# The State of Baden-Württemberg Fourth Green Bond Baden-Württemberg

## **Investor Presentation**

October, 2024





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### **Executive Summary**

#### THE STATE OF BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

- No. 3 among the German federal states in terms of GDP, population and surface area
- Rating: Aaa / AAA / AA+ (Moody's / Scope / S&P)<sup>1)</sup>
- Established frequent EUR benchmark issuer

#### SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

- Since 2007, but continuously amended in accordance with EU requirements
- Established reporting structures on key indicators and on measures of each separate ministry
- Supporting measures in financial management include procurement strategy, asset management and the Green Bond Baden-Württemberg issuance activity

#### GREEN BOND FRAMEWORK

- Use of proceeds comply with the guidelines of the ICMA Green Bond Principles, environmental objectives of the EU Taxonomy and UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Second Party Opinion (SPO) and external taxonomy assessment provided by EthiFinance
- Impact evaluations for the Green Bonds 2021, 2022 and 2023 have been published by Wuppertal Institut

### FOURTH GREEN BOND

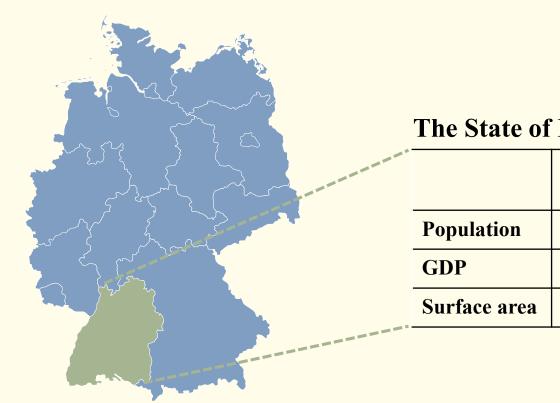
- Fourth Green Bond Baden-Württemberg expected to be priced in October 2024 subject to market conditions
- Total of EUR **691.6** million eligible expenditure from budget year 2023
- An issuance volume of EUR 650 million leads to 94% allocation of eligible expenditure

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# The State of Baden-Württemberg is one of the largest German states by population, GDP and surface area



### The State of Baden-Württemberg

|              | Ranking within<br>German states | Value <sup>1)</sup>           |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Population   | No. 3                           | 11.34 mn (2023)               |
| GDP          | No. 3                           | EUR 615 bn (2023)             |
| Surface area | No. 3                           | 35,751 km <sup>2</sup> (2022) |

# The State of Baden-Württemberg is a federal state with its own parliament, government and budget autonomy



### The State of Baden-Württemberg

Expenditure  $(2023)^{1}$ :

**EUR 66.2 bn** 

Current government:

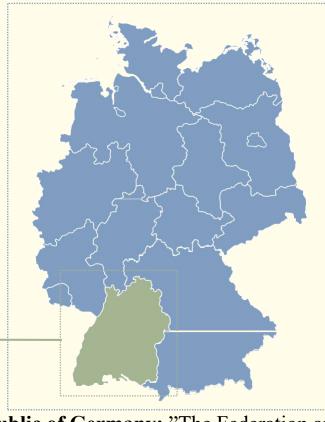
Green

**Party** 

**Conservatives** 









### **Federal Republic of Germany**

Expenditure  $(2023)^{1}$ :

**EUR 457.7 bn** 

Current government:

Social Green
Democrats Party



en Free rtv Democrats



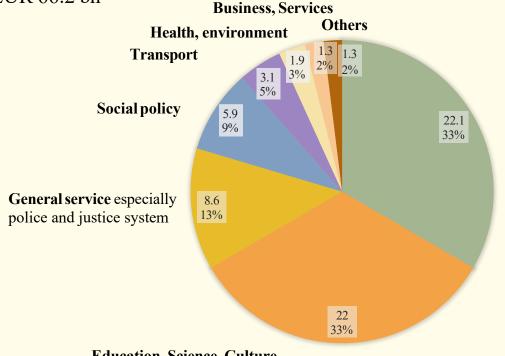
**Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany:** "The Federation and the *Länder* shall be autonomous and independent of one another in the management of their respective budgets." (Article 109, § 1)

Source: Budget ac

# 66.2 bn expenditure focuses on financing municipalities, public buildings, education, science, police & justice system

#### State expenditure<sup>1)</sup>

2023 actual, by area of activity, EUR 66.2 bn

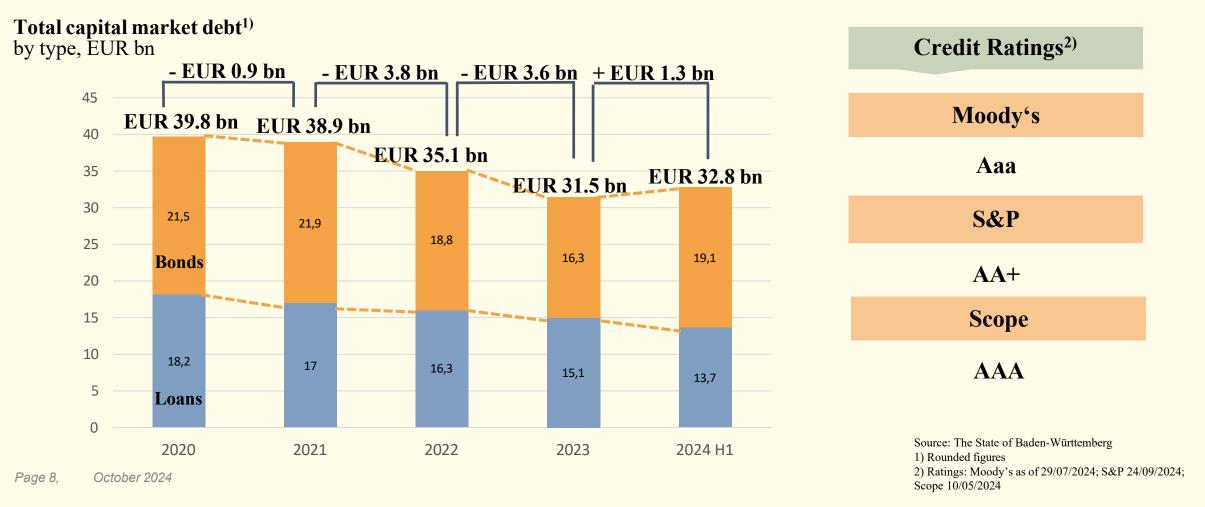


#### **Centralized investments**

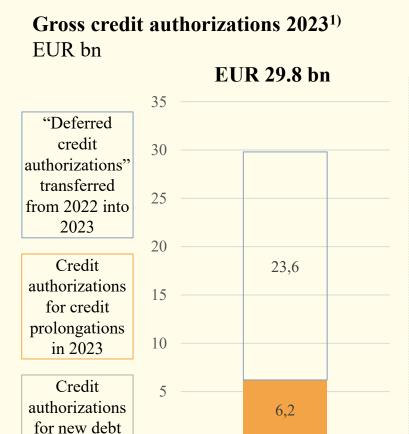
Contributions to municipalities, public buildings

**Education, Science, Culture** 

## Total capital market debt is at historically low levels and credit rating consistently best quality



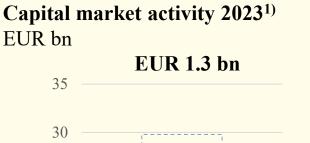
## Liquidity outflow in 2023 still remained lower than expected and most credit authorizations were deferred

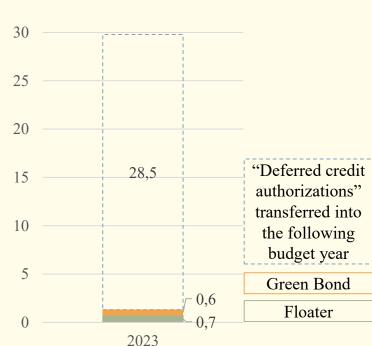


2023

Deferred credit authorizations generally allow for:

- Delay in spending, postponing funding needs
- Balanced capital market activity
- Liquidity management





Source: The State of Baden-Württemberg 1) Rounded figures

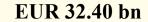
# Market activity for 2024 is higher than in previous years reducing level of deferred credit authorizations

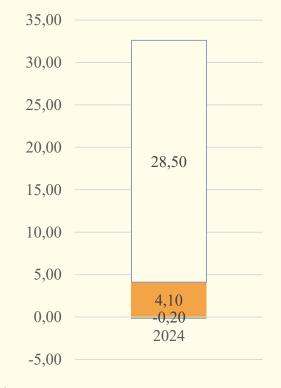
**Gross credit authorizations 2024**<sup>1)</sup> EUR bn

"Deferred credit authorizations" transferred from 2023 into 2024

Credit authorizations for credit prolongations in 2024

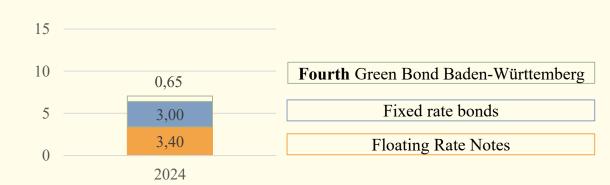
Credit authorizations for new debt





Expected capital market activity 2024<sup>1)</sup> EUR bn

~ EUR 7.05 bn



Source: The State of Baden-Württemberg
1) Rounded figures

# Maturity profile is 7.94 years on average – Floating rate issues within 1 to 6 years, fixed rates typically longer

#### Capital market debt by maturities as of 31/12/2023<sup>1)</sup>

EUR bn



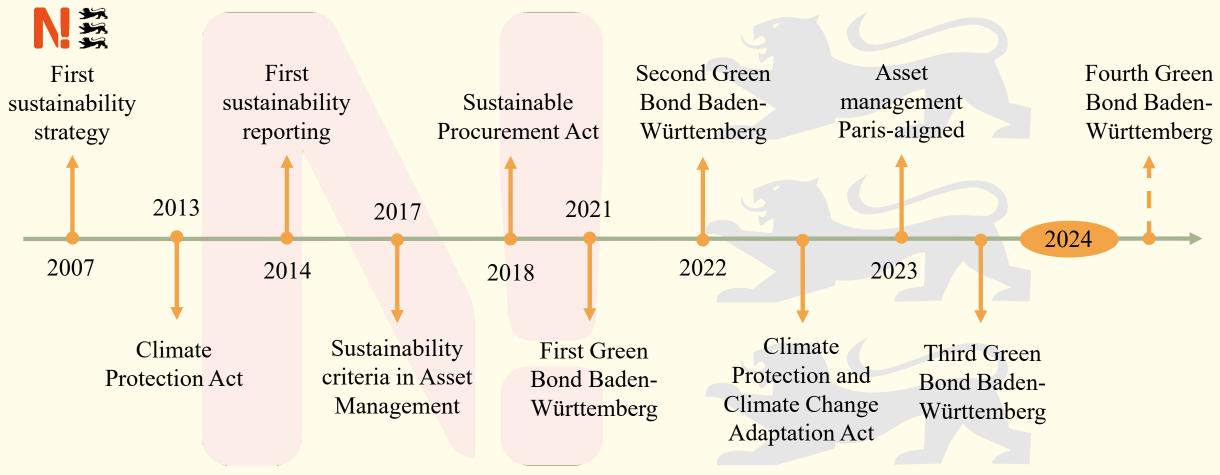
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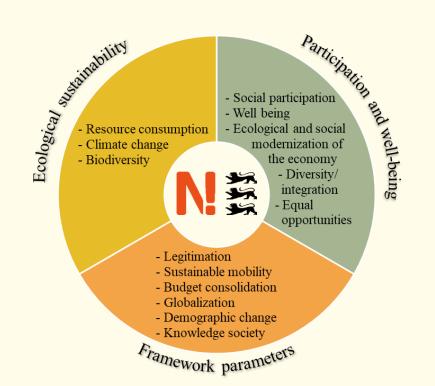
# Baden-Württemberg has initiated a sustainability strategy back in 2007 that has constantly evolved



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## The sustainability strategy comprises all areas of sustainable governance

#### Sustainability challenges



### Guiding principles (selection) "Acting sustainably in Baden-Württemberg means..."

- I. ... implementing the energy transition quickly, safely and affordably with the involvement of civil society.
- II. ... perceiving climate protection as a cross-sectional task and minimising environmental-related threats due to climate change.
- III. ... promoting and implementing innovative, environmentally friendly and social mobility concepts.
- IV. ... implementing a future-oriented urban and spatial development.
- V. ... optimising the use of resources and decoupling economic growth from the consumption of natural raw materials.
- VI. ...protecting and preserving the livelihood, diverse nature and unique cultural landscapes of the state and keeping the impact on humans, nature and the environment as low as possible beyond the state boundaries.

Page 14, October 2024 Source: The State of Baden-Württemberg

# Climate protection and climate change adaptation act of 2023 (KlimaG BW) requires net GHG neutrality in 2040

### **GHG** emissions including LULUCF except for 2023<sup>1)</sup>

mn t CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent



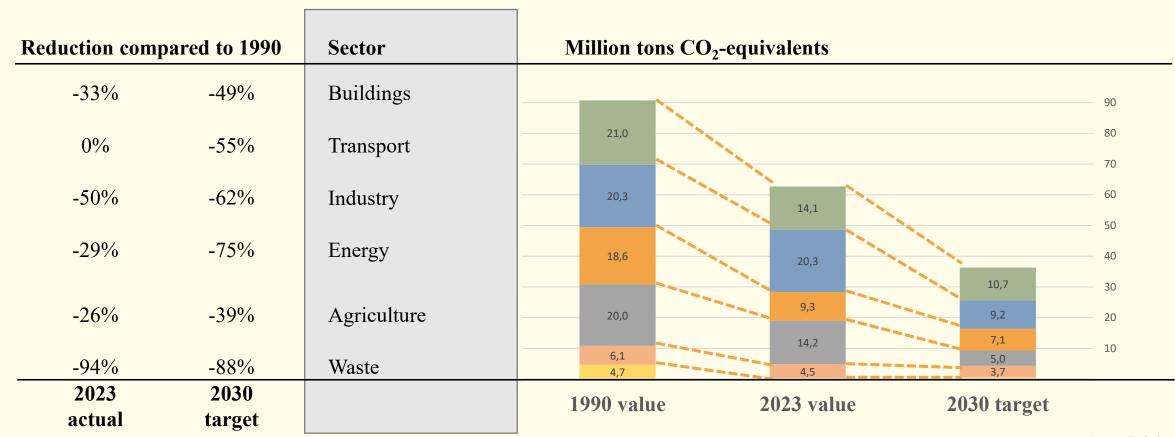
Committed reduction targets for 2030 and 2040 compared to 1990 baseline numbers

Source: The State of Baden-Württemberg – Emission Report 2023 of the State Statistical Office Baden-Württemberg 1) Rounded figures. Greenhouse gas emissions including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated greenhouse gases. Figures include land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF).

<sup>2) 2022</sup> figure now includes emissions and sinks from LULUCF.

<sup>3) 2023</sup> is an estimate of the statistical office from June 2024 and does not include emissions and sinks from LULUCF.

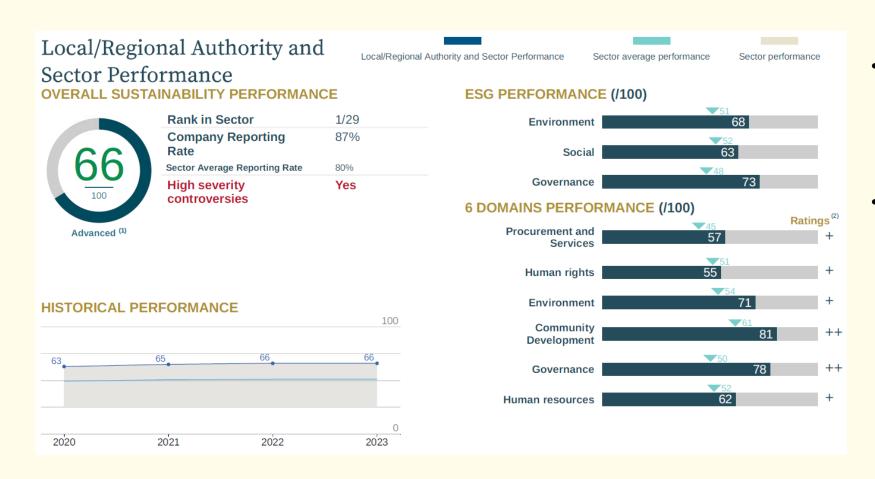
# Half of the 65% target<sup>1)</sup> reached, but strong differences by sector target achievement, which BW monitors



1) 65% includes sink of 4.4 mn t  $\rm CO_2$ -equivalents via LULUCF.

Source: Emission reporting for 2023, Q3/2024

### ESG issuer rating reflects overall sustainability commitment – best-in-class results in January 2023



- ESG evaluation by Moody's ESG Solutions (formerly: V.E) reflects the overall commitment to sustainability
- Best-in-class result in category "Local/regional authority" provides assurance to investors that also conventional bonds finance activities with a high degree of sustainability orientation

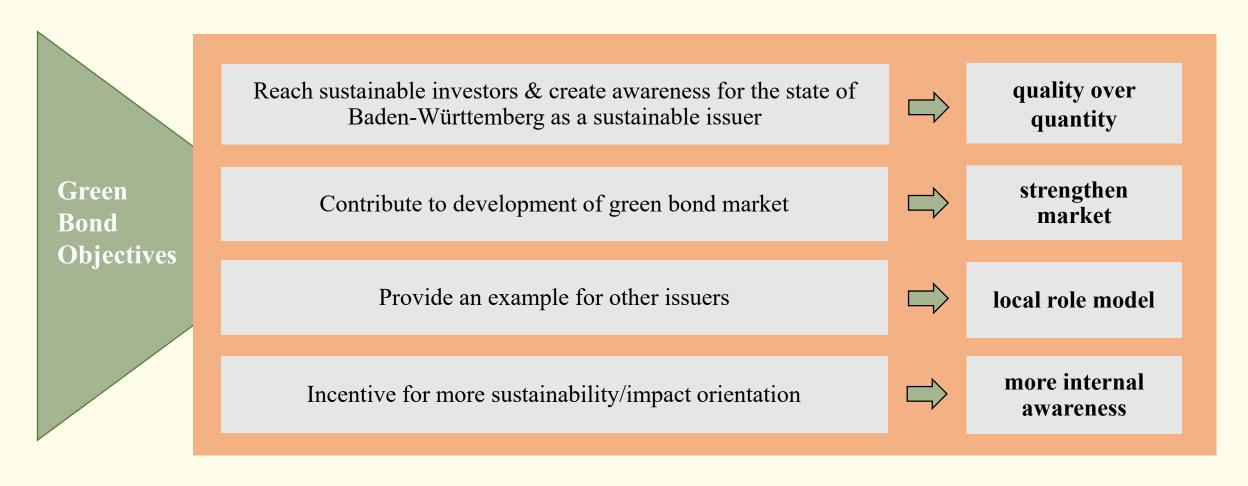
October 2024 Source: Moody's ESG Solutions

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## Goals of the Green Bond are to position the state as a sustainable issuer and to serve as a role model



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### Green Bond Framework follows the ICMA GBP structure

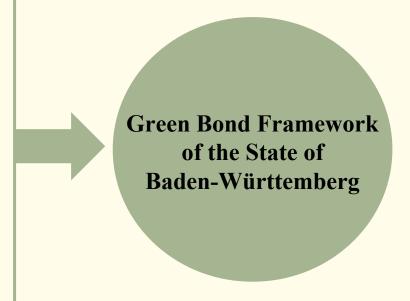
#### **Section 1** | Introduction

### Section 2 | Strategy and Rationale

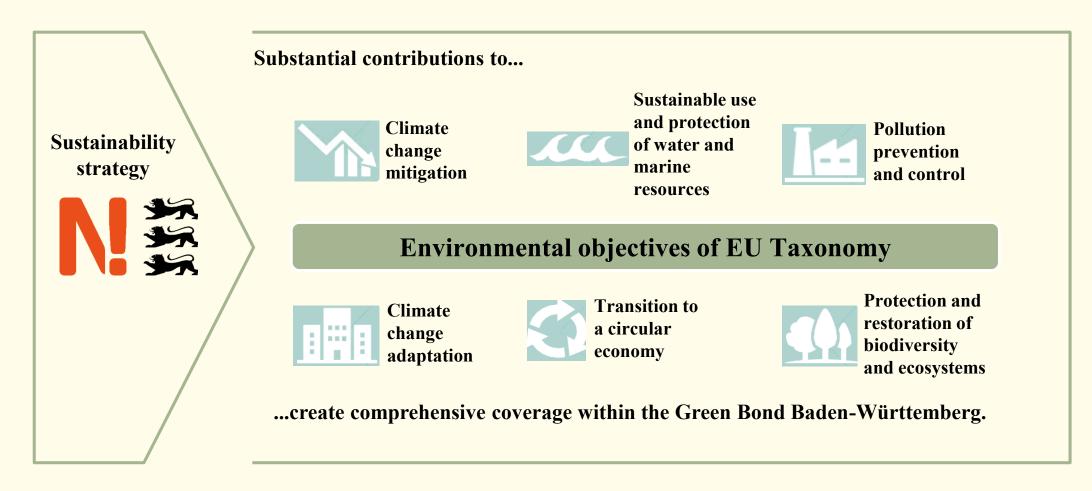
- Environmental objectives of the State of Baden-Württemberg
- Existing environmental strategy reports
- Rationale for issuing Green Bonds

### **Section 3**| Basis and core components of the GB Framework

- Basis of the Framework
- Use of Proceeds
- Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
- Management of Proceeds
- Reporting
- External Review



# Green Bond comprises projects with contributions to all six environmental objectives of the EU Taxonomy



# The State of Baden-Württemberg has defined eligibility criteria and requirements

### Budgetary/ systemic criteria

- Actual expenditure reference
- ✓ Project expenditure
- ✓ Net expenditure of the federal state
- √ Voluntary state activity



- allocation of actual outflows of the year prior to issuance
- + capital expenditure, public subsidies, operating expenditure increasing lifetime/value of green asset
  - operating or personnel expenditure without value or lifetime increase for a green asset

### Impact criteria

- ✓ Contribution to an environmental objective as specified in the EU Taxonomy
- ✓ Identification of the (primary) ICMA Green Bond Principles category
- ✓ Fulfilment of "do-no-significant-harm" (DNSH) criteria as specified in the EU Taxonomy, where possible
- ✓ Compliance with minimum social safeguards as specified in the EU Taxonomy
- ✓ Qualitative description of the expected impact and quantitative indicator(s)

## Additional mapping criteria

- ✓ UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- ✓ Guiding principles of Baden-Württemberg's sustainability strategy

Page 22, October 2024 Source: The State of Baden-Württemberg

# Coordination group and interministerial working group verify eligibility of green projects

### Interministerial working group

#### **Coordination group**

- Ministry of Finance, Treasury
- State Ministry
- Ministry for the Environment, Climate and Energy Sector
- Ministry of the Interior, Digitalisation and Local Government
- Ministry of Justice and Migration
- Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism
- Ministry of Food, Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection
- Ministry of Transport
- Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts
- Ministry of Regional Development and Housing

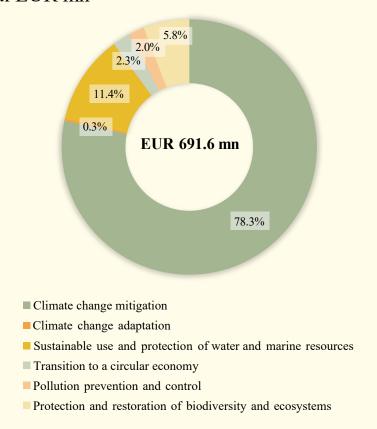
- Framework development
- Eligibility check
- Coordination
- External communication

- Project identification
- Project documentation
- Communication within the ministries

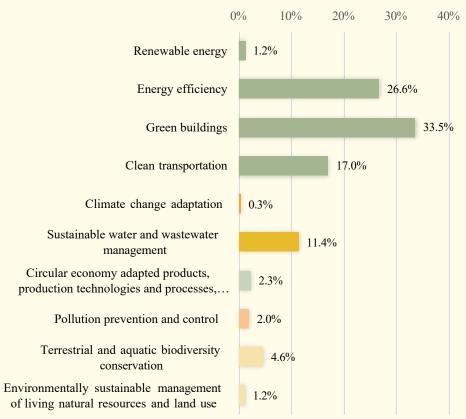
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# Green projects for fourth Green Bond – highest shares for green buildings, energy efficiency and clean transportation

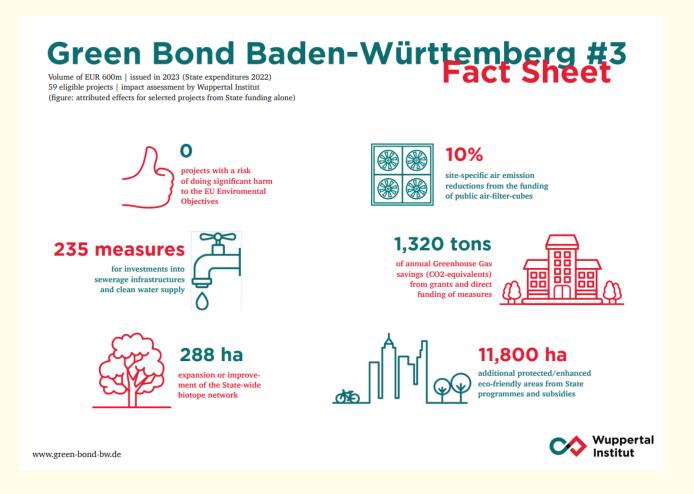
### Eligible expenditure by EU Environmental Objective<sup>1)</sup> in % of total EUR mn



### Eligible expenditure by ICMA Green Bond Principles category<sup>1)</sup> in % of total EUR mn



# High-quality indicators show impact of the Green Bond Baden-Württemberg – last year's impact report is online





#### Full Impact Report is available at:

https://fm.badenwuerttemberg.de/de/finanzen/haushalt/greenbond-bw

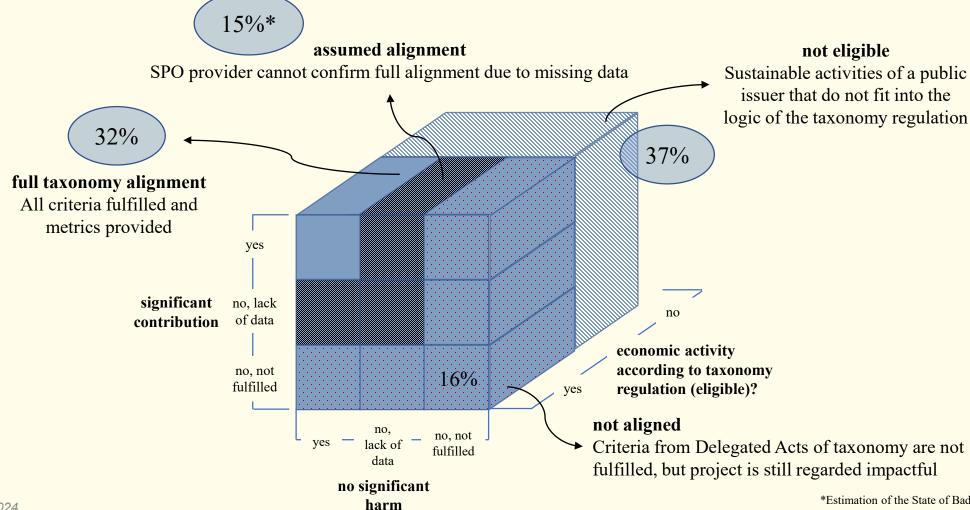
## Second Party Opinion: EthiFinance confirms alignment with ICMA principles



- ➤ Alignment of framework with ICMA Green Bond Principles
- Very good ESG risk management
- ➤ Very high alignment of Green Bond measures with sustainability strategy
- ➤ Substantial impact for large share of projects

Page 26, October 2024 Source: EthiFinance

Taxonomy assessment results in 32% fully aligned expenditure



## Examples show that projects with high environmental impact can be in any of the four categories

|             | out of scope/not eligible  | assumed alignment   | full alignment   | not aligned   |
|-------------|--|---|--|---|
|             |  |   |  |   |
| Examples    | <ul> <li>Broadband infrastructre funding</li> <li>Biodiversity projects in the area of agriculture</li> </ul>              | <ul><li>Sustainable water infrastructure</li></ul>                        | <ul> <li>Buildings &lt; 5.000 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Buildings &gt; 5.000 m<sup>2</sup> with lifecycle assessment of sustainability</li> </ul> | ➤ Buildings > 5.000 m² without a lifecycle assessment of sustainability   |
| Explanation | <ul> <li>Infrastructure deployment not an economic activity</li> <li>Agriculture not (yet) an economic activity</li> </ul> | Taxonomy requires data on water leakage, which currently is not collected | > All metrics fulfilled  | <ul> <li>Missing certification<br/>for lifecycle<br/>assessment, but all<br/>other metrics fulfilled</li> </ul> |
|             |  |   |  |   |

# Compliance with Minimum Social Safeguards through Germany's legislation and constitution

1) UN GP

National Action Plan for the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles

• National Action Plan for Business and Human Rights adopted in 2016

2) OECD Guidelines for Multinat. Enterprises Germany adheres to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (as signatory)

- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
- OECD Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct

3) Human Rights

Human rights - mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Law

• "Supply Chain Law" ("Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz") passed in 2021

- 4) Labour Rights
- 9 out of 10 fundamental **ILO conventions** ratified
- Comprehensive framework for combatting forced labour

5) Corruption legislation

German Draft Law on Whistleblower Protection

• "Whistleblower Protection Act" adopted by German "Bundestag" in 2022

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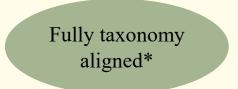
# Examples from fourth Green Bond selected to illustrate the scope of the total 53\* eligible projects

| Environmental objective                                      | Green project examples |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Climate change mitigation                                    |                        | <ul><li>1: Notably energy efficient new Buildings</li><li>2: Cycling Routes on State Roads</li><li>3: GVFG Electrification Projects</li></ul> |
| Climate change adaptation                                    |                        | 4: Silvicultural Measures   |
| Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources | M                      | 5: Sewerage Infrastructure Investments  |
| Transition to a circular economy                             |                        | 6: Phosphorus Recovery from sewage sludge   |
| Pollution prevention and control                             |                        | 7: Remediation of contaminated Sites  |
| Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems    | 491                    | 8: Aid for Pruning of Meadow Orchards   |

<sup>\*</sup>There are 56 projects in the SPO and in the project list because two projects were split into two and three parts respectively.

Source: The State of Baden-Württemberg

### Notably energy-efficient new buildings



#### **Key Facts**

- New buildings, reaching the requirements for primary energy demand set in the EU taxonomy
- Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 170,200,038.54
- Ressort: Ministry of Finance

#### **Expected Impact**

- Qualitative description: significantly reduced primary energy demand
- Quantitative indicators: GHG emission reduction compared to 1990; GHG emissions avoided per year; energy-efficient net floor area added

**EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective** 

Climate Change Mitigation



ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

Green Buildings

UN Sustainable Development Goals



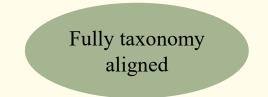




Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy

(I)... to implement the energy transition quickly, safely and affordable with the involvement of civil society.

### Cycling Routes on State Roads



#### **Key Facts**

- Construction of cycling routes on state roads
- Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 18,691,538.00
- Ressort: Ministry of Transport

#### **Expected Impact**

- Qualitative description: State-wide improvement and expansion of cycling infrastructure and increase of cycling
- Quantitative indicator: kilometers of new bicycle lanes

EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective

Climate Change Mitigation



ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

Clean Transportation

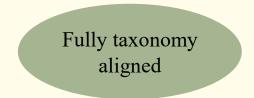
UN Sustainable Development Goals



Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy

(III)... to promote and implement innovative, environmentally friendly and social mobility concepts.

## GVFG\* Electrification Projects



| Key Facts  | Expected Impact   |
|--|---|
| <ul> <li>Electrification of rail infrastructure</li> <li>Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 12,126,585.00</li> <li>Ressort: Ministry of Transport</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Qualitative description: replacing diesel railcars by electric ones. Basis for additional mobility options</li> <li>Quantitative indicator: average reduction in travel time for public transport</li> </ul> |
| EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective  | Climate Change Mitigation   |
| ICMA Green Bond Principles Category  | Clean Transportation  |
| UN Sustainable Development Goals   | 9 MAASTRICIUM ODJI  |
| Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy   | (III) to promote and implement innovative, environmentally friendly and social mobility concepts.   |

### Silvicultural measures

Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy



(VI)... to protect and preserve the livelihood, the diverse nature and the unique

the environment as low as possible beyond the borders of the country.

cultural landscapes of the country and to keep the impact on humans, nature and

| Key Facts  | Expected Impact   |
|--|---|
| <ul> <li>Support for afforestation, reforestation and the development of climate-resilient forests</li> <li>Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 2,012,204.79</li> <li>Ressort: Ministry of Food, Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Qualitative description: support of forest owners in maintenance and improvement of forest resources</li> <li>Quantitative indicators: annually absorbed carbon (carbon sink); stored carbon (biomass above and below ground); promoted forest area</li> </ul> |
| EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective  | Climate Change Adaptation   |
| ICMA Green Bond Principles Category  | Climate Change Adaptation   |
| UN Sustainable Development Goals   | 15 int (million)  |

### Sewerage Infrastructure Investments

EU Taxonomy:
significant
contribution

#### **Key Facts**

- Investments which are immediately essential for public sewerage
- Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 54,629,569.00
- Ressort: Ministry for the Environment, Climate and Energy Sector

#### **Expected Impact**

- Qualitative description: reduction of furnishes from municipal sewage in waterbodies
- Quantitative indicators: 148 implemented measures and 120 funded communities in 2022 (according to 3<sup>rd</sup> impact report)

**EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective** 

Sustainable Use and Protection of Water and Marine Resources



ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

Sustainable Water and Wastewater Management

UN Sustainable Development Goals









Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy

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### Phosphorus recovery from sewage sludge

EU Taxonomy: significant contribution

#### **Expected Impact Key Facts**

- Programme for building plants for phosphorus recovery from sewage sludge
- Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 2,743,259.08
- Ressort: Ministry for the Environment, Climate and Energy Sector
- Qualitative description: phosphorus recovery from sewage sludge reduces new input and promotes self-sufficiency
- Quantitative indicator: future potentials of recovered phosphorus (t/a)

**EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective** 

Transition to a Circular Economy



ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

Circular Economy adapted Products, Production Technologies and Processes, and/or certified eco-efficient Products

UN Sustainable Development Goals







Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy

(V)... optimize the use of resources and decouple economic growth from the consumption of natural raw materials.

### Remediation of contaminated sites

EU Taxonomy: significant contribution

### **Expected Impact Key Facts**

- Promotion of investments that are directly necessary for the remediation of contaminated sites
- Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 10,294,939.00
- Ressort: Ministry for the Environment, Climate and Energy Sector
- Qualitative description: pollution reduction (reduction of materially polluted areas)
- Quantitative indicators: 34 implemented measures and 24 funded communities in 2022 (according to 3<sup>rd</sup> impact report)

**EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective** 

Pollution Prevention and Control



ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

Pollution Prevention and Control

UN Sustainable Development Goals







Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy

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## Aid for pruning of meadow orchards



#### **Key Facts**

- Professional pruning of fast-growing, large-crowned fruit trees in meadow orchards
- Actual expenditure 2023: EUR 2,681,705.00
- Ressort: Ministry of Food, Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection

#### **Expected Impact**

- Qualitative description: support the pruning and preserving the landscape and ecosystem of meadow orchards
- Quantitative indicator: number of pruned trees

**EU-Taxonomy Environmental Objective** 

Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems



ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

Environmentally sustainable Management of living Natural Resources and Land Use

UN Sustainable Development Goals



Guiding Principle BW Sustainability Strategy

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### Project list for fourth Green Bond is available online

- To ensure complete transparency on eligible expenditure, the State of Baden-Württemberg has published a list of all 53\* projects financed through the fourth Green Bond
- The project list contains the following information for each individual project:

Project Name

EU-Taxonomy details

Actual Expenditure

ICMA Green Bond Principles Category

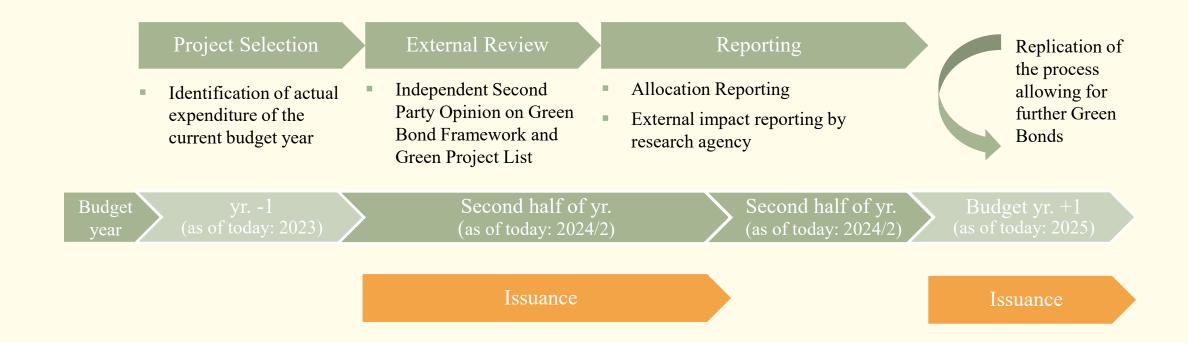


The full project list is available at:

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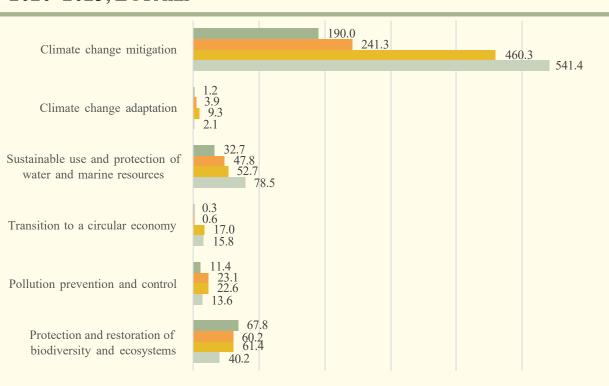
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# Annual Green Bond Baden-Württemberg issuances will continue in the same pattern



## An issuance volume of EUR 650 million leads to 94% allocation of eligible expenditure

### Eligible expenditure<sup>1)</sup> 2020–2023, EUR mn



### Planned allocation<sup>1)</sup> 2023, EUR mn / in %



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