



EMPOWERING SUSTAINABLE FINANCE: Second-Party Opinions (SPOs) by DQS

FINANCING FOR A GREENER FUTURE

Sustainable Finance offers a powerful solution, enabling investors to generate positive financial returns while contributing to a more sustainable future. Driven by growing environmental awareness and evolving investor preferences, Sustainable Finance has become a prevalent force in the financial landscape.

An SPO is an independent assessment conducted by DQS to evaluate the alignment of a sustainable finance instrument with relevant market standards.

WHY CHOOSE OUR SPO SERVICES?

- **Market Expertise:** Our experienced analysts possess deep knowledge of ICMA Green Bond & Social Bond Principles, ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines, and LMA Green Loan Principles.
- **Enhanced Credibility:** Strengthen investor confidence in your commitment to sustainability.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Prior to issuance, identify enhancements to your Sustainable Finance instruments.

OUR SPO PORTFOLIO

ICMA GREEN BOND PRINCIPLES

Verify the
environmental
integrity and
impact

ICMA SOCIAL BOND PRINCIPLES

Verify the positive
social outcomes
and impact

ICMA SUSTAINABILITY BOND GUIDELINES

Confirming
contribution to
environmental and
social sustainability

LMA GREEN LOAN PRINCIPLES

Allocation of funds
to environmentally
benefit project

A DQS SPO clearly conveys the level of compliance of your framework, identifying enhancement opportunities, and providing investors assurance that funds are being allocated to projects with positive environmental & social outcomes.

INVESTING IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE STARTS HERE.

Boost investor confidence by providing an independent second-party opinion from industry experts. Email or call us today to discuss your SPO needs.

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