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ALIGNMENT WITH ICMA GREEN BOND PRINCIPLES, THE SOCIAL BON DPRINCIPLES AND THE SUSTAINABILITY BOND GUIDELINES

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1. Use of Proceeds	\bigotimes	
2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection	\bigotimes	ALIGNED
3. Management of Proceeds	${ { ({ ({ ({ ({ ({ ({) }) }) }) }) }) }) } } $	
4. Reporting	\oslash	

ALIGNMENT WITH EU TAXONOMY

- Aligned with the Climate Change Mitigation Criteria 1.2, 4.1, 4.10, 6.4, 6.5, 6.13, 7.2., 7.4, 7.6, 7.7 and 9.1
 - Aligned with the Climate Change Adaptation Criteria 5.1
- Aligned with the Do Not Significant Harm Criteria 1.2, 4.1, 4.10, 5.1, 6.4, 6.5, 6.13, 7.2, 7.4, 7.6, 7.7 and 9.1
- Aligned with the Minimum Social Safeguards requirements

ALIGNMENT WITH TECHNICAL SCREENING CRITERIA FROM THE PLATFORM ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AS OF MARCH 2022

- Aligned with Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ALIGNED ecosystems 8.1
- Aligned with the Do Not Significant Harm Criteria 8.1
- Aligned with the Minimum Social Safeguards requirements

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CONSISTENCY WITH ISSUER'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

SUSTAINABILITY PROFILE & STRATEGY

Land NRW strives to approximate the UN SDGs and federal German Sustainable Development Strategy (2018 update). It recognizes the central goal of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement as well as the European Green Deal, with which Europe is seeking to become climate neutral by 2050.

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We find that the key sustainability objectives and the rationale for issuing green and social bonds are clearly described by the issuer. All the project categories financed are in line with the sustainability objectives of the issuer. CONSISTENT

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