

Green Bond Framework

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Introduction

Brage Finans AS (“Brage”) is a Norwegian independent credit institution established on 2 June 2010. The company is headquartered in Bergen and maintains a nationwide presence through its local offices. Brage is fully licensed by the Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority (*Finanstilsynet*).

The institution is currently owned by a consortium of local Norwegian banks, with **Sparebanken Norge AS** holding the largest ownership stake of approximately 72%, followed by **Rogaland Sparebank** and **Jæren Sparebank AS**, a total of 28 other regional banks and 3 insurance companies.

Brage specializes in providing financing solutions—primarily equipment financing—to both retail and corporate clients. These services are offered in the form of leasing and secured loans. Distribution channels include the company’s owner banks, third-party providers, and Brage’s own direct channels.

The company’s portfolio include a diversified and low-risk group of customers. Brage Finans AS holds a credit rating of **A+ with a stable outlook** from **Scope Rating’s**, reflecting its stable financial position and prudent risk management.

Brage Finans’ Lending Portfolio

Brage Finans AS classifies all lending activities based on the type of asset being financed. The primary categories—vehicles, construction machinery, and transportation—constitute the majority of the company’s lending portfolio. These sectors are characterized by rapid technological advancement, and Brage Finans actively seeks to finance newer assets that typically demonstrate environmental performance.

The company maintains a continuous focus on identifying and developing financing solutions that support sustainable development. For retail clients, Brage Finans offers **Green Car Loans** specifically tailored for the acquisition of electric vehicles. For corporate clients, the company provides financing for a range of environmentally beneficial initiatives, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure, recycling and waste management systems, sludge treatment technologies, and sea lice mitigation solutions within aquaculture operations.

Furthermore, the overarching objective is to increase the proportion of environmentally sustainable assets within the company’s overall portfolio.

Owners of Brage Finans

- Sparebanken Norge
- Rogaland Sparebank
- Jæren Sparebank
- Voss Sparebank
- Trøndelag Sparebank
- Grong Sparebank
- Haugesund Sparebank
- Orkla Sparebank
- Aurskog Sparebank
- Spareskillingsbanken
- Flekkefjord Sparebank
- Søgne og Greipstad
- Flekkefjord Sparebank
- Søgne & Greipstad Sparebank
- Luster Sparebank
- Sparebank 68 Grader Nord
- Ørland Sparebank
- Askim og Spydeberg Sparebank
- Aasen Sparebank
- Nidaros Sparebank
- Selbu Sparebank
- Tolga-Os Sparebank
- Sparebanken Din
- Statsbygd Sparebank
- Næringsbanken ASA
- Skudenes & Aakra Sparebank
- Lillesand Sparebank
- Drangedal Sparebank
- Varig Forsikring Nordmøre og Romsdal Gjensidig
- Varig Hadeland Forsikring
- Varig Orkla Forsikring Gjensidig

Vision and Goals

We shape the future of financing and create room for growth.

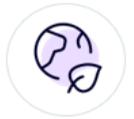
Brage Finans aspires to be the preferred financing partner in our regions. Our goal is to identify the best solutions for our customers, ensuring security, flexibility, and opportunities to realize their ambitions.

Our values are Credibility, Dynamic and Competence.

- **Credibility** reflects our expertise in loans and leasing for vehicles and other assets.
- **Dynamic** means we share knowledge, experience, and professional insight in a clear and uncomplicated manner.
- **Competence** ensures we provide sound advice, remain relevant, and understand our customers' needs.



Brage Finans AS aspires to maintain a position as a financially robust institution and to be regarded as a preferred counterpart by shareholders, clients, capital market participants, and employees alike. This ambition reflects the company's commitment to sound financial management, stakeholder trust, and long-term value creation.



Brage Finans AS aims to position itself as a modern and reliable provider of equipment financing solutions. The company delivers its products and services through a multi-channel approach, including distribution via shareholder banks, third-party suppliers, and direct engagement with clients. This multi-channel approach reflects Brage Finans' commitment to accessibility, operational consistency, and high-quality customer service.



Brage Finans AS is committed to delivering efficient customer experience by ensuring streamlined workflows, competitive pricing structures, and comprehensive financing products. This approach reflects the company's dedication to operational excellence and client satisfaction across all segments.



Brage Finans AS seeks to establish itself as the preferred financing partner for equipment financing among corporate clients operating within the regions served by its shareholder banks. Simultaneously, the company aims to maintain a competitive and visible position in the market for secured equipment loans directed at private individuals. This dual focus underlines Brage Finans' commitment to regional relevance, customer accessibility, and excellence in financial service delivery.



Brage Finans AS is committed to maintaining a lending portfolio characterized by low to moderate risk, in alignment with the risk appetite and strategic expectations of its shareholder banks.

Sustainability at Brage Finans

Sustainability constitutes an integral component of Brage Finans AS's corporate strategy. The company is committed to advancing sustainable development through its operational practices and product offerings. This strategic orientation is fundamental to securing long-term value creation for Brage Finans itself, its customers, shareholders, and investors, as well as for the broader environmental and societal context in which the company operates.

UN Sustainable Development Goals

Brage Finans operates in full compliance with Norwegian laws, regulations, and standards, and actively supports the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact concerning human rights, labor rights, environmental responsibility, and anti-corruption. Guided by these principles, Brage Finans has integrated these areas into its business strategies, daily operations, and stakeholder relationships.

Through its Green Bond Framework, Brage Finans seeks to contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each investment category within the framework is aligned with relevant SDGs to ensure transparency and impact. Sustainability considerations form a core element of the company's credit policy, which emphasizes responsible lending practices.

Brage Finans is committed to promoting sustainable development within the business sector. The company firmly believes that strong local presence, proactive customer engagement, and the implementation of efficient technological solutions are key to delivering an optimal customer experience. Furthermore, Brage Finans recognizes that collaboration and strategic partnerships are fundamental to achieving long-term success and creating shared value.

Among the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, SDGs 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and 14 (Life Below Water) are particularly significant for this Green Bond Framework. Brage Finans has chosen to prioritize these goals as they are most closely aligned with its core business activities and areas where the company can exert the greatest influence.

9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure and 11. Sustainable cities and communities



Brage Finans provides leasing and loan solutions for the financing of electric vehicles, including passenger cars, buses, and other modes of transportation, as well as fully electric machinery for use in the construction, forestry, and agricultural sectors. In addition, the company offers financing for infrastructure that enables the electric operation of machinery and supports environmentally friendly alternatives across both public and private sectors.



Through these above-mentioned initiatives, Brage Finans seeks to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles and machinery in society by offering competitive and attractive financing solutions. The company further contributes to this objective by maintaining a strong presence in smaller towns and cities, thereby fostering local employment opportunities and supporting regional economic development.

14. Life below water



Brage Finans is committed to ensuring that financed assets do not contribute to increased marine waste, while supporting efforts to reduce plastic pollution and maintain clean water, including through the reduction of chemical emissions. The company places strong emphasis on financing solutions that minimise environmental impact within the aquaculture industry, with the overarching goal of enabling processes that prevent pollution and promote responsible resource management. This commitment entails a continuous focus on innovation and close collaboration with industry stakeholders to ensure that financing is directed towards technologies and practices that prioritise environmental considerations.

Sustainability in the credit policy

Brage Finans adheres to a credit policy designed to minimize credit losses while maintaining its role as a responsible and trustworthy provider of equipment financing services. The credit strategy is aligned with the company's commitment to offering financial products that support environmentally sustainable development.

Brage Finans does not extend leasing or loan facilities to customers or businesses under the following circumstances:

- Where there is reason to believe that operations contravene Brage Finans' internal ethical guidelines or generally accepted societal standards for ethical conduct;
- Where indications of fraudulent behaviour exist, or where the client or its owners have been implicated in criminal activity;
- Where activities violate applicable laws, regulations, or environmental requirements, or where necessary approvals from relevant authorities are lacking.

Furthermore, even when the above conditions are satisfied, Brage Finans will not provide financing to companies engaged in:

- Extraction of, or power generation based on, coal or oil sands;
- Production or distribution of pornographic material;
- Manufacture or ownership of weapons of mass destruction, including chemical, biological weapons, and cluster munitions;
- Activities associated with corruption or criminal conduct;
- Gambling; or
- Tobacco production.

In addition, the credit policy stipulates that Brage Finans shall exercise caution when considering financing for clients involved in the development or sale of products that have a significant negative impact on the environment, biodiversity, or human rights.

The Transparency Act

The purpose of the Transparency Act is to promote companies' consideration towards fundamental human rights and decent working conditions in the production of goods and provision of services, as well as to ensure public access to information on how companies address negative impacts on human rights. The due diligence standard under the Transparency Act is based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) guidelines for due diligence assessments for responsible business. Companies covered by the Act are required to conduct and publish such assessments.

Brage Finans has conducted a risk assessment of its supplier base. If the assessment identifies actual negative impacts or significant risks, Brage Finans will implement measures to stop, reduce, or prevent them. Any measures that are implemented will be shared openly and accessible to the public. Due diligence under the Transparency Act is a continuous process and will be published and made available to the public.

Eco-Lighthouse Certification

Brage Finans was one of the first of its kind to meet the initial criteria in 2019. Brage Finans received an Eco-Lighthouse certification in October 2019 and re-certified in October 2025. The Eco-Lighthouse Certification scheme (Norwegian: Miljøfyrtårn) became the first Norwegian environmental scheme to be recognized by the EU and in June 2019, specific criteria for the financial sector were published.

The main objective of this certification is to ensure climate and environmental aspects are integrated in the main business activities of a company. The criteria for the financial sector are also meant to promote integration of the recommendations in Finans Norge's "Roadmap for Green Competitiveness in the Financial Sector" published in June 2018. This roadmap details several recommendations for banks, asset managers and insurance companies on how to promote low-carbon and climate-resilient development through their operations. Examples include integration of climate risks in investment and financing decisions.

Green Bond Framework

Brage is firmly committed to supporting the transition toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. A central element of this commitment is the provision of financial services that enable clients to make environmentally sustainable investment decisions. In alignment with this strategic objective, Brage Finans issues Green Bonds to finance lending activities that generate measurable positive environmental impact.

The company's Green Bond Framework is fully aligned with the Green Bond Principles (2025) as published by the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) and has been developed in collaboration with DNB Markets. Recognizing the dynamic nature of the green finance market and the continuous evolution of best practices, Brage Finans will monitor market developments and revise the framework as deemed appropriate.

Proceeds from Green Bond issuances are allocated exclusively to loans and leases that meet the eligibility criteria defined in the framework. These include financing for clean transportation, renewable energy installations, and sustainable aquaculture, among others. The framework explicitly excludes financing linked to fossil energy generation, nuclear energy, weapons and defense, environmentally harmful resource extraction, gambling, and tobacco.

To ensure transparency and accountability, Brage Finans has established an internal Green Bond Committee comprising representatives from Credit, Compliance, and Treasury departments. This committee is responsible for evaluating and selecting eligible loans, maintaining traceability through internal tagging systems, and overseeing the management of proceeds.

Annual reporting includes both an allocation report and an impact report, which are made publicly available to investors. These reports detail the distribution of proceeds across eligible categories and disclose environmental performance indicators such as the number of electric vehicles financed, installed renewable energy capacity, and aquaculture-related sustainability metrics.



Alignment with the Environmental Objectives of the EU and the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system that defines criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The Taxonomy Regulation entered into force in July 2020. It establishes the basis for the EU Taxonomy by setting out the four overarching conditions that an economic activity has to meet in order to qualify as environmentally sustainable. The Taxonomy Regulation establishes six climate and environmental objectives (Technical Screening Criteria). The activity should contribute to at least one or several of these six environmental objectives.¹

All economic activities in Brage Finans have been identified to find which underlying activities are relevant under the EU Taxonomy and assessed whether they meet the requirements for eligible status. Under Eligible Green Loans, there are activities that are represented in the EU Taxonomy and assessed whether the activity meets the Technical Screening Criteria. The activities should not do significant harm to the achievement of any of the other environmental objectives ('DNSH') and meet the minimum social safeguards. Mapping against the relevant activities of the EU Taxonomy can be found under Use of Proceeds.



¹ https://finance.ec.europa.eu/sustainable-finance/tools-and-standards/eu-taxonomy-sustainable-activities_en

Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds from Brage Finans’ Green Bonds shall be allocated to the financing of a portfolio of loans and leases—either in full or in part—that support the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy. Only loans and leases that meet the criteria outlined in the list of *Eligible Green Loans* are considered eligible for Green Bond funding. The net proceeds may be applied to the financing of new loans and leases, as well as the refinancing of existing ones.

For clarity, Green Bond proceeds shall not be used to finance investments associated with fossil fuel energy generation, nuclear energy generation, research and/or development related to weapons and defense, activities involving environmentally harmful resource extraction, gambling, or tobacco.

Eligible Green Loans

Category	Eligible Green Loans	UN SDGs	EU Taxonomy
Clean Transportation and Machinery	1. Loans and leases for the financing of fully electric vehicles , including, but not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, and public transportation vehicles, as well as fully electric machinery for use in construction, forestry management, and agricultural operations.		6.5 Transport by motorbikes, passenger cars and light commercial vehicles
	2. Loans and leases for the financing of infrastructure required to supply electricity to the aforementioned assets.		6.15 Infrastructure enabling low carbon road transport and public transport
	3. Loans and leases for the financing of infrastructure supporting the operation of the aforementioned public transportation services.		
Renewable Energy	Loans and leases designated for the financing of solar power installations, as well as technologies and equipment associated with renewable energy systems within the solar and wind sectors.		7.6 Electricity generation using concentrated solar power technology
			
Sustainable Aquaculture	<p>Loans and leases intended to finance fish farming equipment—such as, but not limited to, solutions for sea lice management, escape prevention, waste management, and sustainable feed production.</p> <p>Brage Finans primarily focuses on the specific asset to be financed. The company maintains a substantial portfolio of clients within the aquaculture industry, encompassing a wide range of equipment. Provided that the asset operates exclusively on electric power, it may be classified as green within this sector.</p> <p>In cases where classification is uncertain, Brage Finans will place emphasis on whether the company holds certifications such as Global G.A.P. (Good Agricultural Practices) or ASC (Aquaculture Stewardship Council). If such certifications are present, the assets may be classified as green. The underlying criterion of electric operation remains the decisive factor.</p>		Not covered in EU Taxonomy

Process for Project Evaluation and Selection

All lending in Brage Finans goes through the company's general credit approval process, where a number of exclusionary criteria are in place as detailed in this framework. In addition to existing policies and procedures, inclusion in the pool of Eligible Green Loans, loans and leases must also meet the criteria of this Green Bond Framework.

To ensure transparency and accountability around the evaluation and selection of Eligible Green Loans, Brage Finans has established an internal Green Bond Committee that consists of following members:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Credit Officer
- Head of Legal
- Senior Credit Officer
- Senior Treasury Officer

Brage Finans' Credit Department will be responsible for nominating loans and leases to the Green Bond Committee, which in turn will evaluate and select loans and leases for inclusion in the pool of Eligible Green Loans in accordance with the criteria and definitions in this Green Bond Framework. Brage Finans' loan portfolio is categorized according to types of assets being financed, and the portfolio will be tagged at an asset-by-asset level for reporting purposes, and these will form part of the Eligible Green Loan Portfolio.

All decisions made by the Green Bond Committee will be consensus. Decisions will be documented and filed and selected loans and leases will be tagged in Brage Finans' internal systems to ensure transparency and traceability.

Brage Finans takes the EU Taxonomy into due consideration. Under the EU Taxonomy, Eligible Green Loans should substantially contribute to at least one of the EU Environmental Objectives, by meeting the relevant Technical Screening Criteria, while not significantly harming ('DNSH') any other EU Environmental Objectives and also meet the requirements of the Minimum Social Safeguards. Scope Group has performed a detailed EU Taxonomy assessment as part of the Second Party Opinion. The EU Taxonomy's Do No Significant Harm criteria, minimum safeguards as well as Principle Adverse Impact Indicators are considered in the evaluation process on a best-efforts basis when practically feasible. Brage Finans will evaluate and be open to include new categories of eligible assets within the EU Taxonomy Regulation when needed to reflect corporate strategy, technology, market developments, or regulatory developments. This may include future application of the EU Taxonomy Regulation to the last four environmental objectives on biodiversity, water and marine resource, circular economy and pollution.

Brage Finans acknowledges that the Green Bond market standards are still evolving, and the Green Bond Committee is responsible and will evaluate the need for future updates to this Green Bond Framework depending on market developments.

Management of Proceeds

Net proceeds from issued Green Bonds will be tagged in Brage Finans' internal systems and earmarked for financing and refinancing of Eligible Green Loans as defined by this Green Bond Framework.

Brage Finans' Treasury Department will ensure that the amount of Eligible Green Loans always exceed the total amount of Green Bonds outstanding. If a loan or lease financed by Green Bonds no longer qualifies as an Eligible Green Loan in accordance with this Green Bond Framework, it will be excluded from the pool of Eligible Green Loans and if needed it will also be replaced by other qualifying loans or leases. As loans in the Green Bond portfolio mature and new loans are issued, the portfolio of Green Bonds will be dynamic over time.

Net proceeds from Green Bonds will be fully allocated. Are there net proceeds from Green Bonds awaiting allocation to Eligible Green Loans, will it be categorized and reported as net proceeds awaiting allocation. This will be reported in the annual "Allocation report". Net proceeds awaiting allocation will be managed according to the overall liquidity management policy of Brage Finans and may be invested in short-term money market instruments and cash. An independent external auditor appointed by Brage Finans will on an annual basis provide limited assurance that an amount equal to Green Bond net proceeds has been allocated to Eligible Green Loans and ensure that unallocated proceeds follow best practice in Brage Finans internal processes.



Reporting

To enable investors and other stakeholders to follow the developments of Brage Finans' issuance of Green Bonds and the Eligible Green Loans being financed, an investor letter will be made available on the company's website. The investor letter will include an allocation report and an impact report and be published annually as long as there are Green Bonds outstanding.

Allocation report

- Amounts invested in each of the categories of Eligible Green Loans defined in this Green Bond Framework and the amount of new financing versus refinancing
- The nominal amount of Green Bonds outstanding
- The amount of net proceeds awaiting allocation to Eligible Green Loans
- Examples of assets financed by Green Bonds

Impact report

The impact report aims to disclose the environmental impact of financed Eligible Green Loans. Impact reporting will be made on a portfolio basis.

The assessment of environmental impact will be based on the Key Performance Indicators listed below, with the reservation that relevant data may not be available for each Eligible Green Loan. Methods for calculation will be described in the investor letter.

Clean Transportation and Machinery

- Number of financed low-carbon vehicles and machinery per asset type
- Number of electric vehicles charging points installed
- For public transport, increased capacity in terms of number of passengers

Renewable Energy

- Installed capacity (MWh) per renewable energy source

Sustainable Aquaculture

- Lending per equipment type and examples of assets financed

External Review

Second Opinion

Brage Finans has obtained a second opinion from Scope Group to confirm the transparency of this Green Bond Framework and its alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2025. The second opinion will be made available on our website together with this Green Bond Framework.

Assurance

An independent external auditor appointed by Brage Finans will on an annual basis provide limited assurance that an amount equal to Green Bond net proceeds has been allocated to Eligible Green Loans.