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## INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR ON GREEN FINANCE AND GREEN BONDS

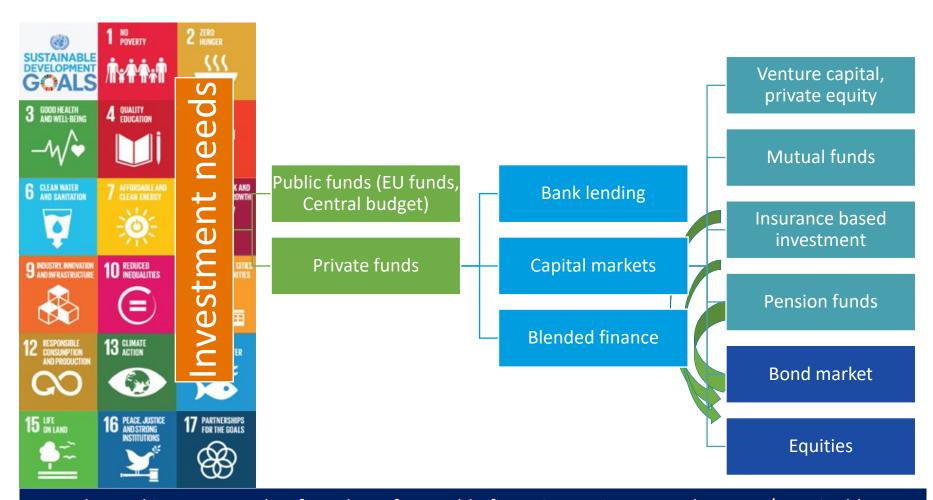
## SOME INGREDIENTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF GREEN FINANCE...





### THE GOAL OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE





The goal is to ensure that firms have favourable financing options to make green/sustainable investments. Importance of <u>ESG risk management</u> and the <u>post-covid recovery context</u>

### THE WAY SUSTAINABLE FINANCE CAN WORK



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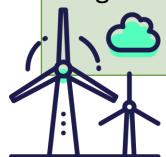
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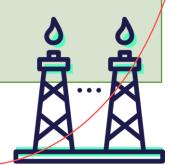
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## REDUCING THE FUNDING OF UNSUSTAINABLE ACTIVITIES

## DECREASING THE FINANCING OF UNSUSTAINABLE ACTIVITIES



**Physical risk** 

Risk of losses due to physical events linked to climate change (droughts, floods etc)



**Transition risk** 

Risk of losses due to the transition to a low-carbon economy



### **REGULATORY STEPS**

- ECB Climate Guide
- MNB Green
   Recommendation
- Upcoming EU legislation in the Capital Requirement Framework





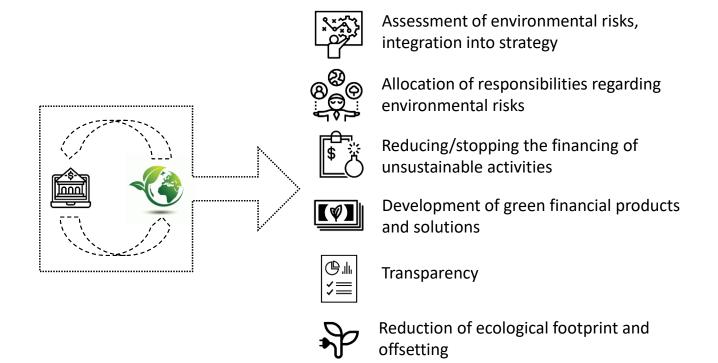
#### Guide on climate-related and environmental risks

Supervisory expectations relating to risk management and disclosure



## MNB'S GREEN RECOMMENDATION ALSO REQUIRES THE INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS





English translation available at www.greenfinance.hu

### IMPORTANCE OF TRANSITION FINANCE



...The goal is to reduce the funding of unsustainable projects/activities





...companies with currently unsustainable activities should still get financing – in fact, they should be the targets to provide green loans to finance their transition

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## GREEN FINANCING: A PRIMER

## TWO MAIN TYPE OF INSTRUMENTS FOR BOTH BONDS AND LOANS











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Green, Social, Sustainability Bonds ("GSS" or "UoP")

#### **Core Components:**

- 1. Use of Proceeds
- 2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
- 3. Management of Proceeds
- 4. Reporting

#### **Key Recommendations:**

- 1. Bond Frameworks
- 2. External Reviews

#### **General Purposes\***

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Financial Instrument Guidance

Source: ICMA

## USE-OF-PROCEEDS TYPE BONDS/LOANS

- The key is the utilisation of the proceeds of the bond (loan) for eligible Green Projects, which should be appropriately described in the legal documentation of the instrument.
- All designated eligible Green Projects should provide clear environmental benefits
- Importance of external reviews
- Climate Bond Standards and EU Green Bonds with more stringent criteria



## Typical eligible categories under the GBP

- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Pollution prevention and control
- Clean transportation
- Sustainable water and wastewater management
- Circular economy
- Etc.

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## SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED INSTRUMENTS

- The bond's financial and/or structural characteristics vary depending on whether the selected KPI(s) reach the predefined targets
- The potential variation of the coupon is the most common example

## E M S & TI B

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#### The KPIs should be:

- relevant, core and material to the issuer's overall business, and of high strategic significance to the issuer's current and/ or future operations;
- measurable or quantifiable on a consistent methodological basis;
- externally verifiable; and
- able to be benchmarked

Examples: Annual energy savings, renewable energy capacity, Scope 1-3 GHG emission reduction etc



# GREEN FINANCE: THE EXPERIENCE OF HUNGARY SO FAR

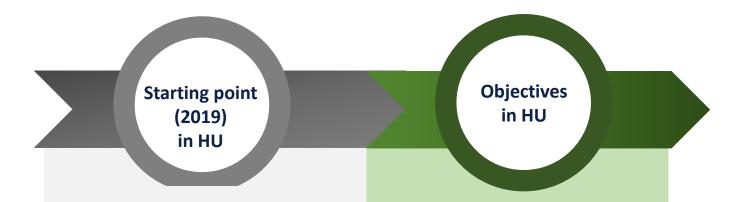
## WHAT WE SEE ON MORE DEVELOPED MARKETS...





## ...COULD SERVES AS INSPIRATION FOR HUNGARY AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION...





- High exposure of the financial system to environmental risks
- Low preparedness to address risks
- Very little green financial product supply
- Low level of awareness among senior management and lack of ESG expertise for staff

- A financial system resilient to environmental risks
- Assessed and managed individual and system level risks
- The financial system acting as the engine of the green transition of the economy
- Adequate awareness and ESG expertise at banks

### MNB STRATEGIC APPROACH TO GREEN BONDS



Need for the development of the bond market in general

Dilemmas to set the bar at the right level (market barriers vs. greenwashing)

Demand driven aspects (green/ESG mutual funds)

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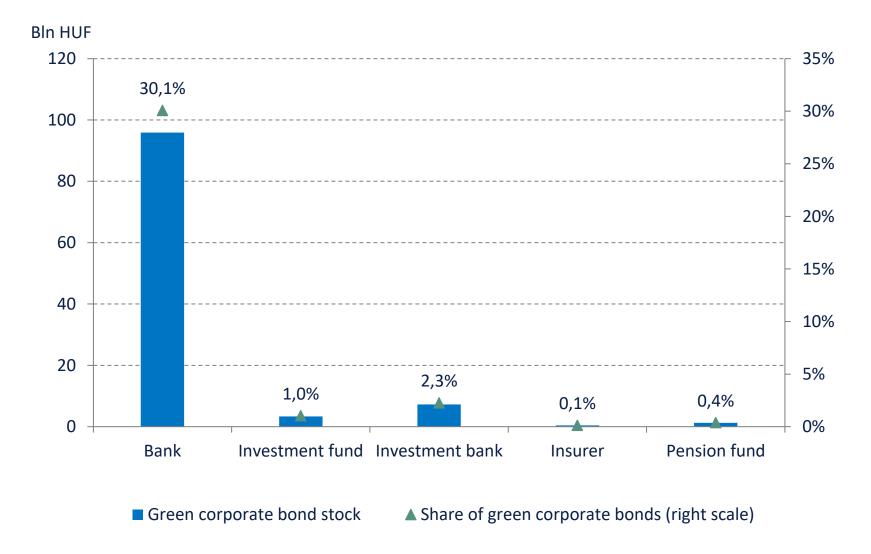
Bank (covered)

- The successful issuances bring a strong message to markets
- Rapid growth in 2020-21
- GBP-alignment
- Dominance of domestic investors
- Role of central bank measures

- First issuances taking place in 2021
- Huge potential in modernizing the building stock
- Role of central bank measures

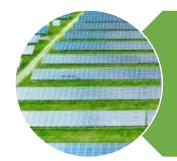
## HU GREEN CORPORATE BONDS: IMPORTANCE OF DOMESTIC BANKS AS INVESTORS





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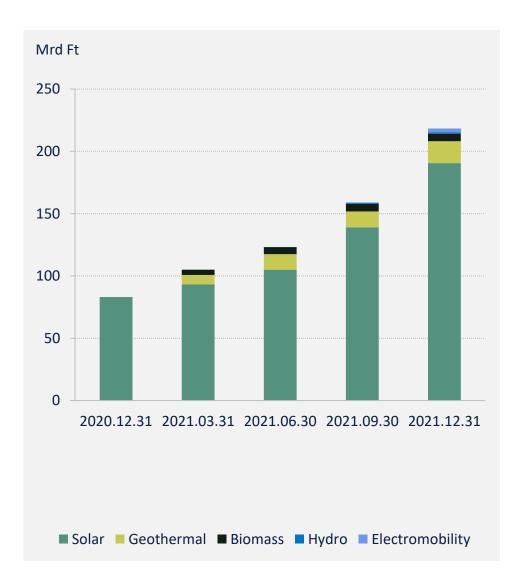


Green covered bond purchase program

# CAPITAL REQUIREMENT INCENTIVES TO PURCHASE CORPORATE GREEN LOANS AND BONDS

- 5 year program to jump-start the market
- Deduction of 5% (GBP or other general green definition) vs. 7% (EU Taxonomy) of <u>national</u> <u>amount</u> from capital requirements





### GREEN LOANS PROVIDED WITH CAPITAL REQUIREMENT INCENTIVE

### FURTHER CENTRAL BANK PLANS



Green financial product finder website

Retail demand

Practical guide on how to issue green bonds

Corporate supply

Helping full implementation of SFDR regulation to support ESG/green fund segment

Institutional investor demand

Education, training, university research

Retail demand and supply capacity





## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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