Framework
Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds

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Introduction

The priorities of Caisse des Dépôts support the broad public guidelines promoting sustainable growth, employment, local and economic development of the country. As a long-term investor, Caisse des Dépôts keep pace through the ages with the evolution of the French society. Its mission is to contribute to the sustainable development of France, namely accelerate its transition towards a resilient, low-carbon and respectful of the biodiversity economic model, while considering the social dimension of this transition. Such transition must be fair between all citizens.

Caisse des Dépôts strives to combat social divisions resulting from territorial, demographic and social inequalities. It directs its investments towards a positive impact economy that does not only focus on financial value creation, but aims at guaranteeing healthy environment and access to essential services to the majority.

Caisse des Dépôts has turned its social responsibility into a transversal ambition to which each of its businesses contribute to. This ambition forms part of a sustainable policy around three complementary pillars: internal responsibility, economic and financial responsibility, and environmental responsibility. It uses the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), a universal reference designed to end poverty, combat inequalities, injustice, and protect the planet. It has started analyzing the activities of all its business lines using the SDGs to structure its sustainable development policy action and target priorities around this matrix.

To respond to the different financing needs related to the transition towards a low carbon economy (SDG 7 and 13), the Caisse des Dépôts Group has already adapted and directed its financings towards projects and companies contributing to decarbonize the economy. This is particularly directed towards sectors dedicated to clean transportation and sustainable urbanization, the production of renewable energies and the development of energy efficiency solutions in the real estate and industry.

Prior to the COP 21, the Group has pledged to disburse EUR 15bn between 2014 and 2017 to finance the sectors described above. This target having been reached, Caisse des Dépôts and Bpifrance have committed to financing the transition up to EUR 16bn to be disbursed between 2018 and 2020.

To reflect the broad scope of its intervention in favor of these goals, Caisse des Dépôts has decided to expand its initial Green Bond Framework to social concerns, and set up a new framework to issue Green, Social or Sustainability bonds:
- **Green Bonds** are bonds where the proceeds are applied to projects with environmental benefits (cf. Section 3 Eligible Projects);

- **Social Bonds** are bonds where the proceeds are applied to projects with social benefits (cf. Section 3 Eligible Projects);

- **Sustainability Bonds** are bonds where the proceeds are applied to a set of projects with environmental and social benefits (cf. Section 3 Eligible Projects);

Some social projects may have positive environmental impact, and similarly some green projects may have positive social outcomes.

Each issuance will be labelled Green Bond, Social Bond or Sustainability Bond by Caisse des Dépôts depending on the primary objectives of the projects that will be financed or refinanced.
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A committed Group
Public-interest mission

Responsible investment is at the very heart of what Caisse des Dépôts, defined by French law as a “state-owned group at the service of the public interest and of the country’s economic development”, stands and works for.

Today its first ambition is to reduce social inequalities and territorial divisions, with the mobilization of all its business lines, through the rise of innovative, sustainable and solidarity projects in the service of the territories.

In front of the major challenges related to the widening of the territorial development gap and the ageing of the population, Caisse des Dépôts has rallying its efforts to respond to social issues and protect the most fragile population, and direct its investments towards a positive impact economy that does not focus only on financial value creation, in order to guarantee access to essential services to the majority.

In 2015, as part of its 2030 Development Agenda, the UN introduced seventeen sustainable development goals (SDGs) designed to eradicate extreme poverty, fight in-equality and injustice and protect the planet over the next fifteen years.

The purpose of these goals, over the coming years, is to help public entities and companies structure their business models and strategies. Therefore, and to ensure these goals are fully incorporated into both its values and its missions, Caisse des Dépôts is committed to using its influence and capacity to help achieve the SDGs. The Group has started analyzing the activities of all its business lines using the SDGs to structure its sustainable development policy action and target priorities around this matrix.
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Value creation incorporating social concerns

Caisse des Dépôts is a long-term investor. As such, it believes that by shaping its investment policy around environmental, economic, social, societal, governance and management considerations it is assisting the balanced and sustainable development of the economy and of society.

On account of its mission, the Group carries out its activities from a long-term and pluralistic value creation. It encompasses a balance of:

- **Financial value**: the security of the deposits it is entrusted with, the long-term yield of its portfolio, and recurring profits
- **Intangible value**: the preservation of the trust that the Group inspires in those benefiting from its activities
- **Societal value**: the impact of the Group’s activities on society and the environment, and their ability to meet the needs of the end beneficiaries which feed the Group’s strategic priorities

The Group’s responsible policy defines three complementary principles to translate its vision:

1. **A capital allocation consistent with its mission**:
   - A capital allocation consistent with its strategic positions, which are presented in its medium-term strategy plan, to reduce societal divisions;

2. **An exemplary actor**:
   - The respect for legal frameworks through a proactive compliance process;
   - The application of sectorial exclusions such as anti-personnel mines, cluster bombs, tobacco, thermal coal, etc.;

3. **An investor committed to ESG**:
   - The systematic analysis of ESG\(^1\) issues associated with its activities, and consideration of these issues when integrating assets to the portfolio and in subsequent asset management decisions, according to the procedures specific to each asset class;
   - A commitment throughout the entire asset holding period, reflected in support for the company and the close monitoring of ESG issues and progress made;
   - A strict voting and governance\(^2\) policy for listed companies, communicated in the principles and guide used by Caisse des Dépôts representatives;
   - ESG-related goals for the investment managers and for those of Caisse des Dépôts’ component organizations carrying out investment activities.

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\(^1\) ESG: environmental, social, governance

\(^2\) “General principles on the governance of listed companies” available here: [https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/sites/default/files/medias/institutionnel/general_principles.pdf](https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/sites/default/files/medias/institutionnel/general_principles.pdf)
This policy, in the form of a Group Charter for Responsible Investment, is designed to cover all investment activities, across entities and asset classes. When applicable thematic policies have been designed to guide the implementation of the Charter.

Caisse des Dépôts communicates on its contribution as a responsible investor in the annual reports and in the reporting under the Principles for Responsible Investments (PRI) of the United Nations, of which Caisse des Dépôts was a co-sponsor and founding signatory.

3 https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/responsible-investment
Climate Challenge

As a major challenge for society, climate change is having an increasing effect on our everyday life, on business and on every territory, whose resilience is being tested. On a global scale, climate disruptions are affecting the stability of our ecosystems, demographics, economy, finances and socio-political systems, which are all interdependent.

The financial sector has a major part to play in supporting and speeding-up the rise of a low-carbon economy enabling to limit global temperatures increase to 1.5°C by 2100 above pre-industrial levels. This will be done by directing capital the economy towards a more carbon-neutral and environmentally friendly model. In France alone, investments needed to ensure such a transition by 2050 are evaluated at nearly EUR 60bn per year.

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4 According to the « Stratégie nationale bas carbone » and the « Programmation pluriannuelle de l’énergie »
As a long-term responsible investor, Caisse des Dépôts has set as strategic priority: taking into account the climate risk in investment’s decision on one side and on the other side the Group’s contribution to a green economy. The Group pays close attention to the convergence of its activities with the Paris agreement for climate, that require the states to "making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development."

The Group’s action towards Ecological and Energy Transition (EET) is declined into five transversal objectives described below and applied throughout the different investing business lines.

**Increasing financing dedicated to the ecological and energy transition**

To respond to the different financing needs related to the transition towards a low carbon economy, the Caisse des Dépôts Group has adapted and directed its financings towards projects and companies contributing to decarbonize the economy. This is particularly directed towards sectors dedicated to clean transportation and sustainable urbanization, the production of renewable energies and the development of energy efficiency solutions in the real estate and the industry.

The Group has committed to disburse EUR 15bn between 2014 and 2017 to these financings. This includes EUR 10bn in loans to local authorities and social housing agencies via Caisse des Dépôts and close to EUR 4bn in loans for companies of the EET via Bpifrance. This target has been fully reached at the end of 2017 with EUR 18bn allocated in 4 years. Caisse des Dépôts and Bpifrance have committed again to finance the EET by EUR 16bn between 2018 and 2020.

The monitoring of such funding and commitments is disclosed on an annual basis in the activity report and the social responsibility report.
Decarbonize its portfolios

The Group Caisse des Dépôts contributes to the decarbonization of the real economy through its investment portfolios. This approach seeks to identify, assess and control climate change-related risks in order to book the long-term performance of its investment.

The Group Caisse des Dépôts set the target to reduce the carbon footprint of its fully-owned listed equity and corporate bond portfolios by 20% between 2014 and 2020. To achieve such objective, Caisse des Dépôts endeavors shareholder dialogue to discuss energy and climate related issues, to encourage its portfolio companies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. If the voluntary reduction of emissions from these companies appears to be insufficient in the medium-term, the Group may reallocate holdings within the portfolios to ensure the Group’s carbon footprint reduction target is reached.

At the end of 2018 the carbon footprint of the Group’s equity and corporate bond portfolios had reduced by more than 45% and 54% respectively compared to 2014.

Caisse des Dépôts and Bpifrance joined in 2018 the Climate 2020 initiative, the first collective commitment in French capital investment in favor of a sustainable and transparent management of greenhouse gas emissions by companies.

Regarding sovereign issuers Caisse des Dépôts has put in place a monitoring of the States’ commitments in greenhouse gas reduction. To achieve this, Caisse des Dépôts lists the commitments in terms of greenhouse gas emissions and follows the global volume of emissions for each State for which the Group holds a debt title. In case of a proven drift compared to the States’ announced objectives, the Group could consider a change in the allocation.

The Group has set the target to reduce energy consumption by 38% on its fully-owned real estate portfolio by 2030. The weight given to the energy performance criteria in the investment process, both in the acquisition policy (labelling) and in asset management (rehabilitation, green leasing), will help meeting such objective.

From 2019 on, Banque des Territoires, which centralizes the operating divisions of Caisse des Dépôts, extended the Group’s real-estate to its own investments in the territories.

An assessment of greenhouse gas emissions generated and avoided by infrastructure investment has been carried out on a significant perimeter of Caisse des Dépôts’ portfolio.
The Group signed the Montréal Carbon Pledge and is a member of the Portfolio Decarbonization Coalition. It is committed to assess on a yearly basis and make its portfolio’s carbon footprint (estimation of greenhouse gas emissions) public to assess the status of the decarbonization process.

This measure has been carried out since 2015 for the whole of equity portfolios managed directly by the Group. It is published yearly in the Group’s institutional reports.

Assessing and managing climate risks

The Group Caisse des Dépôts is willing to include climate issues in the risk assessment and management processes. This objective is declined into four main pillars:

- Explicit integration of climate risks in the governance tools (Group risk management charter, Internal Control Principles, risk mapping, etc.);
- Inclusion of climate risk in internal credit rating and solvency models;
- Assessment of climate risk along balance sheet axis;
- Assessment of the impact of global climate scenarios and studying of the sensitivity to specific risks;

The different measures aim at contributing to the transition of the real economy to a low-carbon economy limiting climate change to a 1.5°C raise compared to pre-industrial era.
The Group will follow-up the methodological works to objectivize and strengthen its contribution to such a scenario. The Group aims at contributing to the development, implementation and dissemination of good practices and national and international standards in this field.

When considering climate stakes, the Group will endeavor to consider the economic, industrial, social and environmental consequences of climate risk management’s scenarios as well as the consequences of a disruption of the world climate system.

**Shareholder engagement on climate and energy issues**

Caisse des Dépôts uses its influence as a shareholder to encourage companies towards further transparency and higher environmental performance. The companies whose shares are held by the Group are requested to design a medium-term environmental and energy transition (EET) strategy, to define a quantitative reduction of greenhouse gas emissions target for 2020, and to set up governance adapted to this process.

To this end, the Group will strive to:
- carry on pre-investment **analysis of climate and environmental issues for each of its investment projects**, in addition to preexisting ESG analysis
- **monitor portfolio assets on these issues** where they represent a material issue
- before portfolio companies’ general meeting, the Group will assess all **environmental resolutions** and will support the resolutions in line with its vision of the company’s long-term stakes. Caisse des Dépôts will be able to disclose its position.

Caisse des Dépôts can disclose its votes in terms of environmental resolutions. Information related to shareholder commitments to climate is published in the Group’s social responsibility report.

Caisse des Dépôts accompanies the non-listed funds in strengthening the climate change inclusion in management decisions, in containing greenhouse gas emissions. Caisse des Dépôts has adapted its investment process accordingly.
Restrict financing to the coal exposed assets

Reducing thermal coal exploitation is one of the main criteria to steer international energy transition scenarios and contribute to the achievement of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in terms of climate change, biodiversity, water and oceans’ protection, and good health.

Caisse des Dépôts Group implements strict financing conditions for assets related to thermal coal. The Group pledges not to invest in listed equity and bonds of companies whose activity’s exposure to thermal coal exceeds 10% of the turnover.

It is also committed not to finance new coal-based energy production capacities (greenfield) on its equity investments and its credit activities in territorial projects. Caisse des Dépôts cannot invest in existing coal-based production facilities (brownfield) unless investments are made to contribute to the transition of those facilities towards renewable energy. The transition of these existing units towards renewable energy will be systematically controlled.

Caisse des Dépôts uses its influence as a shareholder to prompt companies which residual turnover relies on thermic coal to downsize their activities in this area in order to aim at a coal-based electricity production close to 0 before the second half of the century and in line with the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) recommendations.
Fundamental principles of the issuance
Caisse des Dépôts wishes to propose to investors Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds in line with robust and structuring principles for both the market and itself.

**Consistency**

The issuance of Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds is fully consistent with Caisse des Dépôts' strategy. As a long-term investor, Caisse des Dépôts accompanies the evolution of the French society acting mainly for the transition to a low-carbon economic model and to reduce social inequalities, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

*Illustration: Caisse des Dépôts will use the proceeds to finance or refinance green assets (real estate assets, infrastructures for the production and storage of renewable energies, de-pollution and remediation of sites, infrastructures and sustainable transportation services, eco-efficient data center) and social assets (digital access via fiber optic networks, digital, training and professional integration organizations, Economic and Social Solidarity companies, medico-social assets).*

**Transparency**

In line with market best-practices, issuances provide transparency on the characteristics of the Green, Social and Sustainability bonds (asset selection criteria, procedures for the evaluation and selection of projects, management of proceeds) and communication in the form of reports on the commitments made (effective allocation of flows, project compliance, ESG indicators).

*Illustration: Caisse des Dépôts will publish a complete annual report dedicated to the allocated bonds in the year following its issuance. This global report will include previous investments made in the context of the inaugural Green bond issuance.*
**Exemplarity**

The vocation of Caisse des Dépôts is to accompany the structuring of this market and as such to promote its best practices.

*Illustration: Caisse des Dépôts, member Issuer of the “Green Bond Principles” (GBP) and member Observer of the “Social Bond Principles” (SBP) ensures compliance with its recommendations, especially that of using review and external certifications.*

**Readability**

The definition and implementation of processes (selection of assets, assets matching, publication of reports), both internal and external, simple, clear and readable is a priority objective.

*Illustration: Caisse des Dépôts integrates all the procedures specific to the Green, Social or Sustainability Bonds within its usual investment processes and procedures.*

**Scalability**

Caisse des Dépôts’ intention is to use these Green, Social and Sustainability transactions to constantly improve its processes for monitoring the impacts of assets and their relationships.

*Illustration: Caisse des Dépôt initiates with its partners, a contractual work of the environmental and social objectives of the assets and their measurement.*

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5 *Green Bond Principles* published in June 2018 by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA)
6 *Social Bond Principles* published in June 2018 by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA)
Eligible projects
Caisse des Dépôts structures the issuance of the Green, Social and Sustainability bonds as what it is and as what it does: long-term support of ecological and energy transition in France and the reduction of social and territorial inequalities.

These transactions must be a faithful reflection of its action, both when it invests significant amounts in innovative projects with high national and international visibility, and when it accompanies local projects that are decisive for territories by participating in the sensitization of its partners on ESG.

In front of the major challenges related to the aggravation of the different levels of territorial development and the ageing of the population, Caisse des Dépôts rallies to meet the social challenges for the most fragile population and directs its investments towards the positive impact economy, not only to generate financial value but to provide the majority with access to essential services (housing, training, digital, health, employment).

Based on these assumptions, the following principles were used for the selection of assets:

- Financing in equity or quasi-equity⁷;
- Not likely to be subject of major controversy;
- Generating a balanced distribution between: (i) financing and refinancing and (ii) future projects and projects in operation;
- Highlighting Caisse des Dépôts expertise on main intervention sectors for environmental and social purposes;

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In case of refinancing, disbursements related to Eligible Projects made in the 2 calendar years prior to the issuance may be allocated to the bonds.

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⁷ Comptes courants d’associés, obligations convertibles, prêts participatifs

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The eligibility criteria (see. Table 2 Page 22) are intended to enable the identification of eligible projects by analyzing their intrinsic qualities. Therefore, any project that does not meet these criteria is excluded.

No weighting of the criteria occurs: when there are multiple criteria, all of them must be exhaustively fulfilled.

The leveraged projects are mainly through greenfield equity financing and are not likely to have been previously financed by a Green, Social or Sustainability Bond.
### Table 2 - Project eligibility grid

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| **Renewable electricity generation** | • On shore and offshore Wind farms  
• Solar photovoltaic  
• Micro-hydraulic\(^8\)  
• Marine energy\(^9\)  
• Biomass  
• Geothermal | Territorial projects in France purged of any recourse, having all the authorizations and permits and controversy-free (especially environmental) following the impact studies.  
Solid biomass wood-based applications: biomass supply within a radius of 100 km around the production unit, avoiding competition for food crops and land and benefiting from Sustainable Forest Management Certification PEFC. | • Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by substitution from fossil or nuclear fuels to the benefit of renewable energies  
• Installation of renewable additional capacities and increase of existing ones | Support to green employment in the concerned area |
| **Efficient heat production**    | Rehabilitation or construction of:  
• Heating or cooling networks  
• Cogeneration biomass, geothermal, gas or solar thermodynamic  
• Downstream of industrial units or waste incineration | Territorial projects in France:  
• Labelled “Écoréseau de chaleur” (heat eco-network)  
• CO2 emissions below 500g CO2.kWh  
• End-User tariffs in lower third\(^10\)  
• High energy density of the network | Valuation of fatal heating (heat derived from a production site and recoverable) and reducing of GHG emissions | Support to green employment in the concerned area |
| **Renewable energy storage**     | Intermittent renewable energy storage:  
• Mechanical technology: pumped hydroelectric energy storage (PHES), compressed air energy storage (CAES)  
• Thermal and thermochemical technology: sensible heat or latent heat, energy by sorption  
• Chemical technology: storage in the form of oxygen or hydrogen gas | Territorial projects in France purged of any recourse, having all the authorizations and permits and controversy-free (especially environmental) following the impact studies.  
Projects considered as eligible by the EETC (“Energy and ecological transition for the climate”) label nomenclature. | Reduction of GHG emissions by facilitating the use of renewable energies by mitigating their intermittency | Support to green employment in the concerned area |

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\(^8\) Development and operation of new installations with an electrical power between 1 MW and 4.5 MW that are not subject to the hydraulic concessions regime pursuant to Article L. 511-5 of the Energy Code, or in-closes within the perimeter of an existing hydraulic concession.

\(^9\) Production of electricity thanks to the natural flows of currents and tides, and marine matter.

\(^10\) Economic competitiveness criterion is inspired by the label "Écoréseau de chaleur" (heat eco-network), created by AMORCE, to distinguish the communities for their heating networks meeting 3 criteria: (i) Environmental: a distributed heat resulting for more than 50% of the energies renewable and recovery; (ii) Economic: a global heating bill for the end user lower than the reference solution, and (iii) Social: a place of consultation to report on the operation of this public service to subscribers and users.
### Sub-sectors

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<td>Reduction of energy consumptions and GHG emission (especially when some materials allow to reduce energy of buildings)</td>
<td>Fight against fuel poverty (reduction of energy bills and/or fight against cold and humidity), Support to green employment in the concerned area</td>
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**Green buildings**

- Tertiary real estate
- Residential real estate
- Commercial real estate
- Leisure, sport and cultural real estate
- Tourist residences
- Resorts

**Soils decontamination**

- Decontamination of grounds and basements for all types of sites to make them suitable for a new industrial, commercial or residential use: Physical treatment, Chemical treatment, Biological treatment, Thermal treatment

- Landscapes located in Europe, mostly in France (>50%)

- Targeted sites of small or medium size (from 1 to 20 hectares), significantly polluted (soil and building) with a strong redevelopment potential, located near major urban areas suffering a shortage of building land.

- Cost of decontamination very important compared to the overall budget of the development operation.

- Preservation of the biodiversity and reduction of GHG emissions by avoiding new artificialisation of land holdings via urban extension

- Improvement of the living environment by reducing exposure to polluting substances (e.g. stream, groundwater)

- Support to green employment in the concerned area

**Sustainable transportation and mobility**

- Rail transport infrastructure for freight and/or passenger transport
- Waterway transport infrastructure for freight and/or passenger transport
- Intermodal exchange hubs enabling transfers: Combined transport platforms: rail-road, or rail-river, or sea-fluvial.
- Multimodal platforms allowing access to clean modes (train station, river port…)
- Fleets of clean rolling materials and associated refuelling / supplying infrastructure (electric technologies, hydrogen, gas excluded)
- Operators of smart and sustainable mobility services based on clean rolling materials (carsharing, carpooling, clean urban logistics…)

- Territorial projects in France purged of any recourse, having all the authorizations and permits and controversy-free

- Operational investment platforms.
- Rail transport: Electric locomotives only.
- Clean rolling material: electric technologies and hydrogen.

- Reduction of GHG emissions

- Mobility services for population in need¹², improvement of security.

- Reduction of local atmospheric pollutants

- Support of green employment in the concerned region

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¹¹ Energy performance thresholds RT 2012: Housings 50 kWh/m²/year, Offices 70 kWh/m²/year, Shops 320 kWh/m²/year, Hotels, Retirement homes 100 kWh/m²/year, Logistic 50 kWh/m²/year.

¹² One of the objectives of the Transport Department is to bring out innovative services for smart and sustainable mobility in the demand segments not covered by major industrial or digital players, particularly for underserved populations such as seniors.
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<td>Fight against inadequate housing and access to housing</td>
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<td>• through building acquisition or long-term location by ‘perpetual lease’ or through renovation;</td>
<td>Target populations: person living without adequate housing, household in position of insecurity and exclusion</td>
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<td>Reduction of medical deserts</td>
<td>• Construction/renovation/extension of multi-disciplinary health centres</td>
<td>Territorial projects in France purged of any recourse, having all the authorizations and permits and controversy-free, established in a territory:</td>
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<td>Improve the availability of medical care and the health situation of the population</td>
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<td>Investments in the development of local investment companies (mixed-economy company) in the health sector</td>
<td>• Where the population is more than 20min away from at least one local health service</td>
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<td>Reduce territorial and social health inequalities, especially in terms of transportation time and distance to access to care (medical deserts)</td>
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<td>• Support to health professionals through the purchase of materials, mobility and training</td>
<td>• Depending on the rate of availability of medical services in a territory</td>
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<td>• Equipment of medical and health establishments in the deployment of e-medicine</td>
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<td>Target populations: people from peri-urban/rural areas considered medical deserts (areas with health offer shortages)</td>
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<td>Improve empowerment and health situation of elderly people and reduce social health inequalities</td>
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<td>• Construction/renovation/extension of retirement home, EHPAD and senior health homes</td>
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<td>Reduction of energy consumption and GHG emissions</td>
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<td>• Support to health professionals in the elderly care sector</td>
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Process of evaluation and selection of projects
Caisse des Dépôts integrates its Green, Social and Sustainable Bonds approach into its investment process.

1. Project identification and eligibility analysis

The investment teams inquiring Caisse des Dépôts' new projects are trained in each selected domain to identify from the inception of each project its capacity to comply with the list of eligible assets.

They are in charge of analyzing the main extra-financial risks related to the projects, based on information collected from ESG evaluation agencies, companies and external research. For each project, a study of the territorial context and the stakes of the new investment completes the initial analysis, including a pre-identification of positive externalities related to the project.

These teams are also responsible for verifying that the projects under study have received all necessary environmental and social regulatory approvals.

2. Commitment decision and confirmation of eligibility

The identified assets are then subject to a second documented analysis with respect to their compliance with the eligibility criteria defined above. This examination is carried out at the time of their review by the commitment committee (see Appendix 1).

The business experts and the Risk Department are consulted before the commitment committees and may express reserves regarding certain extra-financial risks associated with the investments.

These reserves are discussed during the committee. The latter may request additional verifications related to different types of risks identified for the project, including on its externalities, before making its decision.

3. Allocation decision

The “Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Committee” (see Appendix 2) makes the final decision on the allocation of assets earmarked to the bonds (before issuance). This Committee also regularly reviews all assets already allocated to verify that they still comply with the criteria and are not facing major controversy at this date (after issuance). The potential occurrence of such a controversy regardless of its nature (political, environmental, social, etc.) can lead to the withdrawal of the project, temporary or definitive, from the list of eligible assets. A new asset would then be proposed for allocation as a substitute.

This three-step selection and evaluation process involves all internal stakeholders involved in the project, in particular the "investor" managers (Investment Department of the Banque des Territoires and the Investment Department of the Caisse des Dépôts), the Group’s Sustainable Policy Department and the Group’s Risk Management Department.
A documented list of projects eligible to allocation is communicated since the issuance of the bond.
Management of proceeds
The Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Committee (see Appendix 2) annually decides, at mid-year, based on the annual accounts for the last two calendar years approved by auditors, whether the disbursements are allocated to the selected projects or not. The minutes enables the edition of accounting and financial reports required for the certification of effective allocation of the proceeds by one of our external auditors. Two accounting sections are created: one dedicated to the liabilities of the bond issuance itself and another one to the cash management of resources not allocated yet.

The total net proceeds of the bond will be allocated to eligible projects within 12 months following the date of issuance. In case a project becomes ineligible, or in case of asset divestment, the issuer commits to replace, as far as possible, the net proceeds allocated to this project to another eligible project within a period of 12 months.

The unallocated proceeds are managed by Caisse des Dépôts' treasury management team. This cash liquidity is invested within a maximum period of 10 working days from the settlement date of the bond and readjusted when the minutes of the annual Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Committee is produced.

Considered investment vehicles will be denominated in euros, with a maturity of less than 1 year, at a variable rate against Eonia or Euribor and rated at least A1 / P1. Short-term negotiable securities (Neu CP) or European Commercial Paper (ECP) issued by Supranational issuers, Sovereigns or Agencies (SSA) or banks are preferred.
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Reporting
Publication of the reporting is a key step when building the credibility of an issuer in the green, social and sustainability bond market by keeping investors up to date on respect with initial commitments.

Caisse des Dépôts is committed on a given frequency and quality of reportings in line with the highest requirements of international standards. Caisse des Dépôts will publish on an annual basis and as of 2020 the following reports:

1. Assurance on effective fund allocation

Caisse des Dépôts will publish an exhaustive and nominative list of financed projects. For each eligible category, the number of projects, the average share of Caisse des Dépôts financing, the invested amounts as well as the refinancing and co-financing shares will be detailed in a table. Before each new Green, Social or Sustainability bond issuance, the presentation made to investors will provide the indicative refinancing portion. The share of unallocated proceeds managed by the cash management teams will be disclosed in this report.

The Statutory Auditor of the Caisse des Dépôts Group will certify the effective allocation of proceeds to eligible projects. In line with its philosophy of integrating the "Green, Social or Sustainability Bond" process into existing procedures, the work of the auditor will follow the same calendar as the one for the audit of the annual accounts of the Caisse des Dépôts Group.

**Figure 2 - Process for proceeds monitoring and allocation**
2. Certification on the conformity of the projects

This certification delivered by the auditor validates the conformity of the assets with the eligibility criteria. For example, in real estate, it will attest the final award of the environmental label or its contractual arrangements, depending on whether the asset is delivered or at the project stage.

3. ESG indicators related to the projects

The annual reporting aims at informing the bondholders about key features of the projects based on:

- Activity indicators i.e. “output” (e.g. energy production in MWh, number of beneficiaries)
- Impact indicators (e.g. avoided CO2 emissions, number of jobs supported)

These indicators are either collected by the teams in charge of investments and then aggregated and communicated without restatement; or computed based on established formulas. Caisse des Dépôts, under the direction of its strategy department and in collaboration with external stakeholders, leads a continued reflection on this topic in order to obtain robust, opposable and relevant references for each asset class that can potentially be concerned.

Figure 3 - ESG reporting process

As part of its project of issuing a sustainability bond in 2019, Caisse des Dépôts commits to be assisted by an external expert to identify and develop ESG indicators to objectivize the environmental and social impacts of eligible projects.
This process is particularly of great importance, as Caisse des Dépôts wishes to play, alongside others key participants as the State\textsuperscript{14}, a prominent role in contributing positively to the debates animating the market, notably about the format of impact reporting. Caisse des Dépôts will engage with the rest of the involved community in a study to assess the environmental impact of the funds dedicated to the remediation of polluted sites as well as the social impact.

Caisse des Dépôts will publish a report consolidating the outputs and impact indicators at the most relevant portfolio scale. Landmark projects will be subject to more detailed presentations.

As a long-term investor, Caisse des Dépôts aims to invest in sizeable projects, as well as in local undertakings of more modest size alongside relevant partners (such as developers, investors, builders, local managers). In this context, it strives to support regional actors in their professionalism strengthening, in order to enhance their understanding of the environmental impact of their activities, notably in improving the evaluation of the effects on both the climate and the environment. In order to achieve this, Caisse des Dépôts intends\textsuperscript{15}:

- For the projects that are already subject to partnership agreements, to take measures allowing the transmission of information between all members;
- For future projects, to integrate in addition to the requirements on performance targets, the relevant indicators expected and their frequency.

\textsuperscript{14} The report on ex-post environmental impacts of expenditures funded by the Green OAT is under the supervision of an Independent Expert Evaluation Board, which held its inaugural meeting on December 11, 2017.

\textsuperscript{15} This ambitious and evolving approach will initially apply to identified projects belonging to the pool of assets eligible for the allocation of green, social and sustainability bonds, the final medium-term ambition being to generalize it to the entire investment scope.
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| Green energy and heat production and storage infrastructure | 7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services  
7.2 By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix | Production capacity  
Annual production (real/estimated for operating and construction assets)  
Amount of stored energy / storage capacity and technology used  
Number of direct jobs sustained  
CO₂ emissions avoided  
Number of household equivalent supplied |
| Green real estate                          | 7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency  
11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in the country | Energy consumption (kWhep/m²/year)  
Environmental certification and/or energy label  
Share of projects outside the Paris agglomeration  
Number of direct jobs sustained  
CO₂ emissions avoided  
Energy saving (kWhep/year) |
| Decontamination and Remediation of sites    | 15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world | Number of decontaminated sites  
Surface of decontaminated lands (ha)  
Number of direct jobs sustained  
GHG emissions avoided |
| Sustainable transport and mobility          | 9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all  
11.2 By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons  
11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in the country | Number of clean vehicles deployed by type of transport  
Number of charging stations installed  
Number of km of river transport / rail deployed  
Number of users served  
Number of direct jobs sustained in the construction phase /operational phase  
CO₂ emissions avoided |
| Digital infrastructure                     | 8.2 Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors  
9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all  
9.c Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020  
10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status | Optic fiber networks:  
Rate of coverage of the public initiative area  
Number of connectable outlets  
Number of connected dwellings  
Number of companies / public institutions subscribed  
Number of direct jobs sustained in the construction phase /operational phase  
Eco-efficient data centers:  
CO₂ emissions avoided |
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| **Education and employment integration** | 4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship  
4.5 By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous people and children in vulnerable situations  
10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status | Number of beneficiaries  
Number of trained / graduated people  
Number of hours of training or professional reintegration created  
Number of jobs sustained |
| **Social and Solidarity Economy** | 1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions  
8.3 Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services  
10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status | Number of beneficiary companies  
Number of final recipients  
Number of jobs sustained |
| **Social real estate** | 1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions  
1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance  
10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status  
11.1 By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums | Number of beneficiaries  
Number of jobs sustained |
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| Healthcare and social-healthcare |                                                                               | 3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all  
10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or other status  
ODD specific to health and social real estate:  
7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency  
11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in the country  
Number of health centers built / renovated  
Number of beneficiaries (additional capacity available)  
Number of medical consultations per year (GPs, Specialists)  
Increase in % of the population served by local medical care  
Evolution indicator of localized potential accessibility (APL) to the doctor, which is expressed in number of accessible consultations per year per inhabitant. Reduced access time for residents to health care  
Follow-up of the % of the adult population reporting having given up health care for financial reasons  
Health and social real estate:  
Number of retirement homes/EPHAD/senior health homes built or renovated  
Number of additional places available  
Annual energy consumption (by m²)  
Environmental Certifications  
Number of direct jobs sustained  
CO₂ emissions avoided  
Energy saving (kWhep/year) |
Second Party Opinion by Vigeo Eiris
SECOND PARTY OPINION: ON THE SUSTAINABILITY CREDENTIALS OF CAISSE DES DÉPÔTS ET CONSIGNATIONS’ GREEN, SOCIAL & SUSTAINABLE BOND FRAMEWORK

May 10th 2019

SCOPE

Vigeo Eiris was commissioned to provide an independent opinion (hereafter “Second Party Opinion” or “SPO”) on the sustainability credentials and management of the Green, Social & Sustainable Bond Framework created by Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (the “Issuer” or “CDC”) to govern all potential Green, Social and Sustainable bonds to be issued under the Framework (the “Bonds”).

Our opinion is established according to Vigeo Eiris’ Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) exclusive assessment methodology for the assessment of social responsibility performance and risks (Environmental, Social and Governance, “ESG”) and to the International Capital Market Association’s Green Bond Principles (“GBP”) and Social Bond Principles (“SBP”) voluntary guidelines (referred to as the “Principles”), both edited in June 2018.

Our opinion is built on the review of the following components:

1) Issuer: assessment of the Issuer’s ESG performance as evaluated in September 2017, its management of potential stakeholders-related ESG controversies and its involvement in controversial activities.

2) Issuance: assessment of the Framework, including the coherence between the Framework and the Issuer’s environmental commitments, its potential contribution to sustainability and its alignment with the four core components of the GBP and SBP 2018.

Our sources of information are multichannel, combining data from (i) public information gathered from public sources, press content providers and stakeholders, (ii) information from Vigeo Eiris exclusive ESG rating database, and (iii) information provided by the Issuer through documents and interviews conducted with Issuer’s managers and stakeholders involved in the Green Social or Sustainable Bonds issuance, held via a telecommunications system.

We carried out our due diligence assessment from March 2019 to May 2019. We consider that we were provided with access to all the appropriate documents and interviewees we solicited. We consider that the information made available enables us to establish our opinion with a reasonable level of assurance on its completeness, precision and reliability.

VIGEO EIRIS’ OPINION

Vigeo Eiris is of the opinion that the Green, Social & Sustainable Bond Framework of Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations is aligned with the four core components of the Green and Social Bond Principles 2018.

We express a reasonable assurance³ (our highest level of assurance) on the Issuer’s commitments and on the contribution of the contemplated Bonds to sustainability.

1) Issuer

As of September 2017, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations displays an overall advanced ESG performance, ranking 1st within our “Specific Purpose Banks & Agencies” sector which covers 15 companies. The Issuer’s managerial performance appears advanced in all three pillars: Environment, Social and Governance. Our assurance that the Issuer’s risk factors are adequately managed is reasonable, including reputational, human capital, legal and operational risks.

As of May 7th 2019, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations is involved in isolated controversy related to internal control and risk management. The severity of its impact on both the institution and its stakeholders is considered weak. The Issuer is considered remedial. The Issuer is not involved in any of the 15 controversial activities screened under Vigeo Eiris’ methodology.

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¹ This opinion is to be considered as the “Second Party Opinion” described in the voluntary guidelines (June 2018 Edition) edited by the International Capital Market Association (www.tcmgroup.org).

² The 15 controversial activities analysed by Vigeo Eiris are: Alcohol, Animal welfare, Chemicals of concern, Civilian firearms, Fossil Fuels Industry, Coal, Tar sands and oil shale, Gambling, Genetic engineering, High interest rate lending, Military, Nuclear power, Pornography, Reproductive medicine, and Tobacco.

³ Definition of Vigeo Eiris’ scales of assessment (as detailed in the Methodology section).
Appendices
Appendix 1: Commitment Committee of Caisse des Dépôts

Excerpts of the internal regulations of the Caisse des Dépôts' decision-making bodies.

Applicable thresholds

In the **investment and co-investments** domain:

- Investments or expenses greater than or equal to EUR 50m are examined in the Commitments Committee (CDE Group) of the Caisse des dépôts et consignations (CDC);
- Investments or expenses greater than or equal to EUR 10m and less than EUR 50m are examined in the Commitments Committee (CE) of the Banque des Territoires (BdT);
- The National Commitment Committee (CNE) of the Investment Department is in charge of all investment cases of less than EUR 10m, corresponding engineering credits and other non-deconcentrated charges.
- For the City, Tourism and Real Estate sectors, investments of less than EUR 1m (cumulated amounts) are deconcentrated in the Regional Management under the following conditions: (i) any legal structure, including SEM, (ii) without capital limitations, and (iii) an accumulated amount of less than EUR 1m and the corresponding engineering credits.

**Group Commitment Committee**

A. **Scope**

The following operations initiated by the public entity and the subsidiaries are the responsibility of the Commitment Committee:

1) Investment or divestment transactions in equity, by way of acquisition or disposal, participation in a capital increase, quasi-equity and financing transactions;

2) Operation of mandated activities for third parties and investment in real estate and information systems;
3) Creation, development or removal of new products, contact with new clients, development of new professions, validation of doctrines and strategies, creation of subsidiaries, development of activity in a new country; a new product or client refer to a new legal product categories or clients for the Directorate or subsidiary;

4) Exceptional operations: any exceptional operation by nature or amount.

B. Organization

**Frequency:** ordinary meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, or exceptional upon request

**Chairman:** the CEO, in case of absence or incapacity, his deputies

**Permanent members:** (who can be represented)

- The CEO;
- The deputy CEO;
- Heads of Group financial Department, of the general secretariat, of Group risk Department, of permanent Control and Compliance Department and of Legal Department;
- Committee secretariat.

**Members invited according to projects submitted**

- the managers in charge of the strategy, the management of the public institution and the Group or their representative;
- on the proposal of the CDE secretariat and with the agreement of the chairman, depending on the files, the managers of the services of the Public Institution and the Group or their representative and, at their request, the collaborators involved in the realization of the project;
- external experts with the agreement of the CDE’s Chairman.

**Banque des Territoires Commitment Committee (CNE BdT)**

A. **Scope**

CNE BdT committee must opine:

- On new proposals for commitments (equity and quasi-equity, debt instruments, guarantees and charges);
- If any modification of reserves and conditions issued during a previous committee;
- If any event with a significant impact on commitments occurred.

Two cases for a file to be presented to the committee:

- For decision, in the case of a firm commitment request;
- For orientation, in the case of a request concerning the entry of the Caisse des Dépôts into negotiations with a partner(s), without a firm commitment request at this stage.
B. Organization

**Frequency:** ordinary meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, or exceptional upon request
**Chairman:** the CEO of la Banque des Territoires in case of absence or incapacity his deputies
**Secretary:** Commitment Management Service of the Finance Department of the BdT

**Permanent members:** (who can be represented)
- CEO of la Banque des Territoires;
- Head of BdT financial department;
- managers in charge of risk, permanent control and compliance, legal affairs, tax and related services, and the network;
- Committee secretariat.

**Members invited depending on the projects submitted**
- The directors of the profession concerned;
- The regional directors concerned;
- The project managers, representatives of the profession or regional management who have investigated the project;
- external experts after the agreement of the CC BdT’s Chairman;
- A representative of the services in charge of the management of the Public Establishment.

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**Investor CNE BdT**

**Frequency:** The Committee meets on the basis of an annual calendar defined at the beginning of the financial year
**Chairman:** the head of BdT investment
**Secretary:** Secretariat of the Investor Committee of the Finance Department BdT

**Permanent members:** (who can be represented)
- Head of BdT investment department, committee chairman or his deputy
- The Committee secretary or his representative;
- a representative of the network department for a project with territorial impact;
- a representative of the Strategic Planning Service of the public institution
- Directors responsible for risk, permanent control and compliance, as well as legal and related services.

**Members invited according to projects submitted**
- The regional directors concerned;
- The heads of investor business concerned;
- The project managers and experts concerned.

The representatives of all departments concerned may also participate in the Committee.
Appendix 2: Green Social and Sustainability Bond Committee

Main assignments

"Green, Social and Sustainability Bond" Committee is responsible for:

- decision to allocate the bond proceeds to eligible projects which have already been disbursed;
- reviewing the follow-up of projects already allocated by ensuring that they comply with the eligibility criteria over time;
- decision, if relevant, to replace any project becoming ineligible;
- if necessary, completing the pool of projects of an existing issuance;
- monitoring of unallocated proceeds towards potential eligible projects;
- specifying to cash management the amount to be reinvested, the cash management dealing with the investment of excess cash amounts;
- updating eligibility criteria.

Organization

Frequency: annual
Chairman: The head of Group Financial Department
Secretary: the manager of the Risk Assessment and Data Management Department

Other members: (who can be represented)

- The head of the investment department of Banque des Territoires;
- The head of the financial department of Banque des Territoires;
- The manager of the Extra-Financial Evaluation Division of Banque des Territoires;
- The manager of subsidiary CDC GPI;
- The manager of the Risk Assessment and Data Management Department
- The manager of the Group sustainable policy;
- The manager of Studies and Coordination within the Accounting and Financial Group Department;
- The manager of Accounting service within the financial execution department
- The manager of Banking, Finance and Capital Markets within the Legal and Associated Services Department
- The manager of Balance Sheet Risk and Validation of Models within the Group Risk Department;
- According to the subjects treated, any person whose presence would be deemed useful by the committee.
Appendix 3: Relevant links to the site of Caisse des Dépôts

Investor relations
http://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/investor-relations

The Group at the service of ecology and new energies

The Group at the service of real estate and housing
https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/housing-and-property

La Banque des Territoires
https://www.banquedesterritoires.fr/

CSR Challenges

Governance of CSR
https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/governance-csr

Responsible investment
https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/responsible-investment

Fair Practices
https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/fair-practices

Internal responsibility
https://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/internal-responsibility

Our reports
http://www.caissedesdepots.fr/en/reporting
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