

Pillar 3 Disclosures

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1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the regulatory capital and risk management practices and exposures of APS Bank and its subsidiaries (hereafter 'the Group') in line with Pillar 3 of the Basel framework. Pillar 3 of the Basel framework aims to promote financial market discipline through regulatory disclosure requirements. These requirements enable market participants to access key information relating to a bank's regulatory capital and risk exposures, in order to increase transparency and confidence about a bank's exposure to risk and the overall adequacy of its regulatory capital.

The Pillar 3 disclosures within this report are prepared in line with Banking Rule BR/07/2014 - *Publication of Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Credit Institutions Authorised Under the Banking Act 1994* and governed by Part Eight of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) II No. 2019/876. To enhance the comparability and consistency of banks' Pillar 3 disclosures, the EBA published guidelines on disclosure requirements under Part Eight of the CRR.

This report is not subject to external audit, however, it has undergone comprehensive internal review as outlined in the Pillar 3 Disclosures Policy. This report has been reviewed by the Chief Risk Officer and approved by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as 'the Board'). The Board is satisfied that the internal controls implemented around the preparation of these Additional Regulatory Disclosures are adequate and such disclosures present a fair and accurate picture of the Group's risk profile and capital position.

2. Key Risk Metrics

The Risk Department performs regular risk assessments and stress testing exercises, the results of which are presented to the Board of Directors, Risk Committee and other committees as may be required, including the Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO) and the Executive Committee. The Risk Appetite Dashboard, which complements the Risk Appetite Statement, is presented to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. These reports provide insight on the Group's risk profile and benchmarks this with the Group's risk appetite and internal limits. These are presented using a RAG approach (also known as "traffic lights"). Early warning signals and excesses are escalated to the Chief Risk Officer, followed by the Risk Committee and the Board of Directors, as deemed applicable, to ensure that the necessary corrective actions are implemented.

The following table summarises the Bank's key regulatory ratios, and their underlying components, for the reporting quarter and the preceding four quarters. These ratios form an integral part of the Bank's strategic planning and risk management framework.

EU KM1 - Key metrics

		Jun-23	Mar-23	Dec-22	Sep-22	Jun-22
	Available own funds (€000)					
1	Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital	248,482	231,683	229,430	227,607	233,693
2	Tier 1 capital	248,482	231,683	229,430	227,607	233,693
3	Total capital	303,146	286,336	284,072	282,238	288,312
	Risk-weighted exposure amounts					
4	Total risk exposure amount	1,569,429	1,531,098	1,512,514	1,499,604	1,422,060
	Capital ratios (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)					
5	Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (%)	15.83%	15.13%	15.17%	15.18%	16.43%
6	Tier 1 ratio (%)	15.83%	15.13%	15.17%	15.18%	16.43%
7	Total capital ratio (%)	19.32%	18.70%	18.78%	18.82%	20.27%
	Additional own funds requirements to address risks other than the risk of excessive leverage (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)					
7a	Additional own funds requirements to address risks other than the risk of excessive leverage (%)	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
7b	of which: to be made up of CET1 capital (percentage points)	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
7c	of which: to be made up of Tier 1 capital (percentage points)	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
7d	Total SREP own funds requirements (%)	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%
	Combined buffer and overall capital requirement (as a percentage of risk-weighted exposure amount)					
8	Capital conservation buffer (%)	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
8a	Conservation buffer due to macro-prudential or systemic risk identified at the level of a Member State (%)	-	-	-	-	-
9	Institution specific countercyclical capital buffer (%)	0.05%	0.05%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%
9a	Systemic risk buffer (%)	-	-	-	-	-
10	Global Systemically Important Institution buffer (%)	-	-	-	-	-
10a	Other Systemically Important Institution buffer (%)	0.250%	0.250%	0.125%	0.125%	0.125%
11	Combined buffer requirement (%)	2.80%	2.80%	2.64%	2.64%	2.63%
11a	Overall capital requirements (%)	14.80%	14.80%	14.64%	14.64%	14.63%
12	CET1 available after meeting the total SREP own funds requirements (%)	8.67%	7.93%	7.93%	8.19%	9.65%
	Leverage ratio					
13	Total exposure measure	3,590,998	3,364,243	3,212,972	3,198,985	3,149,505
14	Leverage ratio (%)	6.92%	6.89%	7.14%	7.11%	7.42%

Additional own funds requirements to address the risk of excessive leverage (as a percentage of total exposure measure)						
14c	Regulatory minimum leverage ratio requirement (%)	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Liquidity Coverage Ratio						
15	Total high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) (Weighted value -average)	594,779	484,368	520,596	514,187	495,721
16a	Cash outflows - Total weighted value	408,111	455,764	415,055	402,518	384,888
16b	Cash inflows - Total weighted value	35,033	97,425	60,845	58,994	56,196
16	Total net cash outflows (adj. value)	373,077	358,338	354,210	343,524	328,693
17	Liquidity coverage ratio (%)	159.43%	135.17%	147.33%	149.43%	150.51%
Net Stable Funding Ratio						
18	Total available stable funding	2,871,521	2,668,447	2,604,853	2,548,536	2,483,686
19	Total required stable funding	2,098,579	2,014,489	1,930,995	1,892,401	1,777,060
20	NSFR ratio (%)	136.83%	132.46%	134.90%	134.67%	139.76%

3. Capital Management

The Group continuously aims at building and sustaining a strong capital base and at applying it efficiently throughout its activities to reach its strategic objectives, optimise shareholder value whilst ensuring the sustainability of its business model and risk profile. A strong and prudent capital base is one of the pillars of the Group's business model and maintaining adequate capital ratios will continue being key to enable the Group to steer through the currently challenging economic conditions.

Capital planning is a crucial pillar of the Group's business planning process. The Group examines both the current and future capital requirements in line with its Risk Appetite and strategic business objectives, in order to establish its near and long-term capital needs, capital expenditures required for the foreseeable future, target capital levels and potential sources of capital. Capital planning is the responsibility of the ALCO.

As an integral part of the Group's business planning process, the Risk Department performs a detailed analysis of the capital requirements over the medium- and long-term, which are part of the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP). This involves compiling scenario analysis and stress testing exercises to evaluate the impact of the Bank's strategic growth on its risk profile, whilst also taking into consideration regulatory requirements. The impact of business objectives on the Group's risk profile is also evaluated as part of the annual budgeting process.

3.1. Capital Instruments

The Bank's capital is composed of Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1) and Tier 2 capital instruments, as defined by the CRR. CET 1 capital is the highest quality capital and, therefore, the most effective in absorbing losses. The Bank's capital is mainly composed of CET 1 capital, which primarily consists of ordinary share capital and retained earnings. In June 2022 the Bank issued its first public offering worth €65,800,000, hence strengthening further its capital position.

In November 2020, the Bank joined the list of issuers on the Malta Stock Exchange with the listing of the €55,000,000 3.25% APS Bank plc Unsecured Subordinated Bonds 2025-2030. The subordinated bond qualifies as Tier 2 Capital, which ranks after the claims of all depositors (including financial institutions) and all other creditors.

The Bank's capital base will be further strengthened in the second half of this year by the issuance of Tier 2 instruments, qualifying as Minimum Required Eligible Liabilities (MREL).

3.2. Capital Requirements

In accordance with the CRR, the Bank calculates its capital requirements for Pillar 1 risks using the following approaches:

- The Standardised Approach for the purposes of calculating its risk-weighted exposure to credit risk. The minimum regulatory capital allocation to credit risk is calculated at 8% of the credit risk-weighted exposures.
- The Standardised Approach for the purposes of calculating its risk-weighted exposure to foreign exchange risk. The capital allocation for foreign exchange risk is therefore equal to 8% of the higher of the sum of the Group's net short or net long positions.
- The Basic Indicator Approach for the purposes of calculating its risk-weighted exposure to operational risk. Under this approach, a 15% capital charge is applied on the average operating income for the previous three financial years.

The following table discloses the Bank's risk weighted assets and capital requirements as at 30 June 2023 for each exposure class in line with the CRR, and the respective Pillar 1 capital requirement based on the methods outlined above.

EU OV1 – Overview of total risk exposure amounts

		RWA		Minimum Capital requirements
		Jun-23 €000	Mar-23 €000	Jun-23 €000
1	Credit risk (excluding counterparty credit risk)	1,451,407	1,413,077	116,113
2	Of which: standardised approach	1,451,407	1,413,077	116,113

	<i>Central government or central banks</i>	15,378	9,361	1,230
	<i>Multilateral development banks</i>	1,991	1,998	159
	<i>Institutions</i>	13,234	22,195	1,059
	<i>Corporates</i>	403,360	392,504	32,269
	<i>Retail</i>	50,714	45,222	4,057
	<i>Secured by mortgages on immovable property</i>	700,245	662,354	56,020
	<i>Exposures in default</i>	45,409	80,606	3,633
	<i>Items associated with particular high risk</i>	94,249	87,237	7,540
	<i>Covered bonds</i>	1,581	1,578	126
	<i>Claims in the form of CIU</i>	23,583	25,174	1,887
	<i>Equity exposures</i>	318	320	25
	<i>Other Assets</i>	101,345	84,527	8,108
19	Market risk	8	9	1
20	<i>Of which: standardised approach</i>	8	9	1
23	Operational risk	118,014	118,014	9,441
24	<i>Of which basic indicator approach</i>	118,014	118,014	9,441
29	Total	1,569,429	1,531,100	125,555

The Bank is required to meet a total SREP capital requirement (TSCR) of 12%, consisting of 8.0% minimum Pillar 1 requirement and a 4.0% Pillar 2 requirement (P2R). In line with the Capital Requirement Directive (CRD V), which came into force in June 2021, banks may partially use capital instruments that do not qualify as Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital, for example Additional Tier 1 or Tier 2 instruments, to meet the P2R.

Banking Rule BR/15/2022 – *Capital Buffers of Credit Institutions Authorised Under Banking Act 1994* requires institutions to maintain capital buffers over and above the Pillar 1 requirements. In accordance with this Rule, the Group maintains a Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB), a Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) and an Other-Systemically Important Institutions (O-SII) buffer. The capital buffers (collectively referred to as the Combined Buffer Requirement) are to be met from Common Equity Tier 1 capital and, if the minimum buffer requirements are breached, the Group might be subject to capital distribution constraints. Further information on the Group's capital buffer requirements is provided in tables 'EU CC1' and 'EU CCyB1' below.

As at 30 June 2023, the Bank's Tier 1 and Total Capital Ratios stood at 15.83% and 19.32%, respectively, thereby above the respective applicable regulatory minima.

EU CC1 - Composition of regulatory own funds

	€000
1 Capital instruments and the related share premium accounts	145,974
2 Retained earnings	98,400
3 Accumulated other comprehensive income (and other reserves)	4,597
EU-3a Funds for general banking risk	2,109
EU-5a Independently reviewed interim profits net of any foreseeable charge or dividend	8,228
6 Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital before regulatory adjustments	259,308
7 Additional value adjustments (negative amount)	(231)
8 Intangible assets (net of related tax liability) (negative amount)	(10,100)
27a Other regulatory adjustments	(496)
28 Total regulatory adjustments to Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	(10,827)
29 Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital	248,482
43 Total regulatory adjustments to Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital	-
44 Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital	-
45 Tier 1 capital (T1 = CET1 + AT1)	248,482
46 Capital instruments and the related share premium accounts	54,665
51 Tier 2 (T2) capital before regulatory adjustments	54,665
57 Total regulatory adjustments to Tier 2 (T2) capital	-
58 Tier 2 (T2) capital	54,665
59 Total capital (TC = T1 + T2)	303,146
60 Total risk exposure amount	1,569,429
61 Common Equity Tier 1 capital	15.83%
62 Tier 1 capital	15.83%
63 Total capital	19.32%
64 Institution CET1 overall capital requirements	9.55%
65 <i>of which: capital conservation buffer requirement</i>	2.50%
66 <i>of which: countercyclical capital buffer requirement</i>	0%
67 <i>of which: systemic risk buffer requirement</i>	-
EU-67a <i>of which: Global Systemically Important Institution (G-SII) or Other Systemically Important Institution (O-SII) buffer requirement</i>	0.250%
EU-67b <i>of which: additional own funds requirements to address the risks other than the risk of excessive leverage</i>	6.75%
68 Common Equity Tier 1 capital (as a percentage of risk exposure amount) available after meeting the minimum capital requirements	8.67%

The following table provides a reconciliation of regulatory own funds to the statement of financial position within the audited financial statements.

EU CC2 - reconciliation of regulatory own funds to balance sheet in the audited financial statements

	Balance sheet as in published financial statements €000	Under regulatory scope of consolidation €000
Assets		
1 Intangible Assets	16,569	(10,100)
2 Prudent Valuation adjustment	-	(231)
3 NPE insufficient coverage	-	(496)
Total Assets	16,569	(10,827)
Liabilities		
1 Debt securities in issue	54,665	54,665
Total Liabilities	54,665	54,665
Shareholders' Equity		
1 Share Capital	94,283	94,283
2 Share Premium	51,692	51,692
3 Revaluation Reserve (and other reserves)	3,801	4,596
4 Reserves for general Banking Risks	2,109	2,109
5 Retained Earnings	115,879	106,628
Total Shareholders' Equity	267,764	259,308

The CCyB is calculated as the weighted average of the buffers in effect in the jurisdictions to which the Bank has a credit exposure. The following table discloses the geographical distribution of the Bank's credit exposures relevant for the calculation of the institution-specific CCyB and the amount of the institution specific CCyB.

EU CCyB1 - Geographical distribution of credit exposures relevant for the calculation of the counter-cyclical buffer

Country	Exposure value under the standardised approach €000	Total exposure value €000	Own Funds Requirement €000	Risk- weighted exposure amounts €000	Own fund requirements weights %	Counter- cyclical buffer rate %
Bulgaria	3,587	3,587	287	3,587	0.10	1.5
Czech Republic	482	482	39	482	0.01	2
Denmark	3,232	3,232	259	3,232	0.09	2.5
Luxembourg	29,601	29,601	2,368	29,601	0.82	0.5
Macedonia	127	127	10	127	0.00	2.5
Norway	151	151	12	151	0.00	2.5
Romania	7,802	7,802	624	7,802	0.22	0.5
Slovakia	2,604	2,604	208	2,604	0.07	1
United Kingdom	29,586	29,586	2,367	29,586	0.82	1
Croatia	2,587	2,587	207	2,587	0.07	0.5
France	65,456	65,456	5,236	65,456	1.82	0.5
Germany	66,395	66,395	5,312	66,395	1.85	0.75
Ireland	11,634	11,634	931	11,634	0.32	0.5
Netherlands	26,429	26,429	2,114	26,429	0.74	1
Other Counties ¹	3,341,325	3,341,325	267,306	3,341,325		
Total	3,590,998	3,590,998	287,280	3,590,988		

¹ This category represents exposures to countries where the CCyB is set at 0% as at reporting date.

EU CCyB2 - Amount of institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer

Total Risk Exposure Amount (€000)	1,569,429
Institution Specific Countercyclical Buffer Rate	0.05%
Institution Specific Countercyclical Buffer Requirement (€000)	836

4. Leverage

The Leverage Ratio measures the relationship between the Bank's Tier 1 Capital and its on- and off-balance sheet exposures. Under the CRR, the Bank is required to maintain a minimum Leverage Ratio of 3%.

The Board approves the Bank's Leverage Risk Policy, the purpose of which is to set forth a framework for comprehensively identifying, managing, monitoring and reporting on leverage and the risk of excessive leverage. The Bank's leverage ratio is regularly reported to and monitored by the Executive Management, Risk Committee and Board. As at 30 June 2023 the Bank's leverage ratio stood at 6.92%. During 2023 the Bank's leverage ratio remained well above the regulatory minimum requirement of 3% and within the risk appetite set by the Board. This represents an increase of 3 basis points, when compared to 6.89% as at 31 March 2023.

EU LR1 - LRSum: Summary reconciliation of accounting assets and leverage ratio exposures

	€000
1 Total assets as per published financial statements	3,427,524
10 Adjustment for off-balance sheet items (i.e. conversion to credit equivalent amounts of off-balance sheet exposures)	173,574
12 Other adjustments	(10,100)
13 Total exposure measure	3,590,998

EU LR2 - LRCom: Leverage ratio common disclosure

	€000
1 On-balance sheet items (excluding derivatives and SFTs, but including collateral)	3,427,524
6 Asset amounts deducted in determining Tier 1 capital	(10,100)
7 Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and SFTs)	3,417,424
19 Off-balance sheet exposures at gross notional amount	1,018,446
20 Adjustments for conversion to credit equivalent amounts	(844,872)
22 Total off-balance sheet exposures	173,574
23 Tier 1 capital	248,482
24 Total Exposures	3,590,998
25 Leverage Ratio	6.92%
26 Regulatory minimum leverage ratio requirement (%)	3.00%
EU- Additional own funds requirements to address the risk of excessive leverage (%)	0.00%
26a of which: to be made up of CET1 capital	0.00%
26b	
27 Leverage ratio buffer requirement (%)	0.00%
EU- Overall leverage ratio requirement (%)	3.00%
27a	
30 Total exposure measure (including the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves) incorporating mean values from row 28 of gross SFT assets (after adjustment for sale accounting transactions and netted of amounts of associated cash payables and cash receivables)	3,590,998
30a Total exposure measure (excluding the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves) incorporating mean values from row 28 of gross SFT assets (after adjustment for sale accounting transactions and netted of amounts of associated cash payables and cash receivables)	3,590,998
31 Leverage ratio (including the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves) incorporating mean values from row 28 of gross SFT assets (after adjustment for sale accounting transactions and netted of amounts of associated cash payables and cash receivables)	6.92%
31a Leverage ratio (excluding the impact of any applicable temporary exemption of central bank reserves) incorporating mean values from row 28 of gross SFT assets (after adjustment for	6.92%

sale accounting transactions and netted of amounts of associated cash payables and cash receivables)

EU LR3 - LRSpl: Split-up of on balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives, SFTs and exempted exposures)

		€000
EU-1	Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and SFTs), of which:	3,427,524
EU-2	Trading book exposures	0
EU-3	Banking book exposures, of which:	3,427,524
EU-4	Covered bonds	15,811
EU-5	Exposures treated as sovereigns	359,348
EU-6	Exposures to regional governments, MDBs, international organisations and PSE NOT treated as sovereigns	42,275
EU-7	Institutions	47,519
EU-8	Secured by mortgages of immovable properties	1,644,862
EU-9	Retail exposures	75,541
EU-10	Corporate exposures	693,669
EU-11	Exposures in default	36,646
EU-12	Other exposures	511,853

5. Credit Risk

Credit Risk is the possibility that a borrower or counterparty fails to meet the respective obligations in accordance with, or performing according to, agreed terms. Alternatively, losses may result from reduction in asset value arising from actual or perceived deterioration in credit quality. The Bank's exposure to credit risk is diversified by maximum single exposure, by sector, by geography, by tenor and by product, through its engagement in Retail Lending, Commercial Lending, Trade Finance and selected participations in Syndicated Lending. In view of the nature of its business, the Bank's financial assets are inherently and predominantly subject to credit risk. Thus, Management has put in place internal control systems to evaluate, approve and monitor credit risks relating to both the investments and the lending portfolios.

The Bank has a detailed Credit Risk Policy in support of its Credit Risk Appetite, which lays down the principles for the management of credit risk within each business area mentioned above.

The following sections provide a brief outline of the main elements of the Bank's credit risk management framework.

Credit Quality

The following table provides an overview of the gross carrying amount, related accumulated impairments, and collateral and financial guarantees received for performing and non-performing exposures classified by counterparty sector. Furthermore, table 'EU CR1-A' classifies the exposures (net values) by residual maturity.

EU CR1 - Performing and non-performing exposures and related provisions.

		Gross carrying amount/nominal amount						Accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions						Accumulated partial write-off	Collateral and financial guarantees received	
		Performing exposures			Non-performing exposures			Performing exposures – accumulated impairment and provisions			Non-performing exposures – accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions				On performing exposures	On non-performing exposures
		€000	Of which stage 1 €000	Of which stage 2 €000	€000	Of which stage 2 €000	Of which stage 3 €000	€000	Of which stage 1 €000	Of which stage 2 €000	€000	Of which stage 2 €000	Of which stage 3 €000		€000	€000
010	Loans and advances	2,522,392	2,424,997	97,395	90,267	-	90,267	(1,976)	(1,597)	(381)	(17,287)	-	(17,287)	(19,264)	(164)	-
020	Central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
030	General governments	6,249	6,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
040	Credit institutions	35,604	34,761	843	-	-	-	(75)	(60)	(15)	-	-	-	(75)	-	-
050	Other financial corporations	88,412	78,852	9,560	3,278	-	3,278	(115)	(38)	(78)	(529)	-	(529)	(644)	-	-
060	Non-financial corporations	639,786	558,683	81,103	71,332	-	71,332	(1,189)	(968)	(221)	(12,456)	-	(12,456)	(13,646)	(14)	-
070	Of which SMEs	472,817	399,963	72,854	69,583	-	69,583	(536)	(362)	(173)	(12,456)	-	(12,456)	(12,992)	(14)	-
080	Households	1,752,341	1,746,452	5,889	15,657	-	15,657	(597)	(531)	(67)	(4,302)	-	(4,302)	(4,899)	(150)	-
090	Debt Securities	448,167	448,167	-	-	-	-	(183)	(183)	-	-	-	-	(183)	-	-
100	Central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
110	General governments	373,581	373,581	-	-	-	-	(153)	(153)	-	-	-	-	(153)	-	-
120	Credit institutions	25,366	25,366	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	-
130	Other financial corporations	37,432	37,432	-	-	-	-	(25)	(25)	-	-	-	-	(25)	-	-
140	Non-financial corporations	11,788	11,788	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	-

150	Off-balance-sheet exposures	1,010,633	1,003,855	6,778	2,536	-	2,536	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
160	Central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
170	General governments	3,216	3,216	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
180	Credit institutions	1,296	1,296	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
190	Other financial corporations	54,367	53,244	1,123	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
200	Non-financial corporations	322,342	317,731	4,611	1,016	-	1,016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Households	629,412	628,368	1,044	1,519	-	1,519	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
220	Total	3,981,192	3,877,019	104,173	92,803	-	92,803	(2,159)	(1,780)	(381)	(17,287)	-	(17,287)	(19,447)	(164)	-

EU CR1-A – Maturity of exposures

		On-demand	<= 1 year	>1 year< = 5 years	> 5 years	Total
		€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
010	Loans and advances	89,492	108,426	295,235	2,100,080	2,593,233
020	Debt Securities	1,248	45,116	299,019	102,100	447,483
030	Total	90,740	153,542	594,254	2,202,180	3,040,716

The following table shows the changes in the Bank's stock of defaulted loans during the six months ending 30 June 2023. None of the Bank's holdings of debt securities defaulted during this period.

EU CR2 - Changes in the stock of non-performing loans and advances

		Gross carrying amount
		€000
010	Initial stock of non-performing loans and advances	80,814
020	Inflows to non-performing portfolios	17,853
030	Outflows from non-performing portfolios, of which:	(8,400)
040	<i>Outflows due to write-offs</i>	<i>(346)</i>
050	<i>Outflows from non-performing portfolios due to other situations</i>	<i>(8,054)</i>
060	Final stock of non-performing loans and advances	90,267

The Bank renegotiates loans and advances to customers in financial difficulties (referred to as 'forbearance') to maximise collection opportunities and minimise the risk of default. The table below shows the gross carrying amount of forbore exposures and the related accumulated impairment, provisions, accumulated change in fair value due to credit risk, and collateral and financial guarantees received (as per Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 680/2014).

EU CQ1 - Credit quality of forbore exposures

		Gross carrying amount/nominal amount of exposures with forbearance measures				Accumulated impairment, accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk and provisions		Collateral received and financial guarantees received on forbore exposures	
		Performing forbore	Non-performing forbore			On performing forbore exposures	On non-performing forbore exposures	Of which collateral and financial guarantees received on non-performing exposures with forbearance measures	
		€000	€000	Of which defaulted €000	Of which impaired €000	€000	€000	€000	€000
005	Cash balances at central banks and other demand deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
010	Loans and advances	76,788	39,133	-	39,133	(81)	(4,367)	(4,449)	33,109
020	Central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
030	General governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
040	Credit institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
050	Other financial corporations	2,823	1,837	-	1,837	-	(165)	(165)	1,671
060	Non-financial corporations	64,445	32,041	-	32,041	(80)	(2,865)	(2,946)	27,659
070	Households	9,520	5,255	-	5,255	(1)	(1,337)	(1,338)	3,779
080	Debt Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
090	Loan commitments given	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
010	Total	76,788	39,133	-	39,133	(81)	(4,367)	(4,449)	33,109

The table below shows the credit quality of performing and non-performing exposures by past due days (as per Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 680/2014).

EU CQ3 - Credit quality of performing and non-performing exposures by past due days

		Gross carrying amount/nominal amount											
		Performing exposures			Non-performing exposures								
			Not past due or past due ≤ 30 days	Past due > 30 days ≤ 90 days		Unlikely to pay that are not past due or are past due ≤ 90 days	Past due > 90 days ≤ 180 days	Past due > 180 days ≤ 1 year	Past due > 1 year ≤ 2 years	Past due > 2 years ≤ 5 years	Past due > 5 years ≤ 7 years	Past due > 7 years	Of which defaulted
005	Cash balances at central banks and other demand deposits	238,882	238,882	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
010	Loans and advances	2,522,392	2,424,997	97,395	90,267	46,788	327	5,758	2,681	14,455	12,041	8,216	-
020	Central banks	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
030	General governments	6,249	6,249	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
040	Credit institutions	35,604	34,761	843	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
050	Other financial corporations	88,412	78,852	9,560	3,278	-	-	-	41	29	3,208	-	-
060	Non-financial corporations	639,786	558,683	81,103	71,332	40,041	50	4,253	1,964	12,611	6,474	5,939	-
070	Of which SMEs	472,817	399,963	72,854	69,583	38,292	50	4,253	1,964	12,611	6,474	5,939	-
080	Households	1,752,341	1,746,452	5,889	15,657	6,747	277	1,505	676	1,815	2,359	2,277	-
090	Debt securities	448,167	448,167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100	Central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
110	General governments	373,581	373,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
120	Credit institutions	25,366	25,366	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
130	Other financial corporations	37,432	37,432	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
140	Non-financial corporations	11,788	11,788	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
150	Off-balance-sheet exposures	1,010,633				2,536							1,452

160	Central banks	-			-									
170	General governments	3,216			-									-
180	Credit institutions	1,296			-									-
190	Other financial corporations	54,367			1									-
200	Non-financial corporations	322,342			1,016									225
210	Households	629,412			1,519									1,227
220	Total	4,220,074	3,112,046	97,395	92,803	46,788	327	5,758	2,681	14,455	12,041	8,216		1,452

The table below shows the geographical distribution of the Bank's non-performing exposures. Exposures to countries other than Malta are considered to be material where these are equal to, or higher than, 10% of the Bank's total exposures (both domestic and non-domestic). Exposures to countries other than Malta, represent 13% of the Bank's total exposures, with the top three exposures being Germany, France and Canada.

EU CQ4: Quality of non-performing exposures by geography

		Not past due or past due ≤ 30 days				Accumulated impairment	Provisions on off-balance-sheet commitments and financial guarantees given	Accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk on non-performing exposures
		Of which non-performing		Of which subject to impairment				
					Of which defaulted			
		€000	€000	€000		€000	€000	€000
010	On-balance-sheet exposures	3,060,825	90,267	-	3,060,825	(19,446)		-
020	Malta	2,548,014	90,267	-	2,548,014	(18,603)		-
030	Other countries	512,811	-	-	512,811	(843)		-
040	Off-balance-sheet exposures	1,013,169	2,536	1,453			-	
050	Malta	1,010,572	2,536	1,453			-	
060	Other countries	2,597	-	-			-	
070	Total	4,073,994	92,803	1,453	3,060,825	(19,446)	-	

EU CQ5: Credit quality of loans and advances to non-financial corporations by industry

		Not past due or past due ≤ 30 days		Accumulated impairment	Accumulated negative changes in fair value due to credit risk on non-performing exposures
		Of which non-performing	Of which loans and advances subject to impairment		
		€000	€000	€000	€000
010	Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	37,108		(118)	-
020	Mining and quarrying	-		-	-
030	Manufacturing	80,122		(3,121)	-
040	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3,736		(24)	-
050	Water supply	1,825		-	-
060	Construction	101,127		(5,444)	-
070	Wholesale and retail trade	50,777		(1,749)	-
080	Transport and storage	56,774		(60)	-
090	Accommodation and food service activities	124,928		(17)	-
100	Information and communication	7,547		(13)	-
110	Financial and insurance activities	-		-	-
120	Real estate activities	180,868		(1,977)	-
130	Professional, scientific and technical activities	16,850		(196)	-
140	Administrative and support service activities	18,493		(59)	-
150	Public administration and defence, compulsory social security	-		-	-
160	Education	80		-	-
170	Human health services and social work activities	28,925		(158)	-
180	Arts, entertainment and recreation	405		(1)	-
190	Other services	1,555		(709)	-
200	Total	711,120		(13,646)	-

The table below shows the collateral obtained by taking possession and execution processes. It is the Bank's policy to dispose of repossessed properties in an orderly fashion. The proceeds are used to reduce or repay the outstanding claim. In general, the Bank does not occupy repossessed properties for business use. No new properties have been repossessed during the six months ending 30 June 2023.

EU CQ7 - Collateral obtained by taking possession and execution processes

		Collateral obtained by taking possession	
		Value at initial recognition	Accumulated negative changes
		€000	€000
010	Property, plant and equipment (PP&E)	-	-
020	Other than PP&E	1,331	-
030	<i>Residential immovable property</i>	331	-
040	<i>Commercial immovable property</i>	1,000	-
050	<i>Movable property</i>	-	-
060	<i>Equity and debt instruments</i>	-	-
070	<i>Other collateral</i>	-	-
080	Total	1,331	-

Credit Risk Mitigation

The Bank generally takes collateral against its loans and advances portfolio, most of which consists of tangible assets. These are taken by the Bank as a fall-back, hence acting as a secondary source of repayment should the primary source of repayment fail. The security provided does not form the main basis of the lending decision. The Bank has to be satisfied, amongst other things, that the primary source of repayment will be reliable and robust. In this spirit, the taking of collateral is neither considered a substitute for a comprehensive assessment of the credit application and the corresponding borrower or counterparty, nor can it compensate for insufficient information or deficient primary source of repayment. The Credit Risk Policy of the Bank stipulates inter alia the types of collateral and valuations to be carried out on them.

Other collateral, which is not tangible, is sought to ensure that the borrowing customer will abide by the terms and conditions of sanction, thereby reducing the default risk associated with the borrowing customer. The value and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty.

The table below shows the amount of the Bank's on-balance sheet exposure value (Net) as at 30 June 2023 that is unsecured and the amount that is covered by eligible collateral in line with the CRR:

EU CR3 - CRM techniques – Overview: Disclosure of the use of credit risk mitigation techniques

		Exposures unsecured: carrying amount	Secured Carrying Amount			
				Of which: Secured by Collateral	Of which: Secured by financial guarantees	Of which: Secured by credit derivatives
		€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1	Loans and advances ²	332,998	2,174,368	2,174,205	164	-
2	Debt securities	447,984	-	-	-	
3	Total	780,982	2,174,368	2,174,205	164	-
4	Of which non-Performing	3,025	69,955	69,955	-	-
EU-5	Of which defaulted	3,025	69,955			

Collateral held as security for financial assets other than loans and advances depends on the nature of the instrument. Debt securities are generally unsecured, with the exception of covered bonds which are typically secured by residential mortgages.

The table below shows the on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet exposures before and after the application of the credit risk mitigation (CRM) and credit conversion factors (CCF) in accordance with the CRR. The risk weighted amount for each exposure class is also presented below. The Group applies the standardised approach for the purposes of calculating the risk weighted exposure amounts for credit risk in accordance with Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 of the CRR.

EU CR4 - Standardised approach – Credit risk exposure and credit risk mitigation effects

		Exposures before CCF and CRM		Exposures post-CCF and CRM		RWA and RWA density	
		On- balance sheet amount €000	Off- balance sheet amount €000	On- balance sheet amount €000	Off- balance sheet amount €000	RWA €000	RWA Density %
1	Central governments or central banks	563,016	3,199	359,348	-	15,378	4%
4	Multilateral development banks	42,275	-	42,275	-	1,991	5%
6	Institutions	45,144	-	47,519	-	13,234	28%
7	Corporates	693,441	383,649	693,669	26,068	403,360	56%
8	Retail	75,541	55,442	75,541	3,725	50,714	64%
9	Secured by mortgages on immovable property	1,644,861	576,156	1,644,861	143,780	700,245	39%
10	Exposures in default	36,646	-	36,646	-	45,409	124%
11	Higher-risk categories	62,833	-	62,833	-	94,249	150%
12	Covered bonds	15,811	-	15,811	-	1,581	10%
14	Claims in CIU	51,688	-	51,688	-	23,583	46%
15	Equity	2,921	-	318	-	318	100%
16	Other assets	183,246	-	386,914	-	101,345	26%
17	Total	3,417,423	1,018,446	3,417,423	173,573	1,451,407	

² This includes balances held with the Central Bank of Malta and loans to banks and customers.

The table below presents a breakdown of credit risk exposures under the standardised approach by exposure class and risk weight. The risk weights correspond to the relative riskiness attributed to the exposure according to the standardised approach outlined by the CRR. The risk weight is based on the credit quality step of each exposure as outlined in Part Three, Title II, Chapter 2 of the CRR.

To calculate the risk weighted exposure under the Standardised Approach, the Bank refers to credit assessments issued by External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAIs), in line with the CRR. The ratings are mapped to the credit quality steps as outlined in Regulation (EU) 2016/1800 which lays down the implementing technical standards with regards to the allocation of credit assessments of ECAIs to an objective scale of credit quality steps.

EU CR5 - Standardised approach – exposures by asset classes and risk weights

Exposure Classes	Risk Weights									Total Credit Exposure amount €000
	0%	10%	20%	35%	50%	75%	100%	150%	Others	
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
1 Central governments or central banks	306,132	-	42,464	-	7,734	-	3,018	-	-	359,348
4 Multilateral development banks	32,319	-	9,956	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,275
6 Institutions	-	-	39,045	-	6,100	-	2,374	-	-	47,519
7 Corporates	-	-	25,831	105,075	367,811	-	221,020	-	-	719,737
8 Retail	-	-	-	-	-	79,266	-	-	-	79,266
9 Secured by mortgages on immovable property	-	-	-	1,600,547	4,067	184,027	-	-	-	1,788,641
10 Exposures in default	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,121	17,525	-	36,646
11 Higher-risk categories	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,833	-	62,833
12 Covered bonds	-	15,811	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,811
14 Claims in CIU	23,021	-	2,099	-	7,212	-	18,952	404	-	51,688
15 Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	318	-	-	318
16 Other assets	273,766	-	-	-	15,193	-	93,222	1	4,732	386,914
17 Total	635,238	15,811	119,395	1,705,622	408,117	263,293	358,025	80,763	4,732	3,590,996

6. Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and prices of equities, bonds and commodities.

The Bank's exposure to market risk is limited since its trading portfolio is minimal. This is consistent with the Bank's Risk Appetite. In accordance with Article 94 of the CRR, the Bank is exempted from the trading book capital requirements.

The Bank's exposure to market risk is mainly related to:

- i. Interest rate risk – the risk that the Bank's financial position and cash flow is exposed to unfavourable movements in interest rates;
- ii. Foreign exchange risk – the risk that the Bank's financial position and cash flow are exposed to unfavourable movements in foreign exchange rates.

6.1. Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book

The Bank is mainly exposed to interest rate risk in the banking book (IRRBB), which arises from the Bank's non-trading activities. The Bank has an Interest Rate Risk Policy approved by the Board, which sets out a comprehensive risk management process that identifies, measures, monitors and controls interest rate risk exposures, whilst also ensuring appropriate oversight by Senior Management, Board-appointed committees and ultimately the Board, to confirm that this risk is consistent with the Bank's risk appetite.

On a monthly basis, the Enterprise Risk Management function monitors the impact of six pre-defined shock scenarios, where the maximum change in EVE is expressed as a percentage of Tier 1 Capital. In line with the EBA guidelines, the Bank's economic value must not decline by more than 15% of Tier 1 Capital. In the event that the decline in economic value exceeds the applicable threshold, the Bank is required to inform the Regulator. The potential change in the EVE under each of the six scenarios is included in Table 'EU IRRBB1'. During the first half of 2023, the resulting impact on the Bank's economic value was at all times well within the established regulatory requirement and within the Bank's risk appetite.

EU IRRBB1 - Interest rate risks of non-trading book activities

	Changes of the economic value of equity		Changes of the net interest income	
	Jun-23 €000	Jun-22 €000	Jun-23 €000	Jun-22 €000
1 Parallel up	15,225	15,669	1,777	1,694
2 Parallel down	(14,789)	(13,313)	(1,777)	674
3 Steepener	(8,891)	(11,276)		
4 Flatteners	11,645	14,318		
5 Short rates up	15,396	17,753		
6 Short rates down	(15,748)	(17,855)		

7. Liquidity and Funding Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank cannot meet its financial obligations as they fall due in the short term and medium term, either at all or without incurring unacceptable losses.

Funding risk is the risk that the Bank cannot meet its financial obligations as they fall due in the medium to long term, either at all or without increasing funding costs unacceptably. Funding risk can also be seen as the risk that the Bank's assets are not stably funded in the medium and long term.

The Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) measures the Bank's liquidity buffer to its net liquidity outflows over a 30 calendar days stress period. The Bank reports this ratio to the MFSA on a monthly basis. The Bank's LCR remained consistently above the applicable minimum requirement of 100% and increased to 159% as at 30 June 2023, from 135% as at 31 March 2023.

The increase in the LCR during the second quarter of 2023 is attributed to an improvement in the liquidity buffer, which outweighed the increase in net cash outflows.

The Bank's liquidity buffer is classified into:

- Level 1 assets (97%), which include withdrawable central bank reserves and central government assets; and
- Level 2 assets (3%), which include regional government or public sector entity assets and corporate debt securities with a credit rating of BBB- or higher.

The improvement in the liquidity buffer was driven mainly by an increase in High Quality Liquid Assets (Level 1 assets).

The table overleaf discloses quantitative information on the Bank's LCR for each of the four calendar quarters, starting September 2022 and ending June 2023. The figures are calculated as the simple averages of month-end observations over the twelve months preceding the end of each quarter. The difference between the Group and the Bank's LCR is immaterial. Given that the Bank does not have another 'material currency'³, other than the Euro, the Bank reports the LCR in the reporting currency (Euro).

³ Banks are required to assess the LCR by material currencies. A currency is considered to be a 'material currency' if the aggregate liabilities denominated in that currency amount to, or exceed, 5% of the bank's total liabilities.

EU LIQ1 - Quantitative information of Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)

Quarter ending on		Total unweighted value (average)				Total weighted value (average)			
		Jun-23 €000	Mar-23 €000	Dec-23 €000	Sep-22 €000	Jun-23 €000	Mar-23 €000	Dec-22 €000	Sep-22 €000
Number of data points used in the calculation of average		12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
High-quality liquid assets									
1	Total HQLA					525,809	522,233	520,596	514,187
Cash outflows									
2	Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers, of which:	1,414,526	1,384,801	1,339,779	1,289,794	103,064	101,065	97,509	93,325
3	Stable deposits	1,003,690	981,195	953,018	923,617	50,184	49,060	47,651	46,181
4	Less Stable deposits	410,836	403,606	386,761	366,177	52,880	52,005	49,858	47,144
5	Unsecured wholesale funding, of which:	512,084	515,426	502,064	485,561	277,560	270,921	254,850	246,212
7	Non-operational deposits (all counterparties)	511,346	515,302	502,064	485,561	277,375	270,890	254,850	246,212
9	Secured wholesale funding					-	-	-	-
10	Additional requirements, of which:	665,033	744,659	816,689	817,818	54,718	59,700	60,897	59,938
13	Credit and liquidity facilities	665,033	744,659	816,689	817,818	54,718	59,700	60,897	59,938
14	Other contractual funding obligations	2,097	1,893	1,799	3,045	2,097	1,893	1,799	3,045
15	Other contingent funding obligations	7,019	4,633	2,585	1,050	-	-	-	-
16	Total Cash Outflows					437,439	433,579	415,055	402,520
Cash Inflows									
18	Inflows from fully performing exposures	63,301	65,707	66,916	65,584	55,270	57,682	59,047	56,929
19	Other cash inflows	1,262	1,285	1,798	2,065	1,262	1,285	1,798	2,065
20	Total Cash Inflows	64,563	66,992	68,714	67,649	56,532	58,967	60,845	58,994
Total Adjusted Value									
21	Liquidity buffer					525,809	522,233	520,596	514,187
22	Total net cash outflows					380,907	374,612	354,210	343,526
23	Liquidity Coverage Ratio (%)					138.46%	140.24%	147.33%	149.43%

The Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) measures the amount of stable funding available to a financial institution against the required amount of stable funding. Under CRR II, institutions are required to maintain a NSFR of at least 100%. Given that the Bank does not have a 'material currency'⁴, other than the Euro, the Bank reports the NSFR in the reporting currency (Euro), regardless of the actual denomination of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items. All liabilities with a residual maturity of one year or more shall be subject to a 100% ASF factor, unless otherwise specified in CRR II.

At 136.9%, the Bank's NSFR was above the regulatory minimum requirement and within the Bank's risk appetite as at 30 June 2023. The ratio remained relatively stable during the second quarter of 2023 (Mar-23: 132.48%).

⁴ Banks are required to assess the NSFR by material currencies. A currency is considered to be a 'material currency' if the aggregate liabilities denominated in that currency amount to, or exceed, 5% of the bank's total liabilities.

EU LIQ2 - Net Stable Funding Ratio

		Unweighted value by residual maturity				Weighted Value
		No Maturity	< 6 months	6 months to <1 year	> 1 year	
		€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Available stable funding (ASF) Items						
1	Capital items and instruments	-	-	-	322,429	322,429
2	Own funds	-	-	-	322,429	322,429
4	Retail deposits		1,703,406	274,492	383,512	2,228,068
5	Stable deposits		1,142,339	146,622	295,773	1,520,286
6	Less stable deposits		561,067	127,870	87,739	707,782
7	Wholesale funding		517,111	96,070	71,884	294,827
9	Other wholesale funding		517,111	96,060	71,884	294,827
11	Other liabilities	-	30,691	3,465	24,464	26,196
13	All other liabilities and capital instruments not included in the above categories		30,691	3,465	24,464	26,196
14	Total available stable funding (ASF)					2,871,520
Required stable funding (RSF) Items						
15	Total high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)					13,547
17	Performing loans and securities:		69,317	121,112	2,349,139	1,772,537
19	Performing securities financing transactions with financial customer collateralised by other assets and loans and advances to financial institutions		42,074	8,296	97,317	105,672
20	Performing loans to non- financial corporate clients, loans to retail and small business customers, and loans to sovereigns, and PSEs, of which:		17,564	101,368	660,055	612,239
21	With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under the Basel II Standardised Approach for credit risk		334	28,843	41,371	41,480
22	Performing residential mortgages, of which:		9,679	11,448	1,591,767	1,054,626
23	With a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under the Basel II Standardised Approach for credit risk		9,398	8,198	1,544,697	1,012,851
24	Other loans and securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities and trade finance on-balance sheet products		-	-	-	-
26	Other assets:	-	40,053	7,179	221,776	260,550

27	<i>Physical traded commodities</i>				
31	<i>All other assets not included in the above categories</i>	40,053	7,179	221,776	260,550
32	Off-balance sheet items	4,907	82,947	899,875	51,684
33	Total Required Stable Funding (RSF)				2,098,318
34	Net Stable Funding Ratio (%)				136.85%