

# Surveillance Report

## CAFFIL SCF Public Sector Covered Bonds (SCF - Public Sector - Bullet)

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### Ratings

Programme Overview			
Issuer Name	Caisse Française de Financement Local		
Issuer Group	SFIL SA		
Long-Term Rating	AA (high), Stable trend, 31 January 2023		
Long-Term Critical Obligations Rating	N/A		
Host Sovereign	Republic of France; AA (high), Stable trend, 22 September 2023		
Domicile Sovereign	Republic of France; AA (high), Stable trend, 22 September 2023		
Main Collateral Type	Public Sector		
Subject to Legal Framework	Yes		
Total Cover Assets (EUR Billions)	59.7 <sup>1</sup>		
Total Covered Bonds (EUR Billions)	52.0 <sup>1</sup>		
Maturity Type of Covered Bonds	Hard Bullet		
Maturity Extension	N/A		
Rating Pillars		Overcollateralisation (OC; %)	
CB Ratings	AAA	Current OC	14.7 <sup>1</sup>
CBAP	AA (high)	Committed OC	N/A
LSF Assessment	Very Strong	OC to Which DBRS Morningstar Gives Credit	10.9
CPCA	A (low)	Minimum Legal OC	5.0
LSF-Implied Likelihood	AAA	OC Basis	Nominal
Recovery Notches	2		

1. Total privileged liabilities outstanding as at 8 September 2023, assets as at 30 June 2023. OC calculated by DBRS Morningstar.

### Rating Rationale

On 8 September 2023, DBRS Ratings GmbH (DBRS Morningstar) confirmed its AAA ratings on the Obligations Foncières (OF) outstanding under the CAFFIL SCF (CAFFIL or the Issuer) Public Sector Covered Bonds Programme (the Programme). This rating action followed the completion of a full review of the ratings<sup>1</sup>. The ratings reflect the following analytical considerations:

- A Covered Bonds Attachment Point (CBAP) of AA (high), which is the Long-Term Issuer Rating of SFIL SA (SFIL). SFIL is the Reference Entity (RE) for the Programme.
- A Legal and Structuring Framework (LSF) Assessment of “Very Strong” associated with the Programme, although the LSF Assessment does not currently affect the ratings in a material way.
- A Cover Pool Credit Assessment (CPCA) of A (low) that can currently be achieved.
- An LSF-Implied Likelihood (LSF-L) of AAA that can currently be achieved.
- A possible two-notch uplift for high recovery prospects, although the level of recoveries does not currently affect the ratings in a material way.

1 For additional information on the meaning and scope of the financial obligations identified in this credit rating, please see Appendix 1.

- The level of overcollateralisation (OC) of 10.9% to which DBRS Morningstar gives credit, which is the minimum level observed in the past 12 months, adjusted by a scaling factor of 0.85.
- The sovereign rating on the Republic of France, rated AA (high) with a Stable trend by DBRS Morningstar as of the date of this report.

DBRS Morningstar analysed the transaction using its European Covered Bond Cash Flow tool. The main assumptions focused on the timing of defaults and recoveries of the assets, interest rate stresses, and market value spreads (MVS) to calculate liquidation values on the cover pool (CP).

To assign ratings to new issuances, the following stressed assumptions are used: a CPCA of BB, because BB is the lowest-tested stress level currently compatible with the AAA covered bonds (CB) rating, and an LSF-L of AA (high) compatible with this level of CPCA.

### **Rating Sensitivity**

Everything else equal, provided that a CPCA of A (low) is currently achievable, a five-notch downgrade of the CBAP would lead to a three-notch downgrade of the LSF-L to AA (low) and a one-notch downgrade of the CB ratings. Based on the CPCA of BB (the level tested to assign ratings to new issuances), a two-notch downgrade of the CBAP to AA (low) would lead to a two-notch downgrade of the LSF-L to AA (low), resulting in a one-notch downgrade of the CB ratings.

In addition, all else unchanged, the CB ratings would be downgraded if any of the following occurred: (1) the sovereign rating on the Republic of France was downgraded below AA; (2) the relative amortisation profile of the CB and CP moved adversely; (3) volatility in the financial markets caused the currently estimated MVS to increase; or (4) the composition of the CP, the level of OC to which DBRS Morningstar gives credit, interest rate stresses, or foreign currency exposure changed adversely to a degree that a one-notch uplift for good recovery prospects could no longer be granted.

Approximately 93% of the CP by loan balance is concentrated in France, the domicile sovereign. The RE and the Issuer are also located in France, the host sovereign. In DBRS Morningstar's view, this exposes CB investors to an increased risk that the creditworthiness of the RE and the CP may deteriorate at the same time. According to DBRS Morningstar's *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds*, in this circumstance, the rating on the CB is typically capped at three notches higher than the rating on the sovereign.

### **Environmental, Social, and Governance Risk Considerations**

There were no Environmental/Social/Governance factors that had a significant or relevant effect on the credit analysis.

A description of how DBRS Morningstar considers ESG factors within the DBRS Morningstar analytical framework can be found in the *DBRS Morningstar Criteria: Approach to Environmental, Social, and Governance Risk Factors in Credit Ratings* (4 July 2023)

### Notable Events Over the Review Period

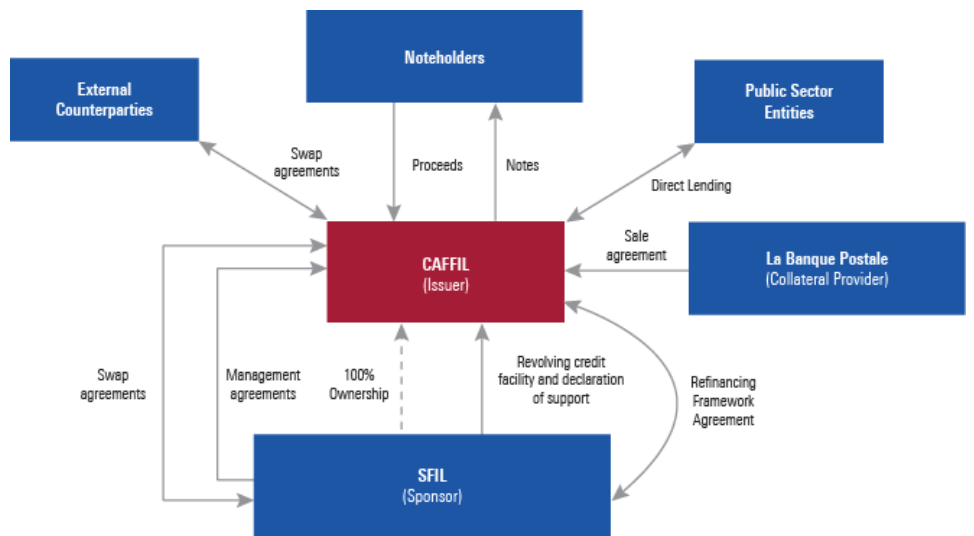
There have been no significant events affecting the ratings on the CB over the review period.

Major Events	
Sovereign Rating	On 22 September 2023, DBRS Morningstar confirmed its long-term ratings on the Republic of France at AA (high) with a Stable trend.
RE Rating	On 31 January 2023, DBRS Morningstar confirmed its Long-Term Issuer Rating on SFIL at AA (high) with a Stable trend. This had no impact on the ratings on the CB as the CBAP remained unchanged.
Origination and Servicing	CAFFIL has made no material changes to its origination and servicing practices since the last annual review.
Others	DBRS Morningstar published the most recent version of the <i>Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds</i> methodology on 8 May 2023.

### Transaction Structure

The Programme is set up under the French legal framework for CBs.

Exhibit 1 French Covered Bonds



Source: DBRS Morningstar.

The Programme was established in January 2013 under the French Covered Bond Law to issue up to EUR 75 billion of CBs. As of 8 September 2023, the Programme had EUR 52.0 billion outstanding across 472 series (see “List of CBs Outstanding” at the end of this report). The Issuer is required to pay interest and principal on the CBs, and, in case of Issuer default, the assets of the CP are available to repay principal and interest on the CBs subject to the final terms of each issue.

For more information on French OF, please refer to the DBRS Morningstar commentary [French Covered Bonds: Legal and Structuring Framework Review](#).

## Sovereign Assessment

DBRS Morningstar confirmed its rating on the Republic of France at AA (high) with a Stable trend on 22 September 2023.

*France's AA (high) ratings are underpinned by the country's wealthy and diversified economy, sound public institutions, and strong public funding profile. France is a core member of the euro area and has a sound banking sector. The economy is resilient during crises due in part to strong social protections. However, this benefit results in structurally high public expenditures that are difficult to reduce and that delay the rebalancing of fiscal accounts. Policy predictability decreased following the legislative elections in June 2022 when the governing alliance lost its majority in the National Assembly. Since then, President Macron's weaker position in parliament and political fragmentation undermine public support for the government's ambitious reform agenda and its intention to slow the pace of expenditure growth and repair public accounts – key for the country to maintain its very strong credit profile.*

*The Stable trend reflects DBRS Morningstar's view that despite the challenges that stretch France's public sector balance sheet, the government remains committed to gradually improving its medium-term fiscal performance. The energy price shock that began roughly two years ago and the ensuing rapid rise in interest rates slowed down the economy's strong post-pandemic recovery. Thanks to government measures, inflation in France at its peak was more contained compared to EU peers, but the decline in inflation has been gradual. While GDP growth in France is set to decelerate in 2023, the economy is still expected to outperform the Euro area average. For France's public finances, the government faces social and political obstacles to reduce its high public expenditure ratio, complicating a more rapid fiscal repair. Despite this, the government appears committed to reducing in structural terms its large fiscal deficit and its public debt ratio.*

For more information on France, please refer to the most recent press release or rating report published by DBRS Morningstar.

## Legislation Overview

DBRS Morningstar understands that CBs in the form of mortgage-backed OF<sup>2</sup> are regulated by the French Monetary and Financial Code (the Code). This law sets forth, among other matters, the types of issuers that may issue OF and the types of eligible cover assets, segregation principles, liquidity buffer, pre-maturity test, hedging, collateralisation requirements, and CP monitor.

DBRS Morningstar also understands that the legislation currently in place gives OF holders a priority right over the CP upon an issuer's insolvency. In DBRS Morningstar's view, this provides the OF holders strong protection; however, there is a risk that the segregated CP may not ensure timely payments on the OF immediately following an RE's insolvency.

For further information on DBRS Morningstar's understanding of the rules applicable to French CBs, please refer to the DBRS Morningstar commentary [French Covered Bonds: Legal and Structuring Framework Review](#).

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<sup>2</sup> The law also covers mortgage-backed obligations de financement de l'habitat (OFH).

### Covered Bonds Attachment Point

SFIL is the RE for the programme and CAFFIL is the Issuer. CAFFIL is 100% owned by SFIL, and CAFFIL is instrumental in ensuring that SFIL achieves its public policy mandate.

- In the context of its first public policy mission to refinance loans to the French local public sector, CAFFIL purchases assets of or grants assets to French local authorities and public health institutions, originated by La Banque Postale. This partnership has established itself as one of the leading players in the French public-sector loan market.
- A second public policy mission, the refinancing of export loans, was entrusted to SFIL and CAFFIL in 2015. The aim of this new public setup is to improve available export credit loans in terms of volumes, maturities, and cost.

DBRS Morningstar believes that France is a jurisdiction for which CBs are a particularly important financing tool (see DBRS Morningstar's commentary *DBRS Morningstar's Assessment of European Jurisdictions for which Covered Bonds are Systemically Important*). Moreover, the CP is composed of public-sector loans. DBRS Morningstar considers it likely that this form of lending would comprise part of the activity for a going-concern entity, possibly resulting from an RE's resolution. This is particularly relevant for French public-sector exposures.

The CBAP reflects the likelihood that the source of payments will switch from the RE to the CP. CAFFIL's CBAP is set at AA (high), equal to SFIL's Long-Term Issuer Rating.

CAFFIL's CBAP does not incorporate any uplift from the Issuer Rating. This is in accordance with DBRS Morningstar's *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds*, whereby in the above-mentioned circumstances, up to a one-notch uplift from the Issuer Rating would be possible. DBRS Morningstar notes that, because of SFIL's full indirect ownership by the French government through Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC), and DBRS Morningstar's expectation of SFIL receiving support from the French State and CDC in case of need, its Issuer Rating on SFIL is already positioned above the entity's intrinsic creditworthiness. Although SFIL is subject to the European Union's Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, DBRS Morningstar believes that it is more likely that an intervention from its main shareholder, the French State (through CDC), would take place before any resolution measures.

### LSF Assessment

The LSF Assessment is one of the four pillars of DBRS Morningstar's *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds* and expresses its view on the likelihood that payment obligations under the CB could be smoothly and efficiently transferred from a troubled bank to another bank or the CP administered by a third party. Each LSF Assessment is programme-specific and reflects the legal and structural features of each CB programme.

DBRS Morningstar associated an LSF Assessment of "Very Strong" to the Programme, which reflects its view of the following:

1. The French CB legal framework providing the CB holders first-priority right over the CP;
2. The legally sanctioned six-month liquidity coverage rule, which ensures that, at any time, the CP contains sufficient assets that are either liquid or can be mobilised via the central bank repo operations to ensure a balance between projected incoming and outgoing cash flows, including principal, interest, senior costs, and cash flows from hedging contracts. This is complemented by DBRS Morningstar's expectation of the regulator's willingness and ability to support the CB instrument in line with a host sovereign rated AA (high) by DBRS Morningstar;
3. The public-sector nature of the CP exposures, the ability to freely pledge all exposures at any time without formalities, the sizable proportion of CP assets that are eligible for repo operations with the central bank, and the ability of the société de crédit foncier (SCF) to issue up to 10% of retained CBs at any time (as long as the legal minimum OC level of 5% is not breached) to pledge for the benefit of the central bank for repo operations;
4. The specific controller's role in independently monitoring the French SCF's compliance with the provisions in the French CB legal framework, the CP's compliance with the eligibility criteria as well as the coverage ratio, and the review of the risk linked to the mismatches in interest rates and maturities of assets and liabilities.
5. The Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution's role in the supervision of French CBs, the high penetration of the OF as a funding tool for French banks, and a history of regulatory intervention in the restructuring of CB issuers (capital injection and state guarantee for Dexia Municipal Agency in 2008 and state guarantee for CIF Euromortgage in 2012), which in DBRS Morningstar's view, benefit OF holders.

For more information, please refer to the DBRS Morningstar commentary [French Covered Bonds: Legal and Structuring Framework Review](#).

### **Cover Pool Credit Assessment**

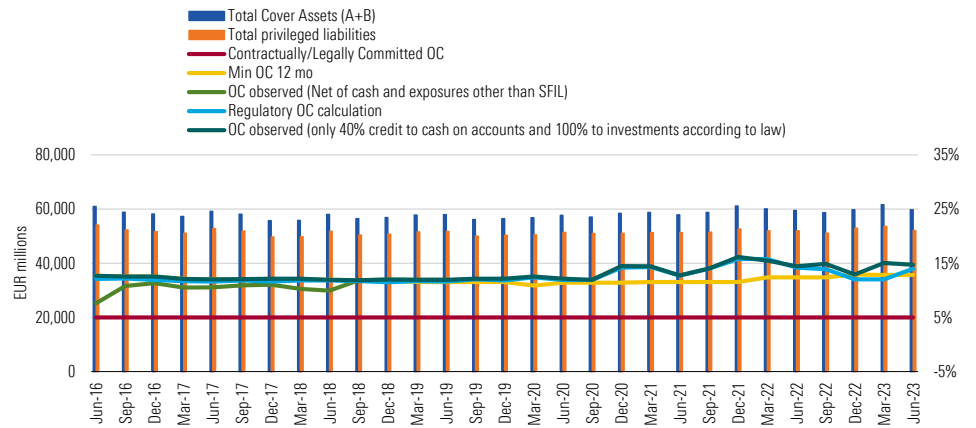
A CPCA of up to A (low) can be associated with the Programme.

### **Cover Pool and Covered Bonds**

As of 8 September 2023, the total outstanding amount of liabilities was EUR 51.9 billion. In addition, as of 30 June 2023, CAFFIL had other privileged liabilities that totalled EUR 93 million, which are due under the swaps in case of termination. The amounts are due pari passu with the bonds. The public-sector assets' balance as of 30 June 2023 was EUR 58.4 billion and the substitute assets balance was EUR 1.4 billion. This results in an estimated nominal OC ratio of 14.7%.

As at the end of June 2023, the CP assets comprised 38,568 public-sector loans, with a weighted-average (WA) seasoning of 82 months and a WA remaining time to maturity of 153 months. By outstanding balance, 14.7% of the public-sector exposure is to sovereigns, 20.4% is to regional/federal authorities, 51.0% is to local/municipal authorities, and 13.9% is to other entities.

**Exhibit 2** Total Cover Pool vs. Outstanding Liabilities and Overcollateralisation



Sources: CAFFIL and DBRS Morningstar.  
 Total CP and privileged liabilities on the left-hand scale; OC on the right-hand scale.

**Cover Assets Analysis**

As of the end of June 2023, the total amount of public-sector exposures (PSE) in the CP was EUR 58.4 billion.

Approximately 93% of the exposures are concentrated in France (rated AA (high) with a Stable trend by DBRS Morningstar), 6% in Italy (rated BBB (high) with a Stable trend by DBRS Morningstar), and the rest are diversified across other countries.

Of the exposures, 14.7% are in sovereigns, 20.4% are in regional and federal authorities, 51.0% are in local and municipal authorities, and the remaining 13.9% are diversified across hospitals and other types of entities.

Around 70% of the PSE CP yields a fixed rate of interest (before micro or macro hedges).

DBRS Morningstar used its public and private ratings, public ratings by other recognised credit rating agencies, and internal assessments to approximate the distribution of the PSE CP's creditworthiness.

The expected loss assumption for the CP in the base-case (B) scenario is 0.28%.

Approximately 6% of the CP is concentrated in Italy (rated BBB (high) with a Stable trend by DBRS Morningstar). In DBRS Morningstar's analysis, although a sovereign exposure is defaulted immediately above the rating on that sovereign, the entire exposure to a jurisdiction is defaulted at a level of stress that is three notches or more above the rating on that jurisdiction, with only 20% recoveries. Although currently not a driver of the rating on the OF, the Italian sovereign rating as well as CP concentration are drivers of the A (low) CPCA and the pass-OC level.

### Refinancing and Market Risk

The DBRS Morningstar-calculated WA life of the public-sector assets is roughly seven years based on a 0% prepayment rate, which is slightly longer than the 6.7 years WA life on the CB. This generates an asset-liability mismatch that is mitigated by the available OC.

CAFFIL has several hedging agreements in place with multiple commercial banks and is not required to post collateral under any of these agreements. All the hedging agreements entered into with counterparties other than SFIL either contain no downgrade language or downgrade language that is not consistent with DBRS Morningstar's *Derivative Criteria for European Structured Finance Transactions* methodology. DBRS Morningstar gave limited credit of 20% to these swaps in its analysis. The hedging agreements entered into with SFIL contain downgrade and collateral-posting language consistent with DBRS Morningstar's criteria; therefore, DBRS Morningstar gave these full credit in its analysis. DBRS Morningstar stressed the residual foreign currency assumed open position as outlined in its *Currency Stresses for Global Structured Finance Transactions* methodology.

CAFFIL enjoys a substantial liquidity position. In DBRS Morningstar's view, this mitigates the liquidity constraint imposed by the termination payments that might be due under the swaps. Moreover, DBRS Morningstar assumed a 12-month asset-liability matching rule in its analysis in lieu of the minimum six-month period required by the OF legislative framework.

### Cash Flow Analysis

DBRS Morningstar analysed the transaction cash flow structure using its European Covered Bond Cash Flow tool. The main assumptions focused on the timing of defaults and recoveries of the assets, interest rate stresses, and MVS to calculate liquidation values on the CP.

DBRS Morningstar used the following assumptions for its cash flow analysis:

- CAFFIL's CP is formed by assets that are standard in its market. DBRS Morningstar applied MVS<sup>3</sup> for the PSE to calculate the CP's liquidation value; MVS curves are applied in full during the first 18 months and to a reduced extent afterward.
- DBRS Morningstar inputs the lifetime expected losses estimated for CAFFIL assets in various rating scenarios into its cash flow tool.
- DBRS Morningstar assumed a uniform distribution of defaults concentrated in the initial 10 months.
- DBRS Morningstar assumed that the typical time span necessary to realise recoveries is 18 months, in line with its *Modelling Assumptions for Portfolios of Public Sector Exposures* methodology.
- In line with its *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds*, DBRS Morningstar assumed a prepayment scenario of 1%.
- Around 70% of the PSE CP yielded a fixed-rate coupon (before micro or macro hedges), while roughly 95% of the OF (before hedges) is fixed rate. CAFFIL fully hedges the interest rate mismatches by swapping all privileged liabilities that are not floating rate and all CP assets into floating rate. DBRS Morningstar gave full value to the hedging agreements concluded between SFIL and CAFFIL, and only limited credit (20%) to the hedging agreement concluded between CAFFIL and other counterparties as the language was not consistent with DBRS Morningstar's criteria. DBRS Morningstar uses interest rate stresses as per its *Interest Rate Stresses for European Structured Finance Transactions* methodology, which includes upward and downward interest rate curves.

<sup>3</sup> See *Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds Addendum: Market Value Spreads* available on [www.dbrsmorningstar.com](http://www.dbrsmorningstar.com).



- Of the PSE assets in the CP, 99.1% were denominated in euros versus 99.0% of the liabilities. The remaining portions are denominated in a mix of different currencies. Although swaps are in place to hedge this exposure, DBRS Morningstar gives only limited credit (20%) to the hedges concluded with entities other than SFIL. This gives rise to a residual foreign currency exposure that DBRS Morningstar stressed in its analysis as per its *Currency Stresses for Global Structured Finance Transactions* methodology and affects the pass-OC level by less than a percentage point in a AAA scenario.

#### **Overcollateralisation to Which DBRS Morningstar Gives Credit**

The minimum level of OC required by legislation is 5% of CB and other privileged debt. The Issuer does not commit to any higher level.

The minimum level of OC observed over the past 12 months was 12.8%. According to its *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds*, DBRS Morningstar then adjusts this level by a scaling factor of 0.85, in line with the OF rating of AAA, yielding a level of 10.9% to which DBRS Morningstar gives credit.

#### **LSF-L**

The LSF-L for the Programme is floored at AA (high), equal to the CBAP. An LSF-L of AAA can be associated with the Programme.

#### **Credit for Recovery Prospects**

DBRS Morningstar may grant up to a two-notch uplift on top of the LSF-L if the analysis of the CP shows that it would provide substantial support after the default of the CB.

DBRS Morningstar ran a wind-down cash flow simulation aimed at covering the cost of funding under a stress scenario in line with the CB ratings. According to its *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds*, a two-notch uplift from the LSF-L is possible in consideration of the high recovery prospects of the CB.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

##### **Legislative Criteria**

For a summary of the eligibility criteria for CB under the French legislative framework, please refer to DBRS Morningstar's rating report [CAFFIL SCF Public Sector Covered Bonds \(OF – Public Sector\): Rating Report](#).

##### **Data Sources**

The sources of data and information used for these ratings include investor reports and loan-by-loan data on the CP as at 30 June 2023 and 31 March 2023, respectively, containing information on the loan currency, initial amount, residual amount, maturity date, amortisation type, underlying debtor, country of the debtor, guarantor, country of the guarantor, and interest rate type, among others, provided by the Issuer.

DBRS Morningstar did not rely upon third-party due diligence in order to conduct its analysis. At the time of the initial ratings, DBRS Morningstar was not supplied with third-party assessments. However, this did not impact the rating analysis.

DBRS Morningstar considers the data and information available to it for the purposes of providing these ratings to be of satisfactory quality. DBRS Morningstar does not audit or independently verify the data or information it receives in connection with the rating process.

### List of CBs Outstanding Under the Programme

A list that details the outstanding OF obligations rated by DBRS Morningstar can be found on the CAFFIL SCF Public Sector Covered Bonds (OF – Public Sector) Issuer Page of [www.dbrsmorningstar.com](http://www.dbrsmorningstar.com) under the Research tab.

### Key Credit Metrics

	2023-06-30	2023-03-31	2022-12-31	2022-09-30
Total Public Sector Pool (EUR)	58,363,170,278	61,295,534,534	59,303,043,122	58,196,321,966
Substitute Assets (EUR)	1,373,751,308	382,030,524	492,422,687	491,619,723
Outstanding CB (EUR)	51,877,100,363	53,441,530,707	52,781,852,939	50,968,700,138
Total OC (%) <sup>1</sup>	15.2	15.4	13.3	15.2
Committed OC (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Legal Minimum OC (%) <sup>2</sup>	5	5	5	5
<b>Cover Pool</b>				
Total Public Sector Pool (EUR)	58,363,170,278	61,295,534,534	59,303,043,122	58,196,321,966
Number of PSEs	38,568	40,112	40,112	39,658
Average PSE Balance (EUR)	1,513,254	1,528,110	1,478,436	1,467,455
Public Sector Assets (%)	97.7	99.4	99.2	99.2
Other Assets (%)	2.3	0.6	0.8	0.8
WA Seasoning (months)	82	78	80	80
WA RTM (months)	153	150	150	153
Liquid Assets (%)	64.8	71.2	69.8	69.4
<b>Interest Rate</b>				
Asset Fixed Rate (%)	70.7	71.1	71.2	72.3
Asset Floating Rate (%)	29.3	28.9	28.9	27.7
WA Coupon (%)	ND	ND	ND	ND
<b>Type of PSE</b>				
Sovereigns (%)	14.7	13.4	13.8	12.6
o/w Export Credit Claims Guaranteed by Sovereigns (%)	12.0	10.8	11.1	9.9
Regional/Federal Authorities (%)	20.4	20.1	20.8	21.8
Local/Municipal Authorities (%)	51.0	49.0	49.8	52.7
Other Assets (%)	13.9	17.5	15.7	12.9
<b>Liquid Assets as a % of the Cover Pool</b>				
Substitute and Other Marketable Assets (%)	2.2	0.6	0.8	0.8
Central Bank Eligible Assets (%)	60.2	59.7	62.9	65.4
Other (%)	1.2	5.4	3.1	1.6
o/w Banque de France and Tresor Accounts (%)	1.2	5.4	3.1	1.6

	2023-06-30	2023-03-31	2022-12-31	2022-09-30
<b>Performance</b>				
Delinquency < 30 Days (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delinquency > 30 to 60 Days (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delinquency > 60 to 90 Days (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delinquency > 90 Days (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Geographical Distribution</b>				
France - Grand Est	5.7	5.5	5.7	6.0
France - Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.7
France - Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes	10.6	10.2	10.5	11.1
France - Bourgogne-Franche-Comte	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1
France - Bretagne	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.3
France - Centre-Val de Loire	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
France - Corse	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
France - Ile-de-France	26.5	28.8	27.1	23.4
France - Occitanie	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.5
France - Hauts-de-France	8.5	8.3	8.5	9.0
France - Normandie	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.3
France - Pays de la Loire	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.4
France - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	8.3	8.0	8.1	8.6
France - Outre-Mer	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4
Austria	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Italy	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.5
Portugal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spain	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Sweden	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
United Kingdom	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9

## Counterparties

A list that details the counterparties in the Programme can be found on the CAFFIL SCF Public Sector Covered Bonds (OF – Public Sector) Issuer Page of [www.dbrsmorningstar.com](http://www.dbrsmorningstar.com) under the Research tab.

## Related Research

The rating methodologies and criteria used in the analysis of this transaction are listed below and can be found at <https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com/methodology>.

- *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds* (8 May 2023), <https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com/research/413651/rating-and-monitoring-covered-bonds>.
- *Global Methodology for Rating and Monitoring Covered Bonds Addendum: Market Value Spreads* (8 May 2023), <https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com/research/413652/rating-and-monitoring-covered-bonds-addendum-market-value-spreads>.
- *Modelling Assumptions for Portfolios of Public Sector Exposures* (12 July 2023) and Public Sector Model v 0.2.1,

<https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com/research/417064/modelling-assumptions-for-portfolios-of-public-sector-exposures>.

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## Appendix 1: Scope and Meaning of Financial Obligations

DBRS Morningstar's credit ratings on the outstanding CB series address the credit risk associated with the identified financial obligations in accordance with the relevant transaction documents. For information on the associated financial obligations, please refer to the corresponding press release published for this credit rating action.

The associated financial obligations are the related interest payment amounts and the related principal amount. DBRS Morningstar's credit rating does not address non-payment risk associated with contractual payment obligations contemplated in the applicable transaction documents that are not financial obligations.

DBRS Morningstar's long-term credit ratings provide opinions on risk of default. DBRS Morningstar considers risk of default to be the risk that an issuer will fail to satisfy the financial obligations in accordance with the terms under which a long-term obligation has been issued.

## Appendix 2: Environmental, Social, and Governance Checklist and Considerations

ESG Factor	ESG Credit Consideration Applicable to the Credit Analysis: Y/N	Extent of the Effect on the ESG Factor on the Credit Analysis: Relevant (R) or Significant (S)*		
<b>Environmental</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	N	N
<b>Emissions, Effluents, and Waste</b>	Do the costs or risks result in a higher default risk or lower recoveries for the securitized assets?	N		N
<b>Carbon and GHG Costs</b>	Do the costs or risks related to GHG emissions, and related regulations and/or ordinances result in higher default risk or lower recoveries of the securitized assets?	N		N
	Are there potential benefits of GHG-efficient assets on affordability, financeability, regulatory compliance, or future values (recoveries)?	N		N
		<b>Carbon and GHG Costs:</b>	N	N
<b>Climate and Weather Risks</b>	Are the securitized assets in regions exposed to climate change and adverse weather events affecting expected default rates, future valuations, and/or recoveries, considering key IPCC climate scenarios up to a 2°C rise in temperature by 2050?	N		N
<b>Passed-through Environmental credit considerations</b>	Does this rating depend to a large extent on the creditworthiness of another rated issuer which is impacted by environmental factors (see respective ESG checklist for such issuer)?	N		N
<b>Social</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	N	N
<b>Social Impact of Products and Services</b>	Do the securitized assets have an extraordinarily positive or negative social impact on the borrowers and/or society, and do these characteristics of these assets result in different default rates and/or recovery expectations?	N		N
	Does the business model or the underlying borrower(s) have an extraordinarily positive or negative effect on their stakeholders and/or society, and does this result in different default rates and/or recovery expectations?	N		N
	Considering changes in consumer behavior or secular social trends: does this affect the default and/or loss expectations for the securitized assets?	N		N
		<b>Social Impact of Products and Services:</b>	N	N
<b>Human Capital and Human Rights</b>	Are the originator, servicer, or underlying borrower(s) exposed to staffing risks and could this have a financial or operational effect on the structured finance issuer?	N		N
	Is there unmitigated compliance risk due to mis-selling, lending practices, or work-out procedures that could result in higher default risk and/or lower recovery expectations for the securitized assets?	N		N
		<b>Human Capital and Human Rights:</b>	N	N
<b>Product Governance</b>	Does the originator's, servicer's, or underlying borrower(s) failure to deliver quality products and services cause damage that may result in higher default risk and/or lower recovery expectations for the securitized assets?	N		N
<b>Data Privacy and Security</b>	Does the originator's, servicer's, or underlying borrower(s) misuse or negligence in maintaining private client or stakeholder data result in financial penalties or losses to the issuer?	N		N
<b>Passed-through Social credit considerations</b>	Does this rating depend to a large extent on the creditworthiness of another rated issuer which is impacted by social factors (see respective ESG checklist for such issuer)?	N		N
<b>Governance</b>		<b>Overall:</b>	N	N
<b>Corporate / Transaction Governance</b>	Does the transaction structure affect the assessment of the credit risk posed to investors due to a lack of appropriate independence of the issuer from the originator and/or other transaction parties?	N		N
	Considering the alignment of interest between the transaction parties and noteholders: does this affect the assessment of credit risk posed to investors because the alignment of interest is inferior or superior to comparable transactions in the sector?	N		N
	Does the lack of appropriately defined mechanisms in the structure on how to deal with future events affect the assessment of credit risk posed to investors?	N		N
	Considering how the transaction structure provides for timely and appropriate performance and asset reporting: does this affect the assessment of credit risk posed to investors because it is inferior or superior to comparable transactions in the sector?	N		N
		<b>Corporate / Transaction Governance:</b>	N	N
<b>Passed-through Governance credit considerations</b>	Does this rating depend to a large extent on the creditworthiness of another rated issuer which is impacted by governance factors (see respective ESG checklist for such issuer)?	N		N
<b>Consolidated ESG Criteria Output:</b>		N		N

\* A Relevant Effect means that the impact of the applicable ESG risk factor has not changed the rating or rating trend on the issuer.  
 A Significant Effect means that the impact of the applicable ESG risk factor has changed the rating or trend on the issuer.

**ESG Considerations**

Credit rating actions on SFIL are likely to have an impact on this credit rating. There were no ESG factors that had a significant or relevant effect on the credit analysis.

**Environmental**

There were no Environmental factors that had a relevant or significant effect on the credit analysis. For more details about which Environmental factors could have an effect on the credit analysis, please refer to the checklist above.

**Social**

There were no Social factors that had a relevant or significant effect on the credit analysis. For more details about which Social factors could have an effect on the credit, please refer to the checklist above.

**Governance**

There were no Governance factors that had a relevant or significant effect on the credit analysis. For more details about which Governance factors could have an effect on the credit analysis, please refer to the checklist above.

The above ESG discussion relates to credit risk factors that could impact the financial profile and therefore the rating of the Issuer. They are separate from ESG sustainability factors, which are generally outside the scope of this analysis. A description of how DBRS Morningstar considers ESG factors within the DBRS Morningstar analytical framework can be found in the *DBRS Morningstar Criteria: Approach to Environmental, Social, and Governance Risk Factors in Credit Ratings* at <https://www.dbrsmorningstar.com/research/416784/dbrs-morningstar-criteria-approach-to-environmental-social-and-governance-risk-factors-in-credit-ratings>.

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