	28/06/2024	30/06/2027	25/01/2028	25/01/2028	12/07/2023	12/07/2028	
TOTAL Euros	<b>1 485,21</b>								
TOTAL Foreign Currency	190,20								

#### Proceed allocation:

As described in the use of proceeds of the Issues, the proceeds have been lent to Banques Populaires and Caisses d'Epargne of the Group BPCE Network. The Regional Banks allocated the amounts to refinance loans granted less than three years before the issuance, to clients whose activities are dedicated to social purposes or healthcare.

The list of eligible official sectors of economic activity code is published on a dedicated section of our website "Social Bonds / Human development":

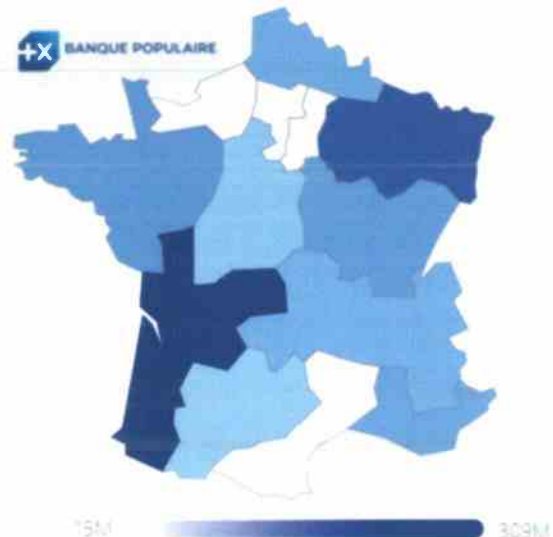
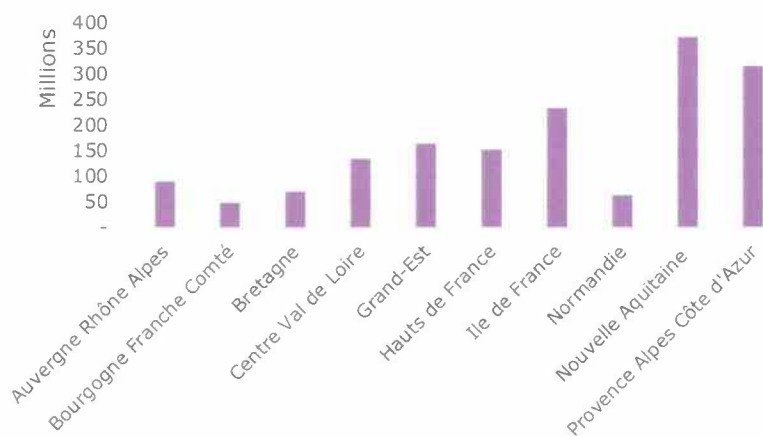
<https://www.groupebpce.fr/en/Investors/Funding/Social-bonds>.

PROCEED ALLOCATION	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT BOND ISSUED SINCE 2017
Proceeds in euros	1,485,213,179
Proportion invested in euros	100%
Total of earmarked assets	1,633,239,060

**Breakdown of earmarked assets by sector of activity:**

Type of clients	Earmarked assets (€ millions)	Number of loans
Activities with a social purpose	778.5	3,298
Healthcare	854.8	7,585

**Earmarked assets by French Region**



**Paris, 15 December 2020**

**Julien Philippon**  
**Head of Portfolio Management and Financial Engineering**