



**Sustainable Finance**

- EQA Spain is a leading entity in certification, inspection, verification of R&D projects, ESG standards, Compliance, and Quality Systems.
- For over 10 years, EQA Spain has provided assessments of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues. These include greenhouse gases verification reports and audits related to corporate governance such as anti-bribery, money laundering, tax guarantee systems and compliance evaluations in general.
- Our main corporate values are technical capacity and independence.
- Our verifications cover several sectors, including solar, wind, water infrastructure, low carbon buildings, low carbon transport and renewable marine energy. EQA provide services in different stages: Second Party Opinion, Pre-Issuance Verification, Post-Issuance Verification, Reporting Verification and Impact Reports Verification.



**Carbon  
Footprint**

**Verification of  
GHG emissions**

**Energy  
Audit**

**Climate  
Projects**

**Eco - Design**

**GRI  
Verification**

**ISO 26000  
Verification**

**Non - Financial  
Verification  
Report**

**SDG Alignment  
Verification**

**Criminal Risk  
Prevention  
Verification**

**Anti - bribery  
Verification**

**Criminal  
Compliance  
Certification**

**Tax  
Compliance  
Certification**

**AML and  
ATF Audit**

Sustainable Finance integrates environmental, social and governance factors in their investment processes.

## What is a Green Bond?

Is a debt instrument where the proceeds will be exclusively used to finance or re-finance, in part or in full, new and/or existing eligible green projects and which are aligned with the four core components of the Green Bond Principles.

## What is a Green Loan?

Is a debt instrument made exclusively to finance or re-finance, in whole or in part, new and/or existing eligible green projects, this instrument must be aligned with the four core components of the Green Loan Principles.

## What is a Social Bond?

Is a debt instrument where proceeds are exclusively used to finance or re-finance, in whole or in part, new and/or eligible social projects, and it's aligned with the four components of the Social Bond Principles.

## What is a Sustainable Bond?

Is a debt instrument where proceeds are exclusively used to finance or re-finance a combination of green and social projects. The issuance is aligned to the four core components of the Green Bond Principles, and the four core components of the Social Bonds Principles.



EQA provides the following services:

## **Second Party Opinion**

This is an external and independent assessment of the issuer or bond's sustainability framework. An SPO guarantees the framework is aligned with industry's best practices and meets market expectations. An SPO also provides an additional level of trust to key stakeholders.

## **Pre-Issuance Verification**

This is an independent review and verification of the bond's and/or issuer's framework which is carried out prior to the debt issuance. This process is mandatory when the issuer is looking to obtain CBI certification.

## **Post-Issuance Verification**

This is a mandatory part of the CBI Certification Scheme. The Post-Issuance verification is an external review which provides assurance that the bonds proceeds have been allocated properly and confirm the plans found in the Pre-Issuance report. The Verification service must be provided by a CBI's approved external Verifier.

## **Verification of Annual Reports**

This is a third-party review of the annual reporting of the bond/debt issuance. This reporting is usually performed by the Issuer and aims to provide updates annually to all stakeholders. This report contains information such as up-to-date information on the use of proceeds, the projects that have been financed or re-financed, and if there have been any material changes to the debt instrument.

## **Verification of Impact Reports**

This is a third-party verification of the impact reports provided by the Issuer. An impact report typically includes Key Performance Indicators which measure the real impact of the projects.





## **An Agile Methodology**

EQA has a methodology that is both agile and robust. This ensures the service delivered meets with the highest quality standards. It also provides high value add to the Issuer and investors. Our clients' needs are an essential part of our commitment.



## **Science Based Evaluation**

Our assessments are based on scientific analysis, backed by over 2,500 technical experts. This guarantees a rigorous analysis and ensures proper coverage of all the economic sectors.



## **Independence**

EQA operates without any potential conflicts of interest. We believe this is essential to bring transparency and trust to the market.

**Kick-off Meeting**

Framework  
Review

Evidence  
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Interviews with  
Key Personnel

Production of  
SPO or  
Verification Report

1. Establishment of working groups for both the Issuer and the Verifier.
2. Definition of roles and responsibilities.
3. Development and agreement of the project's timeline.
4. Documentation and information request of the bond, loan or financial instrument.



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1. Review of the issuance's framework with the objective of assessing its alignment with the Climate Bonds Initiative standard and/or other international standards.
2. It is possible to provide further clarification as well as further support documentation during this process, if applicable.





Always under CBI and/or international standards, EQA reviews:

1. Criteria and methodology used by the Issuer to select eligible projects and assets .
2. Scientific evaluation of the climate objectives set by the issuance's eligible projects and assets .





1. Interviews with Issuer's key members of staff who have been involved in the debt issuance; this step allows EQA to confirm the processes involved when designing the issuance's framework.
2. Meeting with the bond, loan or financial instrument committee in order to confirm the decision-making process and the eligibility criteria used. This step aims to evaluate the sustainability objectives set for the issuance.





1. Summary of the findings made by the scientific analysis and further assessments
2. Production of the SPO or Verification report, including final conclusions.



The proposed timeline is based on key activities identified according to our experience and the needs of our clients.

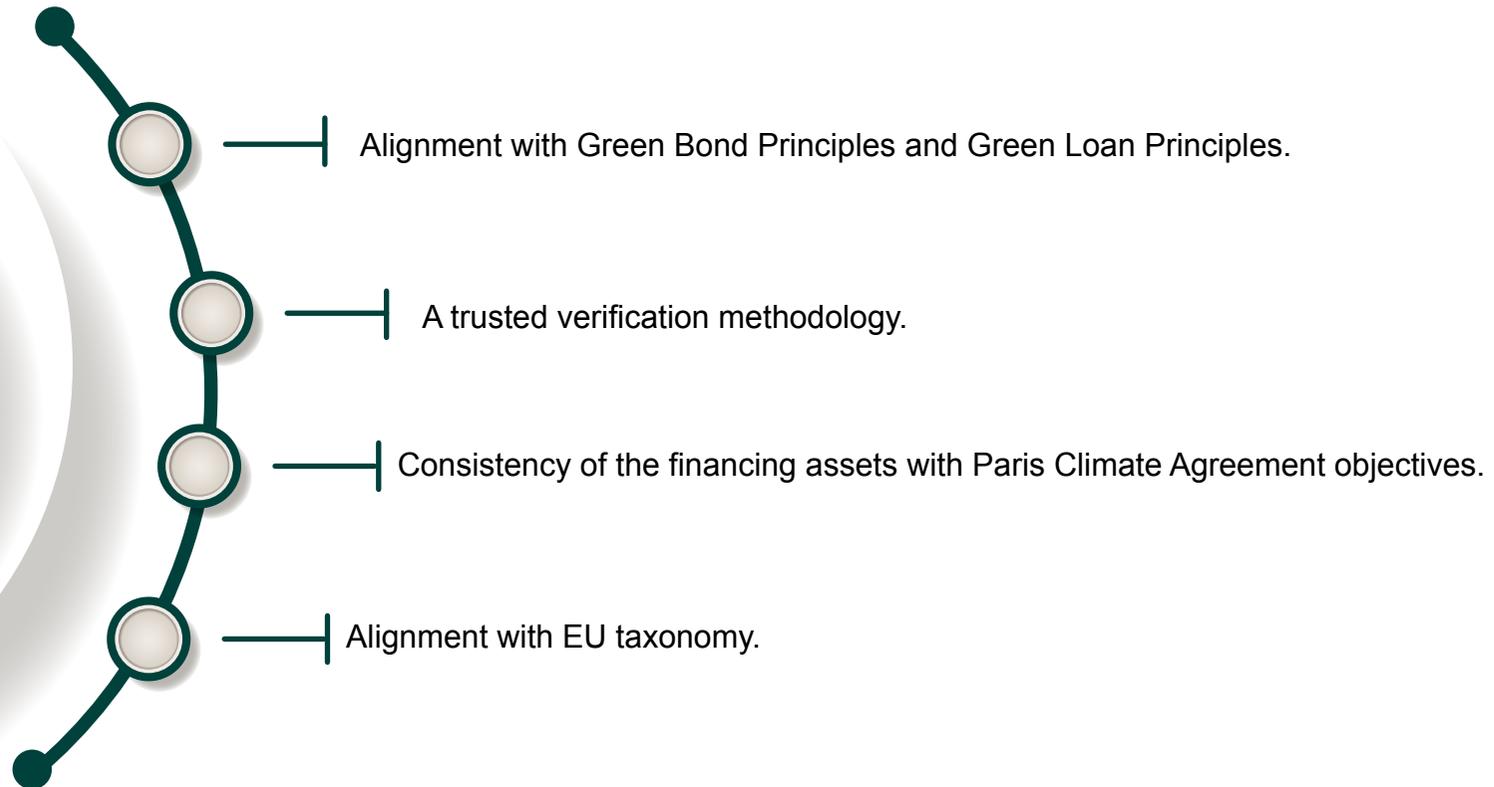
The proposed agenda involves a 4-week Project:

|   | Activities description  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Formation of working groups. Definition of roles, responsibilities and request for further documentation. |    |   |   |   |
| 2 | Review of evidence  |   |    |   |   |
| 3 | Assessment in contrast to CBI and/or other international standards  |   |    |    |   |
| 4 | EQA's scientific assessment and analysis of the issuance's projects and assets                            |   |    |   |   |
| 5 | Interviews with Key Technical personnel.  |   |   |    |   |
| 6 | Workshop with the Issuer's committee  |   |   |   |   |
| 7 | Production of SPO or Verification Report  |   |   |   |  |
|   | Supervision   |  |  |  |  |

The proposed agenda may be modified according to the complexity and number of projects involved.

- CBI is an investor-focused not-for-profit organization, that promotes investment in projects and assets necessary for a rapid transition to a low carbon and climate resilient economy
- CBI Certification, Guarantees:

**Green  
Bond  
CBI**

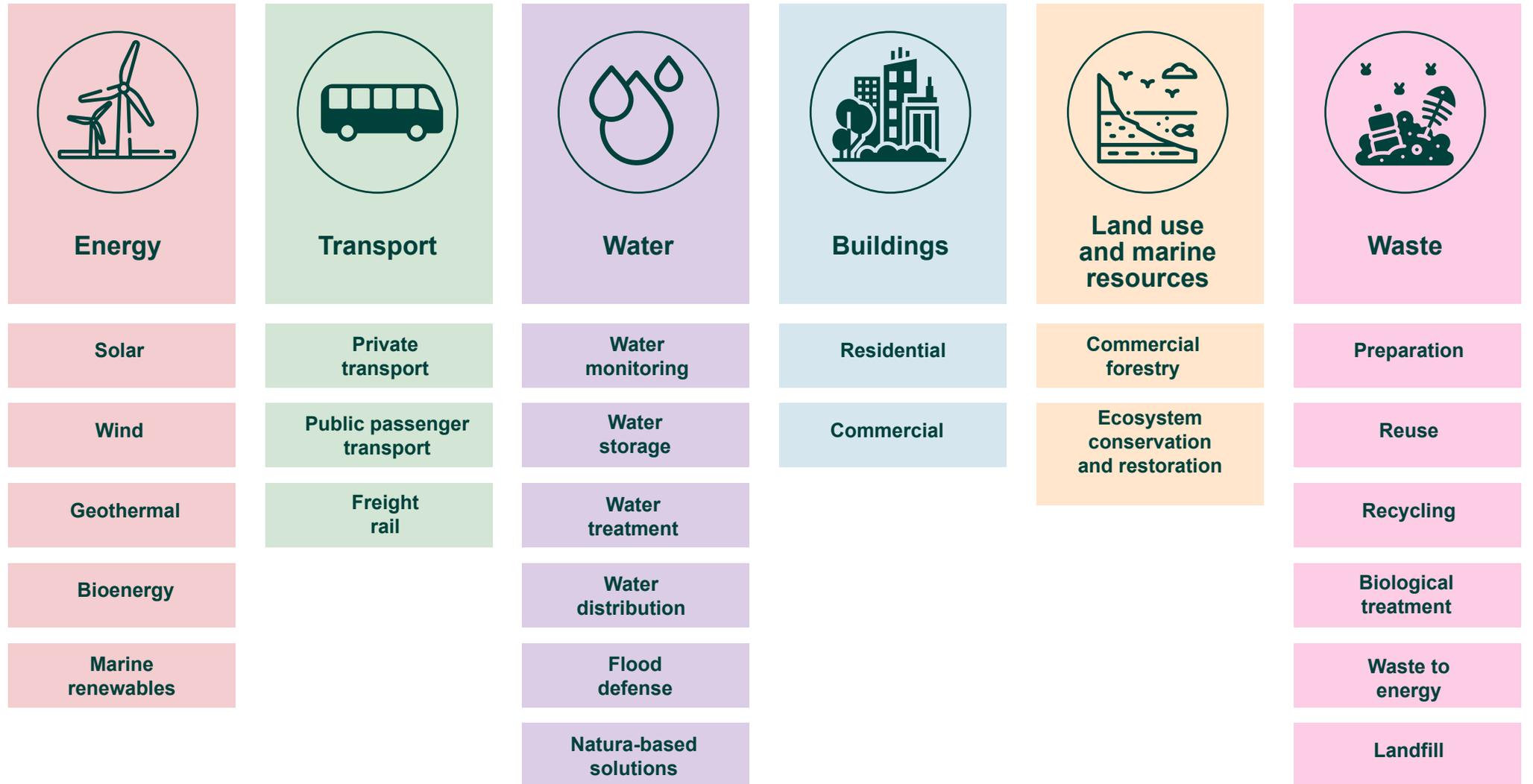


The CBI certification scheme, which is the largest in its field, has certified more than 200 climate bonds with a total value of more than \$100bn.

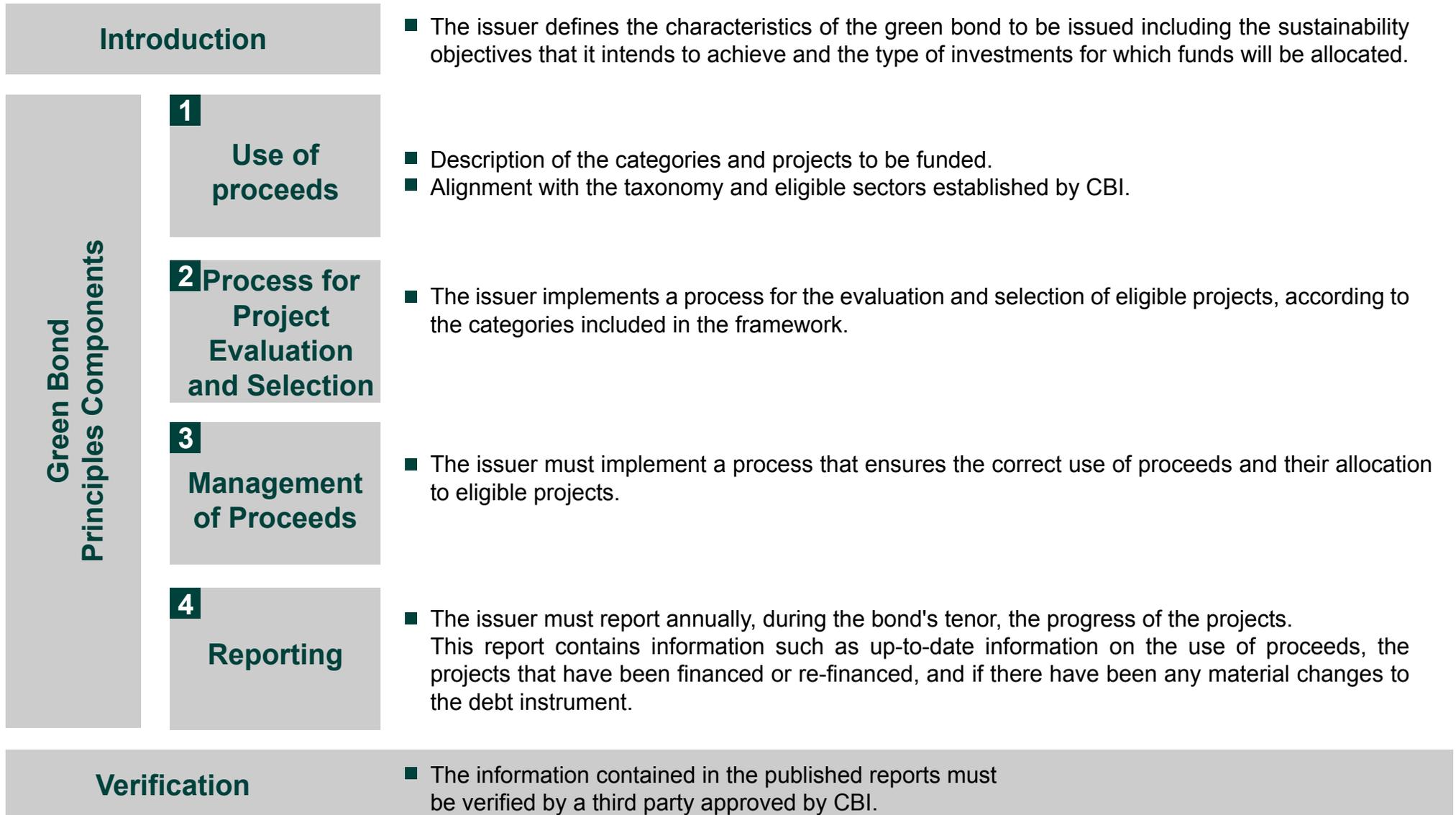
**USD100bn**  
Certified Climate Bonds

The taxonomy includes the eligible sectors applicable in Sustainable Finance.

EQA provides services in each of these sectors:



The framework expresses the issuer's sustainable objectives. It identifies internal procedures for project selection and proceeds monitoring, which provides confidence on these financial instruments.





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