

Transaction overview July-December 2024

Renewable Energy, Transition and Sustainable Finance

DNB aim to be a driving force for sustainable transition across the industry sectors and regions where we operate. With our sustainable finance products and advisory services, we wish to support our clients on their sustainability journeys. As part of this ambition, we offer sustainability labelled bonds and loans, and equity and M&A related advisory services, to support the transition towards a sustainable, low-carbon and climate resilient future.

In this newsletter, we highlight a selection of DNB's transactions within renewable energy, transition and sustainable finance.

**Net zero
2050**

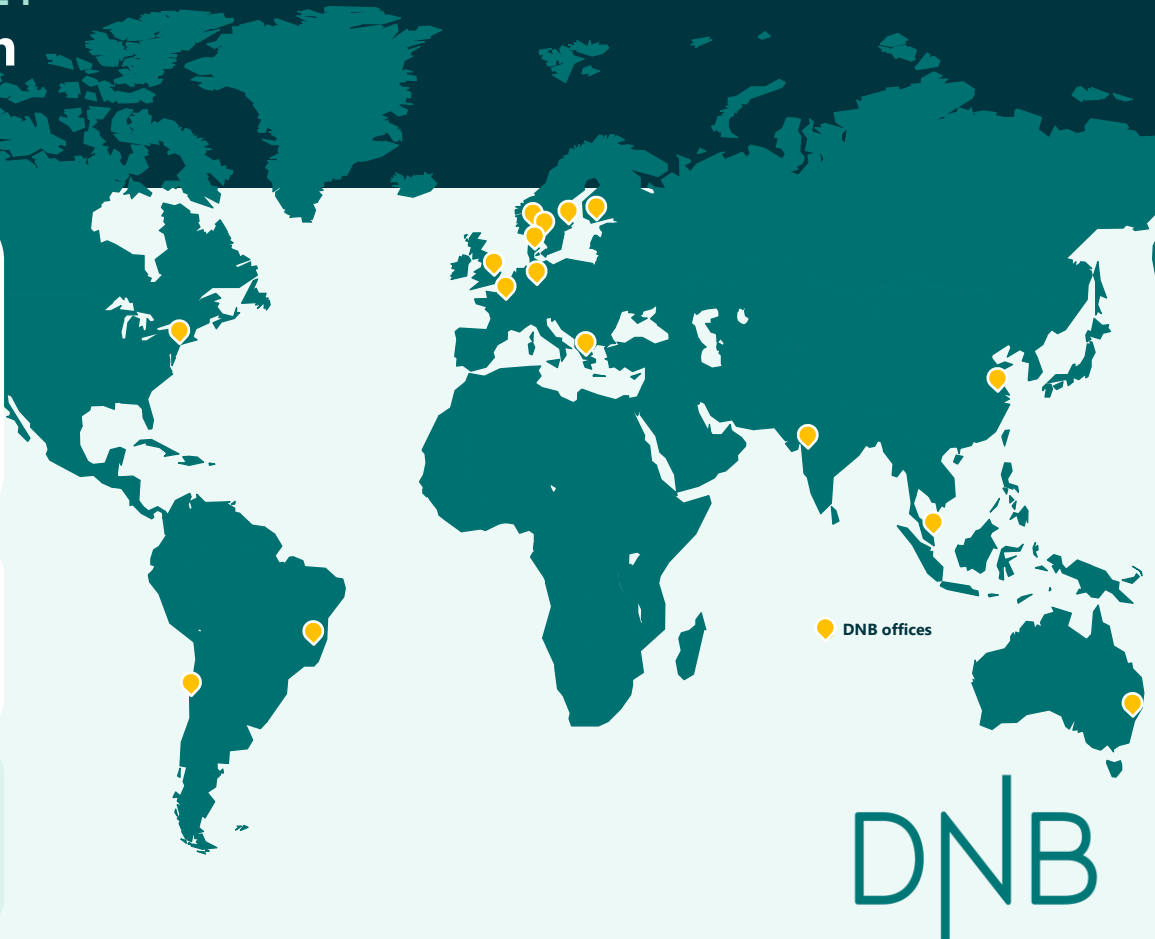
**NOK
1,500
billion**

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DNB's aim is to achieve net-zero emissions across our lending, investments and operations by 2050

DNB aims to be a driving force for sustainable transition by financing and facilitating sustainable activities of NOK 1,500 billion by 2030

DNB is the market leader in the Norwegian sustainable bond market with a 20% market share over the past 12 months



A few words from DNB

As we reflect on the second half of 2024, we have continued to see the renewable and infrastructure sectors recovering from the challenges faced earlier in the year, including elevated interest rates, persistent inflationary pressures, and softer power prices.

Encouragingly, H2 2024 has brought signs of recovery. Market stability appears to be returning, accompanied by increased investment activity in the sector, particularly in critical technologies such as energy storage, like large-scale batteries. These solutions are playing a vital role in complementing renewable energy generation, enhancing grid flexibility, and ensuring a reliable energy transition.

On a more specific note for DNB, H2 2024 marks an exciting milestone as we announced the acquisition of Carnegie, a leading investment bank in the Nordics. This transaction, still subject to regulatory approval and expected to close in H1 2025, represents a significant strategic step for both institutions. DNB and Carnegie are highly complementary in geographic reach and sector expertise, and together we will offer unparalleled investment banking services to our clients in the renewable energy, infrastructure, and cleantech sectors. From advisory to capital structuring, equity capital markets, and commodities, this partnership underscores our shared commitment to providing best-in-class solutions to our clients

As we closed 2024, I remain optimistic about the road ahead. The challenges of this year have reinforced the importance of persistence, innovation, and collaboration. At DNB, we remain committed to supporting our clients in navigating these complexities.

Global sustainable bond issuance in 2024 was just shy of its previous record in 2021, with green bond issuance reaching an all time high. Sustainable bond issuance as a share of total bond issuance increased globally to a new record of 7.4%. In the Nordics, the share holds steady at around 20%, and for Nordic corporate issuers it is an impressive 40%.

We experience that momentum has returned to the sustainability-linked loan market after a significant drop in 2023 and weak start to 2024. We believe the market has been through a healthy recalibration, where the bar for qualifying for the SLL label has risen significantly compared to 2021-22. Banks are now more sophisticated in their approach, and expectations are higher. As many clients are quickly progressing with their own sustainability strategies, targets and reporting, they are also becoming better positioned to secure robust and ambitious structures.

For DNB, we had an active year progressing towards our target of financing and facilitating NOK 1500bn towards sustainable activities, seeing growth across sustainable bond and loan products.

We also see continued focus on transition finance, with both the LMA and ICMA launching working groups to establish market guidelines, and where DNB aims to actively contribute across both. Particularly for industries where the long-term net-zero solutions are not yet available, transition finance provides an opportunity for companies in the forefront to communicate and finance the investments they need to realize significant emission-reduction solutions here and now.

Despite record-breaking activity in the sustainable finance market, 2024 was also a year filled with criticism against the concept of ESG. In our Q4 Sustainable Finance Market Comment, we dig into the details of this backlash, and we also argue that the fundamental drivers for why sustainability matters for risks and returns remain as strong as ever.

Some claim that sustainability is going through a set back. And that might be true from a reputational perspective, but in practice no company can escape addressing their most material ESG-related issues. Especially from a risk perspective, ESG will be a natural part of any business strategy and -model moving forward.

While some banks have left net-zero alliances, most stand by their climate goals and plan to deliver on stakeholder expectations. Our focus is to continue our evidence-based and outcome-focused approach to sustainability. We wish to ensure our sustainability efforts are rational, transparent, and genuinely contribute to long-term value creation.

In 2024, DNB has moved further in integrating sustainability in our core processes, with a focus on our transition plan. Our plan is developed using science-based targets and has been verified by DNV. We have continued to develop transition consideration into customer dialogues and defined expectations towards our largest segments. We have further developed our sustainable finance and investment product offering, including a transition loan framework. These loans are aimed at high emission sectors with specific, credible strategies for how to reach net zero – a clear example of what it means for DNB to be a driving force for sustainable transition. Our employees also continue to strengthen their competence on the bank's most material ESG issues, and with training suited to their specific roles and responsibilities.

The wave of ESG regulation has hit the financial industry in 2024, where DNB's double materiality analysis provides a foundation for our first annual report in line with the comprehensive CSRD criteria.

As we enter 2025, some of our focus areas will be:

- Further integrating the elements of DNB's Transition Plan
- Interpreting and applying relevant ESG regulation
- Managing DNBs position and expectations on material themes
- Continuously strengthening expertise and competence



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Sustainable Finance labelled transactions

A word from our client




Green Bonds
NOK 150m
NOK 225m
NOK 200m

Vasakronan
Green Bond
SEK 350m


Green Bond
NOK 300m



Green Bond
NOK 400m


Green Bond
NOK 1,000m


Green Bonds
SEK 6,400m
SEK 4,300m


Green Bond
SEK 600m


Sustainability Bond
NOK 3,000m


Green Bonds
SEK 1,000m


Green Bond
NOK 1,000m

WÄSTBYGG GROUP
Green Bond
SEK 400m


Green Bond
NOK 300m


Green Bond
NOK 950m


Green Bonds
NOK 500m
SEK 500m


Green Bond
SEK 300m


Green Bonds
NOK 1,400m
SEK 1,400m

Founded in 1987 and headquartered in Stockholm, Catella is a pan-European real-estate partner specializing in property investments and fund management as well as advisory services. The company has through its operations in 12 countries, established a stable platform rigged for strong growth in Europe, aimed to be a sustainable link between the property market and capital markets.

Catella integrates sustainability into its core business strategy by prioritizing responsible investment practices and promoting sustainable urban development. The company actively targets reduction in its environmental footprint through energy-efficient building projects and green certifications.

"Putting the green bond framework in place is yet another step that affirms Catella's firm commitment of responsible investments in the real estate sector. The first issue under the framework also underpins our long-term vision "Your sustainable investment partner – together building the link between property and capital" We are thankful for the support from the Joint Bookrunners in guiding us through the process of setting up the framework."

Michel Fischier, CFO of Catella Group

Sustainable Finance labelled transactions

A word from our client



Green Bond
EUR 375m

Green Bond
NOK 400m

Green Bond
NOK 400m

Green Bond
NOK 7,000m

Green Bonds
NOK 1,200m

Green Bond
SEK 900m

Green Bond
EUR 1,000m

Green Bond
NOK 75m

Green Bond
SEK 500m

Green Bond
NOK 250m

Green Bond
USD 50m

Green Bond
SEK 500m

Green Loan
Approx. USD 4,500m

Green Loan
Approx. USD 3,000m

Sustainability-Linked Loan
EUR 764m

Green Loan
NOK 470m

Fana Sparebank is an independent Norwegian savings bank, providing local and regional retail and corporate customers with a broad range of financial services, including lending, deposits, and payment services. As a member of the Net Zero Banking Alliance, Fana has set science-based targets for achieving net-zero emissions across lending and own operations by 2050, with intermediate 2030 targets. In 2016, Fana became the first bank in Norway to offer green deposits and launched its first Green Finance Framework in 2019.

In the fall of 2024, DNB Markets assisted Fana Sparebank with updating its Green Finance Framework, introducing new and innovative criteria for the green loan portfolio to be aligned with science-based carbon reduction pathways.

"Fana Sparebank adopted the UN Sustainability Goals from 2015 at a very early stage and has consistently been at the forefront of breaking new ground to improve the quality of green assets backing its green bonds and deposits. The 2024 edition of the Green Finance Framework is no exception. This challenging effort was successfully completed, with valuable advisory support from DNB Markets."

Kim F Lingjærde, former CFO of Fana Sparebank

Sustainable Finance labelled transactions

A word from our client



 <p>Norske Skog</p> <p>Green Loan</p> <p>NOK 500m</p>	 <p>Scandi Standard</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>Approx. SEK 3,200m</p>	 <p>SÖLVTRANS</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>NOK 13,770m</p>	 <p>VOLVO</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>EUR 2,000m</p>
 <p>NORDLAKS</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>NOK 3,500m</p>	 <p>DELTA FIBER</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>EUR 130m</p>	 <p>GOLDEN OCEAN</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>USD 150m</p>	 <p>EUKOR</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>USD 296m</p>
 <p>Nortura bondens selskap</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>NOK 750m</p>	 <p>DRYLOG</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>USD 19m</p>	 <p>d'Amico</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>USD 17.5m</p>	 <p>småkraft</p> <p>Green Loan</p> <p>EUR 180m</p>
 <p>SKL</p> <p>Green Loan</p> <p>NOK 1,500m</p>	 <p>CC</p> <p>Green Loan</p> <p>NOK 988m</p>	 <p>CLASSIC NORWAY HOTELS</p> <p>Green Loan</p> <p>NOK 156m</p>	 <p>Alassia</p> <p>Sustainability-Linked Loan</p> <p>Undisclosed</p>

Sølvtrans is a leading owner and operator of wellboats, providing critical midstream services to the global aquaculture industry and is the industry leader in the transportation of live salmon & trout and the provision of specialised services for fish farmers. The company operates a fleet of 46 vessels across Norway, UK, Iceland, Canada and Australia as well as Chile through its 49% shareholding in Nachipa Wellboats.

Sustainability is embedded in Sølvtrans' strategy. From pioneering the closed valve system and developing the freshwater treatment system, Sølvtrans continues to drive advanced technology driven by fish health requirements, regulation to maximize fish welfare through disease treatment and water treatment whilst minimizing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. In 2021, Sølvtrans became the first wellboat operator to include sustainability targets in a Sustainability-Linked Loan, assisted by DNB Markets.

In October 2024, DNB Markets again supported Sølvtrans in the refinancing of its existing SLL, acting as Sustainability Coordinator. The financing includes three KPIs aimed at reducing GHG emissions, increasing fish welfare, and improving employee health and safety.

"Sølvtrans is very pleased to have successfully closed the refinancing in October 2024 and continuing with an SSL. Together with DNB as sustainability advisor, we set new ambitious sustainable performance targets (SPTs) and we will continue to improve the fleet's greenhouse gas emissions profile, whilst ensuring optimal fish welfare and health & safety during our operations."

Arild Myrvoll, CFO of Sølvtrans

General loan financing for renewable energy & cleantech

A word from our client



Project Finance
GBP 3,945m

Loan Financing
SEK 8,500m

Loan Financing
USD 24m

Green Loan
Approx. USD 1,750m

Green Loan
NOK 188m

Arise AB is one of Sweden's leading independent companies in renewable energy, managing the entire value chain from exploration and permitting to financing, construction, divestment and long-term management of renewable electricity production.

In September 2024, DNB Markets acted as sole sell-side financial advisor for Arise in their divestment of Pajkolen, a 40 MW ready-to-build battery energy storage system ("BESS") in Sweden to Flower Infrastructure Technologies, a Swedish grid-scale BESS developer with the ambition to become a leading European player.

Debt & Equity advisory transactions

Rights Issue
NOK 250m

Sell-side M&A
Undisclosed

"At Arise, we are committed to driving innovation in renewable energy to meet the growing demands of a sustainable future. The increasing penetration of renewable energy generation requires solutions to stabilize the grid, and large-scale battery storage represents a game-changing opportunity in this area. We're proud to be at the forefront of integrating this technology into the Swedish energy market. The successful divestment of Project Pajkolen further demonstrates Arise's ability to develop, deliver, and market such technology solutions. This milestone reflects our dedication to advancing renewable energy infrastructure in Sweden and underscores the confidence our partners have in our capabilities."

Per-Erik Eriksson, CEO of Arise



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