



BluOr Bank AS

Group's Consolidated and Bank's Separate Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Report of the Council and the Board

BluOr Bank AS (Bank) is a joint-stock company established on 22 June 2001 and entered into the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia under uniform registration No. 40003551060. The bank's address is Smilšu iela 6, Rīga, LV-1050, Republic of Latvia. On 8 June 2001, the Bank received a license for conducting the activities of a credit institution, which was re-registered on 28 June 2011, on 14 September 2017 and on 22 March 2022 – license No. 06.01.05.002/543 at the license register of the Latvijas Banka. The Bank operates in accordance with the applicable legislation of the Republic of Latvia and the European Union.

The Group consists of the Bank, which is a Parent company of the Group and a number of subsidiaries. Those were set up to manage repossessed collaterals and real estate property.

BluOr Bank strengthens its strategic positioning in the provision of services to Latvian enterprises

In 2022, significant geopolitical upheavals occurred throughout Europe, and in particular in the countries neighbouring Latvia, bringing major changes in business and overall market situation. In the first half of the year, the Bank made significant adjustments in risk management and planning, and continued to strengthen its strategic positioning in providing services to Latvian enterprises. The Bank successfully completed the reporting period, in accordance with the planned indicators for the most important areas of the Bank's activities.

As the audited data show, the Bank completed 2022 with a profit of EUR 10.5 million, which is 7% more than in 2021. Net operating income of the Bank during the reporting period amounted to EUR 26 million. The amount of the Bank's equity capital is EUR 80.3 million. Total assets of the Bank at the end of the year were EUR 685 million.

The Bank's liquidity at the end of 2022 was 72%. Other key indicators of the Bank's financial performance are also successful: return on equity (ROE) – 13.2% and return on assets (ROA) – 1.3%.

Given the fact that maintaining the pace of lending is an important tool for stimulating the national economy, BluOr Bank, in accordance with its business strategy, continued to provide financing to Latvian companies as a priority in 2022, as evidenced by its lending indicators. In 2022, the Bank signed new loan agreements worth EUR 104 million, thereby contributing to the development of specific industries, the development of new export markets and the use of new business opportunities for the Latvian economy during a difficult period. Under the loan agreements, the Bank will gradually increase its financial support for projects aimed at green energy and reducing environmental impact. The total loan portfolio and unused loan facilities at the end of the reporting period were EUR 365 million.

Considering the role of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in stabilising and growing the Latvian economy, for the third year now, the Bank has been implementing the funds availability program for this business segment. Lending to SMEs in 2022 accounted for 86% of the total volume of loans issued by the Bank. Among them, several projects were implemented in successful cooperation with the state-owned development finance institution ALTUM.

The Bank has been purposefully improving financial services for legal entities. As a result, there was a steady growth in the number of the Bank's clients – Latvian legal entities: a 28% increase in the reporting period. At the end of 2022, 98% of the total client base accounted for clients from Latvia, the Baltic States and European Union.

In order to make financial services even more accessible and convenient, the Bank continues to develop the latest technologies, focusing on providing services also online. During the reporting period, both Baltic and European Union companies used the opportunity to remotely open business accounts with improved identification functions. Also, clients actively used the opportunity to make term deposits remotely.

Report of the Council and the Board

By issuing subordinated bonds in May last year, BluOr Bank raised more than EUR 4.8 million in financial resources. Raising additional capital is one of the preconditions for further growth of the Bank, which, in turn, allows to successfully, on the most favourable terms, provide wider financial support to companies whose business development is the major driving force for the entire economy.

On June 2, 2022, the Bank's bonds were included in the Nasdaq Riga Baltic Bond List. The listing of the Bank's bonds on the stock exchange confirms the Bank's stability, growth and successful implementation of its strategic tasks, as evidenced by the high confidence of investors, including a significant number of individuals. The Bank's management continues to see a significant potential for strengthening the capital of BluOr Bank in future through stock exchange opportunities and investment instruments.

Developing a range of services for both large corporate clients and medium and small enterprises, the Bank began to provide factoring services in the reporting period, contributing to the continuity and faster business development of its clients.

The Bank continues to develop the latest technologies. Since May 2022, it has been providing its clients with a new modern and technological solution Blue KEY. It is a convenient technological tool for client interaction with the Bank and a reliable replacement for the usual code calculators.

In order to provide even more convenient and extensive payment options for both buyers and e-merchants, as well as considering the growing popularity of Revolut bank in Latvia, BluOr Bank has expanded online payment options for its clients: from December 2022, e-merchants can accept direct payments from Revolut bank accounts, and buyers can pay for purchases using their current account at any of the five banks – Swedbank, SEB, Citadele, Luminor, and Revolut.

Following the wishes of clients and the latest trends in the development of website design, during the reporting period, the Bank switched to a more modern Internet Bank design, which at the same time provides more convenient functionality and allows using the Internet Bank on any device.

In order to emphasize the status of the Bank and strengthen its positioning in the Latvian and Baltic markets, as well as in other countries, the Bank has unified its brand and legal name, and has started using a new brand, BluOr Bank, since March 2022, and changed its name to BluOr Bank AS. The development of the Bank's brand follows the latest global trends towards simplicity and conciseness in the digital environment.

The Bank consistently maintains a high priority status on all issues of risk management and compliance, for which additional internal resources were allocated in the reporting period.

For the second year in a row, the Bank has been ranked among institutions in Latvia that meet the status of "other systemically important financial institutions" in the financial sector under the Credit Institution Law. This means that the Bank demonstrates stable upward growth through its purposeful work and contribution to the Latvian financial market. This status also imposes additional requirements, introduction of stricter norms and criteria, which is a necessary factor for the future development of the Bank.

In 2023, in line with the business strategy, BluOr Bank will continue to focus on entrepreneurs and the provision of services that contribute to the modernisation of Latvian enterprises, acquisition of new export markets, paying special attention to projects aimed at the development of environmentally friendly materials, recycling and other solutions, following the common objective in the context of European climate change and energy efficiency.

Report of the Council and the Board

As at issuance of the annual report the Board proposes to distribute part of the profit amounting to EUR 5 million as dividends and the rest to keep as retained earnings to strengthen the capital position of the Group.

Corporate Governance Statement can be found on the Bank's website in the section "information disclosure" (<https://www.bluorbank.lv/en/compliance>).

On behalf of the Bank,

Aleksandrs Peškova
Chairman of the Council

Dmitrijs Latiševs
Chairman of the Board

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Council and Board of the Bank

Council as of 31 December 2022

Name, Surname	Position	Date of Appointment
Aleksandrs Peškovs	Chairman of the Council	22 June 2001
Sergejs Peškovs	Member of the Council	22 June 2001
	Deputy Chairman of the Council	25 July 2002
Andrejs Kočetkovs	Member of the Council	22 June 2001
Nataļja Zolova	Member of the Council	25 August 2022

Board as of 31 December 2022

Name, Surname	Position	Date of Appointment
Dmitrijs Latiševs	Member of the Board	1 July 2002
	Deputy Chairman of the Board	25 April 2003
	Chairman of the Board	27 April 2011
Inga Preimane	Member of the Board	11 January 2016
Igors Petrovs	Member of the Board	31 May 2018
Dmitrijs Feldmans	Member of the Board	13 June 2019
Vadims Morozs	Member of the Board	12 August 2019

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Statement of the Management's responsibility

The Management of BluOr Bank AS (hereinafter – the “Bank”) is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries (hereinafter – the “Group”) as well as for the preparation of the financial statements of the Bank.

The Group's consolidated and the Bank's separate financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union on a going concern basis. Appropriate accounting policies have been applied on a consistent basis. Prudent and reasonable judgements and estimates have been made by the Management in the preparation of the Group's consolidated and the Bank's separate financial statements.

The Group's consolidated and the Bank's separate financial statements on pages 8 to 97 are prepared in accordance with the source documents and present fairly the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2022 and the consolidated results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, as well as the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2022 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The management of the Bank is responsible for the maintenance of a proper accounting system, safeguarding the Group's and the Bank's assets, and the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities in the Group and the Bank. Management is also responsible for operating the Group and the Bank in compliance with the Law on Credit Institutions, regulations of the Finance and Capital Market Commission and other legislation of the Republic of Latvia applicable to credit institutions.

On behalf of the Bank,

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The Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Income Statements

	Note	2022		2021	
		Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Interest income		22 847	22 847	24 591	24 591
<i>From those income at effective interest rate</i>		22 629	22 629	24 448	24 448
Interest expenses		(5 258)	(5 589)	(6 851)	(7 197)
Net interest income	6	17 589	17 258	17 740	17 394
Fee and commission income		10 372	10 373	7 298	7 299
Fee and commission expense		(1 930)	(1 930)	(1 989)	(1 989)
Net fee and commission income	7	8 442	8 443	5 309	5 310
Net (loss) / profit from trading and revaluation of financial instruments	8	(1 705)	(1 705)	1 437	1 437
Net foreign exchange trading and revaluation income	9	1 172	1 172	1 889	1 889
Other operating income	10	942	870	1 070	1 006
Total operating income		26 440	26 038	27 445	27 036
Administrative expenses	11	(13 700)	(12 990)	(13 935)	(13 198)
Other operating expenses	12	(1 683)	(1 684)	(1 895)	(1 876)
Credit loss allowances	18,19,20	(890)	(890)	(2 188)	(2 187)
Net impairment reversal	13	97	-	7	-
Total operating expenses		(16 176)	(15 564)	(18 011)	(17 261)
Profit before taxation		10 264	10 474	9 434	9 775
Corporate income tax	14	(12)	(12)	(9)	(9)
Profit for the year		10 252	10 462	9 425	9 766

The accompanying notes on pages 15 to 97 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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The Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Other Comprehensive Income

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Profit for the year	10 252	10 462	9 425	9 766
Other comprehensive income				
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss				
Foreign exchange revaluation reserve	(6)	-	(1)	-
Revaluation reserve – financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (debt instruments)	(1 911)	(1 911)	(339)	(339)
Total items that may be reclassified to profit or loss	(1 917)	(1 911)	(340)	(339)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss				
Revaluation reserve – financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (equity instruments)	(112)	(112)	(253)	(253)
Total items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(112)	(112)	(253)	(253)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income	(2 029)	(2 023)	(593)	(592)
Total comprehensive income	8 223	8 439	8 832	9 174

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The Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Financial Position

Assets	Note	2022		2021	
		Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Cash and demand deposits with central bank	15	120 527	120 527	270 118	270 118
Loans and receivables from credit institutions	16	25 306	25 292	34 444	34 426
<i>Demand deposits with credit institutions</i>		25 306	25 292	34 303	34 285
<i>Term deposits with credit institutions</i>				141	141
Trading financial assets		3	3	1 601	1 601
<i>Non fixed income securities</i>	17	-	-	1 524	1 524
<i>Derivatives</i>	32	3	3	77	77
Investment securities	18,20	162 968	162 968	185 208	185 208
<i>Fixed income securities</i>		162 630	162 630	184 339	184 339
<i>Non fixed income securities</i>		338	338	869	869
Loans and receivables	19	308 310	308 310	344 178	344 179
Investments in associates	21	827	-	827	-
Investments in subsidiary undertakings	21	-	30 266	-	31 256
Investment property	22	2 830	1 614	2 691	1 388
Property and equipment	23	24 610	3 438	25 944	3 809
Right-of-use assets	23	-	9 924	-	10 587
Intangible assets	24	256	256	352	351
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	22	11 150	11 150	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	25	1 661	1 657	1 975	1 972
Other assets	26	10 089	10 054	7 663	7 646
Corporate income tax receivable		3	3	2	2
Total assets		668 540	685 462	875 003	892 543

The Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Financial Position

Liabilities and Equity	Note	2022		2021	
		Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Due to central bank	28	-	-	81 681	81 681
Due to credit institutions on demand	27	6 623	6 623	2 958	2 958
Derivatives	32	-	-	1	1
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost		581 695	583 711	712 842	715 148
<i>Deposits</i>	29	573 707	575 723	710 282	712 588
<i>Deposits (subordinated)</i>	29	1 984	1 984	1 147	1 147
<i>Additional Tier 1 Debt securities (subordinated)</i>	30	1 122	1 122	1 122	1 122
<i>Debt securities (subordinated)</i>	30	4 882	4 882	291	291
Lease liabilities	23	-	10 476	-	11 025
Deferred income and accrued expenses		1 112	1 107	1 376	1 364
Provisions		129	130	92	92
Other liabilities	31	3 120	3 065	915	863
Total liabilities		592 679	605 112	799 865	813 132
Shareholders' equity					
Share capital	33	44 493	44 493	44 493	44 493
Statutory reserves	33	24	24	24	24
Revaluation reserve – financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		(2 144)	(2 144)	(121)	(121)
Other reserves	33	(3 413)	(2 400)	(3 413)	(2 400)
Retained earnings		36 901	40 377	34 155	37 415
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Bank		75 861	80 350	75 138	79 411
Total equity and liabilities		668 540	685 462	875 003	892 543
Contingent liabilities and commitments	35	59 124	59 127	40 740	40 743

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The Group's Consolidated Statement of Changes in the Shareholders' Equity

Note	Share capital EUR`000	Statutory reserves EUR`000	Revaluation reserve – FVOCI EUR`000	Other reserves EUR`000	Retained earnings EUR`000	Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent EUR`000	Total equity EUR`000
Balance as at 31 December 2020	39 493	24	471	(3 412)	29 730	66 306	66 306
Increase in share capital	5 000	-	-	-	-	5 000	5 000
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(5 000)	(5 000)	(5 000)
Other comprehensive income for the year:	-	-	(592)	(1)	-	(593)	(593)
Revaluation reserve – financial assets	-	-	(592)	-	-	(592)	(592)
Foreign exchange revaluation reserve	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)	(1)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	9 425	9 425	9 425
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(592)	(1)	9 425	8 832	8 832
Balance as at 31 December 2021	44 493	24	(121)	(3 413)	34 155	75 138	75 138
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(7 500)	(7 500)	(7 500)
Other comprehensive income for the year:	-	-	(2 023)	-	(6)	(2 029)	(2 029)
Revaluation reserve – financial assets	-	-	(2 023)	-	-	(2 023)	(2 023)
Foreign exchange revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	(6)	(6)	(6)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	10 252	10 252	10 252
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(2 023)	-	10 246	8 223	8 223
Balance as at 31 December 2022	44 493	24	(2 144)	(3 413)	36 901	75 861	75 861

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The Bank's Separate Statement of Changes in the Shareholders' Equity

Note	Share capital EUR' 000	Statutory reserves EUR' 000	Other reserves EUR' 000	Revaluation reserve – FVOCI EUR' 000	Retained Earnings EUR' 000	Total capital and reserves EUR' 000
Balance as at 31 December 2020	39 493	24	(2 400)	471	32 649	70 237
Increase in share capital	5 000	-	-	-	-	5 000
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(5 000)	(5 000)
Other comprehensive income for the year:	-	-	-	(592)	-	(592)
Revaluation reserve – financial assets	-	-	-	(592)	-	(592)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	9 766	9 766
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(592)	9 766	9 174
Balance at 31 December 2021	44 493	24	(2 400)	(121)	37 415	79 411
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(7 500)	(7 500)
Other comprehensive income for the year:	-	-	-	(2 023)	-	(2 023)
Revaluation reserve – financial assets	-	-	-	(2 023)	-	(2 023)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	10 462	10 462
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(2 023)	10 462	8 439
Balance as at 31 December 2022	44 493	24	(2 400)	(2 144)	40 377	80 350

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The Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Cash Flows

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Cash flow from operating activities				
Profit before taxation	10 264	10 474	9 434	9 775
Amortisation of intangible assets	189	189	275	275
Depreciation of property, equipment and right-of-use assets	1 356	1 056	1 432	1 131
Revaluation of financial assets	(2 023)	(2 023)	(592)	(592)
Interest income	(22 847)	(22 847)	(24 591)	(24 591)
Interest expense	5 258	5 589	7 197	7 197
Impairment of assets	890	890	2 181	2 187
Increase in cash and cash equivalents before changes in assets and liabilities, as a result of ordinary operations	(6 913)	(6 672)	(4 664)	(4 618)
(Increase) in loans and receivables	24 573	24 574	(43 662)	(43 669)
(Increase) in term deposits with credit institutions	(8 366)	(8 366)	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in investment securities	20 449	20 449	39 448	39 448
Decrease/(increase) in trading financial assets	1 598	1 598	1 238	1 238
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments and accrued income	314	315	601	601
(Increase)/ decrease in other assets	(2 658)	(2 635)	(816)	(820)
(Decrease)/increase in due to central banks	(81 681)	(81 681)	6 781	6 781
Increase in deposits and due to banks	(135 485)	(135 775)	166 899	167 439
Decrease in held-for-trading financial liabilities	(1)	(1)	(79)	(79)
Interest received	23 893	23 893	24 943	24 943
Interest paid	(5 511)	(5 842)	(7 969)	(7 969)
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities and current tax liabilities	2 242	2 240	62	248
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income and accrued expenses	(264)	(257)	(1)	2
Net cash from operating activities before tax	(167 810)	(168 160)	182 781	183 545
Corporate income tax paid	(12)	(12)	(9)	(9)
Net cash from operating activities	(167 822)	(168 172)	182 772	183 536
Cash flows from investment activities				
Purchase of fixed and intangible assets	(116)	(116)	(143)	(143)
Disposal of investment property	87	-	60	-
Capital increase in investment in subsidiaries	21	(10)	-	(157)
Capital decrease in investment in subsidiaries	21	1 000	-	-
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(29)	874	(83)	(300)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Lease liabilities repaid on right-of-use asset	-	(549)	-	(532)
Bonds (repaid)	(264)	(264)	(10 605)	(10 605)
Bonds issued	4 855	4 855	700	700
Share capital increase	-	-	5 000	5 000
Dividends (paid)	33	(7 500)	(5 000)	(5 000)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(2 909)	(3 458)	(9 905)	(10 437)
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents	(170 760)	(170 756)	172 784	172 799
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting year	301 463	301 445	128 679	128 646
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting year	34	130 703	130 689	301 463

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Notes to the Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Financial Statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

BluOr Bank AS (previous name – AS BlueOrange Bank) (“the Bank”) is a Joint Stock Company registered with the Enterprise Register of the Republic of Latvia on 22 June 2001. The address of the Bank is Smilšu iela 6, Riga, LV 1050, Latvia. The Bank holds a banking license issued in Latvia and it acts in accordance with the legislation of Latvia and the European Union.

The primary lines of business of the Bank are servicing corporate customers and high net worth individuals, and managing investments and finances.

The sole shareholder of the Bank is a Joint Stock Company BBG that holds 100% of voting shares of the Bank. JSC BBG is a financial management company registered in Latvia and owned by four Latvian companies and two private individuals, none of the ultimate beneficial owners controls the Group as at 31 December 2022. The consolidated financial statements of the parent company AS BBG can be obtained from the Enterprise Register of Latvia.

The Bank has a number of subsidiaries in Latvia and foreign countries as well as investments in associated company. Those entities form the Group and are shown in the following table:

Name of the company	Country of incorporation, address	Line of business	Holding 31.12.2022 %	Holding 31.12.2021 %
SIA BluOr International	M. Pils iela 13, Riga, Latvia,	Real estate development	100	100
SIA CityCap Service	Kr. Valdemara iela 149, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
SIA Zapdvina Development	Kr. Valdemara iela 149, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
Kamaly Development EOOD	Etiera k-s ½B – 18, Sveti Vlas, Burgas obl., Nesebier 8256, Bulgaria	Real estate development	100	100
UAB Kamaly Development	Klaipėdos m. sav. Klaipėdos m., Karklu g. 12, Lithuania	Management of collaterals overtaken by the bank	100	100
AS Pils Pakalpojumi	Smilšu iela 6, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
Foxtran Management Ltd	Suite 102, Blake Building, Corner Eyre & Huston Str., Belize	Management of collaterals overtaken by the bank	100	100
SIA Jēkaba 2	Jēkaba iela 2, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
Darziems Entity SIA	Kr. Valdemara 149-405, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
Mazirbe Estate SIA	Kr. Valdemara 149-405, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
Lielie Zaķi SIA	Kr. Valdemara 149-405, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100
Pulkarne Entity SIA	Kr. Valdemara 149-405, Riga, Latvia	Real estate development	100	100

BluOr Bank AS, as a parent company, is responsible for establishing the structure and corporate governance system of the Group with clearly defined duties and responsibilities and adequate supervision of subsidiaries. There is a Council (composed of two members of the Council) and a Board (composed of one member of the Board) established in AS Pils Pakalpojumi. The Boards of other subsidiaries of the Bank consist of one Board member or one elected director. No significant changes have occurred in the corporate governance structure and operations of the Group and its companies, compared to the previous reporting period.

Investments in associated companies (the Group):

Company	Country of incorporation, address	Line of business	Holding	Holding
			(%)	(%)
			31.12.2022	31.12.2021
AS Termo biznesa Centrs	Kr. Valdemāra iela 149, Rīga, Latvia	Real estate development	26.15	26.15

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(1) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of the Bank and the Group ("financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union, and regulations of the Financial and Capital Market Commission of the Republic of Latvia ('FCMC') in force as at 31 December 2022.

The Group's consolidated and the Bank's separate financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board on 17 March 2023. Shareholders have the power to reject the financial statements prepared and issued by the management and the right to request that new financial statements are issued.

(2) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated and separate financial statements are presented in thousands of euros ('000 EUR), unless stated otherwise. Subsidiaries of the Group and the Bank operate in the functional currency of euro.

(3) Basis of measurement

The Group's consolidated financial statements and the Bank's separate financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the following:

- financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are stated at fair value;
- derivative financial instruments are stated at fair value;
- financial instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) are valued at fair value;
- repossessed collaterals are recognised at lower of its carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following significant accounting policies have been applied in the preparation of these Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Financial Statements. The accounting principles have been consistently applied, except for the changes in accounting policies.

(1) Basis for consolidation

(i) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases.

Investments in subsidiaries are carried in the Bank's separate financial statements at cost less impairment, if any.

(ii) Loss of control

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related non-controlling interest and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured by the Group at fair value when control is lost.

(iii) Interest in equity-accounted investees

The Group's interests in equity accounted investees comprise interests in associates.

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies.

Investments in associates are accounted for in the Group's consolidated financial statements using the equity method. The Bank ensures the appropriate adjustments are made in the associate's financial information to align the accounting policies with those used by the Group before equity method of accounting is applied. They are initially recognised at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and OCI in equity-accounted investees, until the date on which significant influence or joint control ceases.

Investments in associates are carried in the Bank's separate financial statements at cost less impairment, if any.

(iv) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised gains arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity-accounted investees are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

(v) Group's unified accounting policy

In the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, the financial statements of those Group entities that use different accounting policies are adjusted to conform with the Group's accounting policy.

(2) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currencies of the Group companies at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortized cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortized cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the period.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognized in the income statement.

The exchange rates for the most significant currencies as set by the European Central Bank at reporting date are as follows:

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
USD	1.0666	1.1326

Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated into EUR at exchange rates set by the European Central Bank at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates of transaction dates.

Foreign currency differences are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the translation reserve, except to the extent that the translation difference is allocated to non-controlling interest.

Foreign exchange gains or losses arising from a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation, the settlement of which is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future and which in substance is considered to form part of the net investment in the foreign operation, are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the translation reserve.

(3) Financial instruments

a) Classification

Financial instruments are classified into the following categories:

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL):

- It is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, and
- Its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial asset is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- It is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets, and
- Its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortized cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). IFRS 9 also allows entities to irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as FVTPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

On initial recognition, an equity instrument other than held for trading, may be irrevocably designated as FVOCI, with no subsequent reclassification of profit or losses to the income statement.

Financial liabilities carried at amortised cost represent financial liabilities of the Group and the Bank other than financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss. This category includes investment securities, deposits and balances due to credit institutions, customer deposits, issued debt securities and other financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost are initially measured at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs and are subsequently remeasured to amortized cost using the effective interest rate.

Due from other credit institutions

Demand deposits with central banks, and placements with credit institutions are classified as financial assets measured at amortised cost, provided that the following criteria are met:

- they are held within the business model, which aim is achieved by collecting contractual cash flows ("Held to collect" business model);
- their contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest on outstanding principal
- the Group does not designate them on initial recognition to fair value through profit or loss measurement category.

Business model assessment

The Group and the Bank made an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information that is considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice, including whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising cash flows through the sale of assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Bank's and the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Group's and the Bank's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

Financial assets that are held for trading and those that are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL because they are neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets.

Solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) assessment

Classification for debt instruments is driven by the group business model for managing the financial assets and whether the contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI). If a debt instrument is held to collect, it may be carried at amortised cost if it also meets the SPPI requirement. Debt instruments that meet the SPPI requirement that are held in a portfolio where an entity both holds to collect cash flows and sells assets it may be classified as FVOCI.

Making SPPI assessment, the Group and the Bank considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

b) Recognition

The Group and the Bank initially recognize loans and advances, deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date at which they are originated. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the settlement date.

c) Measurement

A financial asset or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to acquisition of the financial asset or liability, in the case of a financial asset or liability other than measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss and all financial assets measured at FVOCI are measured at fair value.

All financial liabilities other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets other than those measured at FVTPL or FVOCI are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

A gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of a financial asset or liability is recognised as follows:

- a gain or loss on a financial asset classified as at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss;
- a gain or loss on debt securities classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income is recognised in fair value reserve through other comprehensive income (except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains or losses on monetary assets) until the asset is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is recognised in profit or loss. Interest in relation to debt securities classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income is recognised as earned in profit or loss (net interest income) calculated using the effective interest method.
- equity investments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and are never reclassified to profit or loss.

For financial assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost, a gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss when the financial asset or liability is derecognised including the instances where the terms change substantially or impaired.

d) Amortized cost measurement

The amortized cost of a financial asset or liability is the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method, minus any reduction for impairment.

The effective interest rate is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or liability, which is based on the recognition of interest income and expenses over a specific period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the management estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs, and all other premiums or discounts.

e) Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or a part of a group of similar financial assets) **is derecognised** when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Group and the Bank have transferred the rights to receive cash flows from the asset, or retained the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but have assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and
- the Group and the Bank either (a) have transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) have neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but have transferred control of the asset.

When the Group and the Bank has transferred the rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement and have neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's and the Bank's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group and the Bank could be required to repay.

Where continuing involvement takes the form of a written and/or purchased option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on the transferred asset, the extent of the Group's and the Bank's continuing involvement is the amount of the transferred asset that the Group and the Bank may repurchase, except that in the case of a written put option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on an asset measured at fair value, the extent of the Group's and the Bank's continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

Financial assets – write-off. Financial assets are written-off, in whole or in part, when the Group and the Bank exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The write-off represents a derecognition event. The Group and the Bank may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity when the Group and the Bank seeks to recover amounts that are contractually due, however, there is no reasonable expectation of recovery.

Financial assets – modification. The Group and the Bank sometimes renegotiates or otherwise modifies the contractual terms of the financial assets. The Group and the Bank assesses whether the modification of contractual cash flows is substantial considering, among other, the following factors: any new contractual terms that substantially (if cash flows differs more than 10%) affect the risk profile of the asset (e.g. profit share or equity-based return), significant change in interest rate, change in the currency denomination, new collateral or credit enhancement that significantly affects the credit risk associated with the asset or a significant extension of a loan when the borrower is not in financial difficulties.

If the modified terms are substantially different, the rights to cash flows from the original asset expire and the Group and the Bank derecognises the original financial asset and recognises a new asset at its fair value. The date of renegotiation is considered to be the date of initial recognition for subsequent impairment calculation purposes, including determining whether a SICR has occurred. The Group and the Bank also assesses whether the new loan or debt instrument meets the SPPI criterion. Any difference between the carrying amount of the original asset derecognised and fair value of the new substantially modified asset is recognised in profit or loss, unless the substance of the difference is attributed to a capital transaction with owners.

In a situation where the renegotiation was driven by financial difficulties of the counterparty and inability to make the originally agreed payments, the Group and the Bank compares the original and revised expected cash flows to assets whether the risks and rewards of the asset are substantially different as a result of the contractual modification. If the risks and rewards do not change, the modified asset is not substantially different from the original asset and the modification does not result in derecognition. The Group and the Bank recalculates the gross carrying amount by discounting the modified contractual cash flows by the original effective interest rate (or credit-adjusted effective interest rate for POCI financial assets), and recognises a modification gain or loss in profit or loss.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

When the contractual cash flows of a financial assets are substantially modified, such a modification is treated as a derecognition of the original assets and the recognition of a new financial asset, and the difference in respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement. In the case of financial asset modification, which does not lead to derecognition, the Group and the Bank recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset and recognises a modification gain or loss.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or when the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement.

f) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are set off and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group and the Bank have a legal right to set off the amounts and intend either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted by the accounting standards, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the trading activity.

(4) Identification and measurement of impairment of financial assets

Identification and measurement of impairment:

The Group and the Bank recognize an allowance for expected losses for all loans and other debt financial assets not held at FVPL, together with loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts.

IFRS 9 requires a loss allowance to be recognized at an amount equal to either 12-month expected credit losses (ECLs) or lifetime ECLs. Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument, whereas 12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

The Group and the Bank recognize loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs (Stage 2 and Stage 3 instruments), except financial instruments for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, for which the amount recognized will be the 12-month ECLs (Stage 1 instruments).

Accordingly, the Bank and the Group have established a policy to perform an assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether a given asset's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. When determining whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Bank and the Group consider reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort, including both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Bank's and the Group's historical experience and forward-looking information. The Bank and the Group primarily identify whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred for an exposure by comparing the remaining lifetime probability of default (PD) as at the reporting date, with the remaining lifetime PD for this point in time that was estimated on initial recognition of the exposure.

Significant assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis, while for insignificant assets a collective assessment is performed. The collective assessment is based on probabilities of default (PD) obtained from the statistical data for the different type of loans and borrowers, adjusted by several macro factors in order to include forward-looking information. For the individual assessment the Bank and the Group estimate ECLs based on a probability-weighted estimate of the present value of all cash shortfalls over the remaining expected life of the financial asset, i.e. the difference between: the contractual cash flows that are due to the Bank and the Group under the contract, and the cash flows that they expect to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate of the loan.

The Bank and the Group have grouped their loans into Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3, based on the applied impairment methodology, as described below:

- Stage 1 – Performing loans: when loans are first recognized, the Bank and the Group recognize an allowance based on twelve months expected credit losses.
- Stage 2 – Loans with a significant increase in credit risk: when a loan shows a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Bank and the Group recognize an allowance for the lifetime expected credit loss.

In addition, a significant increase in credit risk is assumed to have taken place, if an event is reported concerning the loan that indicates a significant increase in credit risk, the Bank and the Group expect to grant the borrower forbearance or when forbearance measures have already taken place, or the facility is included in the watch list, or if the borrower falls more than 30 days past due in making its contractual payments.

- Stage 3 – Impaired loans: Financial assets are recognized in Stage 3 when there is objective evidence that the loan is impaired. This category includes non-performing loans (also defaulted) and loans in the process of recovery. A loan is considered as defaulted, if it is clear that borrower will not be able to fulfil his obligations to the Bank without any additional measures like realisation of collateral, or if the borrower falls more than 90 days past due in making its contractual payments. The lifetime expected credit losses are recognized for these loans and in addition, the Bank and the Group accrue interest income on the amortised cost of the loan net of allowances.

The Bank and the Group recognize impairment for FVOCI debt securities as applicable, depending on whether they are classified as Stage 1, 2 or 3, as explained above. However, the expected credit losses will not reduce the carrying amount of these financial assets in the statements of financial position, which shall remain to be stated at fair value. Instead, an amount equal to the allowance that would arise if the assets were measured at amortised cost will be recognized in OCI as an accumulated impairment amount, with a corresponding charge to profit or loss.

For financial guarantee contracts, the Bank and the Group estimate their lifetime ECLs based on the present value of the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that is incurred less any amounts that the guarantor expect to recover from the holder, the debtor or any other party. For other off-balance sheet loan commitments (credit lines, overdrafts) ECL is estimated similarly to on-balance sheet instruments, applying the certain conversion factor, which is calculated based on historical data of usage of such facilities.

(5) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal, or in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group and the Bank has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

The methods described below have been used for the determination of fair values.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is the transaction price, i.e., the fair value of the consideration given or received, unless the fair value of that instrument is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions with the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets. When transaction price provides the best evidence of fair value at initial recognition, the financial instrument is initially measured at the transaction price and any difference between this price and the value initially obtained from a valuation model is subsequently recognized in the profit and loss statement depending on the individual facts and circumstances of the transaction but not later than when the valuation is supported wholly by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

When available, the Group and Bank measure the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as 'active' if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If a market for a financial instrument is not active, the Group and the Bank determine fair value using a valuation technique. Valuation techniques include recent arm's length transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties (if available), reference to the current fair value of other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analyses and option pricing models. The chosen valuation technique makes maximum use of market inputs, relies as little as possible on estimates specific to the Group and the Bank, incorporates all factors that market participants would consider in setting a price, and is consistent with accepted economic methodologies for pricing financial instruments.

Where third-party information, such as broker quotes or pricing services, are used to measure fair value, the Group and the Bank assesses and documents the evidence obtained from the third parties to support the conclusion that such valuations meet the requirements of IFRS. This includes:

- Verifying that equity broker or pricing service is approved by the Group and Bank for use in pricing the relevant type of financial instrument;
- Understanding how the fair value has been arrived at and the extent to which it represents actual market transactions;
- When prices for similar instruments are used to measure fair value, how these prices have been adjusted to reflect the characteristics of the instrument subject to measurement;

Fair value is classified into different levels of the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the measurement techniques:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability might be categorized in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The Group and the Bank recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred. The Group and the Bank recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred. For further analysis of the basis for fair value refer to Note 45.

Assets and long positions are measured at a bid price; liabilities and short positions are measured at an asking price. Where the Group and the Bank has positions with offsetting risks, mid-market prices are used to measure the offsetting risk positions and a quoted bid or asking price adjustment is applied only to the net open position as appropriate. Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instrument and include adjustments to take account of the provisions of the instrument. Fair value estimates obtained from models are adjusted for any other factors, such as liquidity risk or model uncertainties, to the extent that the Group and the Bank believes a third-party market participant would take them into account in pricing a transaction.

Loans

The estimated fair value of loans represents the discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received. The interest rate used to discount estimated cash flows are based on the prevailing money-market interest rates curve plus an adequate credit spread.

Shares and other non-fixed income securities

The fair value of shares and other non-fixed income securities is determined by reference to their quoted bid price at the reporting date, if available. For a number of non-listed shares where disposal was limited, it was assumed that it was not possible to make a reliable estimate of fair value.

The fair value of S.W.I.F.T shares was determined based on the "transfer amount", approved for the respective year by the shareholders' meeting, representing the price for new share allocation and the participants' quit price.

Derivatives

The fair value of currency swaps is estimated by discounting the contractual cash flows to be received and to be paid in appropriate foreign currencies for the residual maturity, and translating the difference of the discounted cash flows into euro, applying the exchange rate published by the European Central Bank. EURIBOR interest rates are used for discounting purposes.

Liabilities to other credit institutions and customers

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest-bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand, as they are largely due on demand. The estimated fair value of overnight deposits is their carrying amount. The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits not quoted in an active market is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for new deposits with similar remaining maturities.

(6) Derivatives

Derivatives include foreign currency swaps and forwards. As at 31 December 2021 and 2020 all derivatives of the Group and the Bank were classified as financial instruments held for trading.

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. All derivatives are carried as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when their fair value is negative.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised immediately in the income statement.

Although the Group and the Bank trades in derivative instruments for risk hedging purposes, the Group and the Bank does not apply hedge accounting.

(7) Investment property

Investment property is property held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

If the use of the property has been changed, investment properties are reclassified to property and equipment.

Investment property is initially measured at cost. Subsequently investment property is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

(8) Repossessed assets

In the normal course of business the Group and the Bank occasionally take title to property and other assets that originally were pledged as security for a loan. When the Group and the Bank acquires (i.e. gains a full title to) an asset in this way, the asset's classification follows the nature of its intended use by the Group and the Bank. When the Group or the Bank is uncertain of its intentions with respect to land and buildings that it has repossessed, those properties are classified as assets classified as held for sale.

(9) Property and equipment

Items of property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Current repair and maintenance costs are charged to the income statement as incurred. Capital repairs of property and equipment are added to property and equipment at cost, and its useful life is extended. Upon increasing the carrying amount of an item of property and equipment by expenses incurred to replace a material component, the replaced component is derecognised according to the derecognition requirements.

Items of property and equipment are derecognised when disposed or when no economic benefits are expected from the use or disposal of these items in the future. Gains or losses from derecognition of items of property and equipment are determined as the difference between the proceeds from disposal and the net carrying amount of the asset at the date of disposal, and are recognised in the income statement.

Depreciation is charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the individual assets. Depreciation is calculated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and ready for use. Where an item of property and equipment comprises major components having different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property and equipment.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual amounts are reviewed at each reporting date.

Land and buildings

The cost of land and buildings disclosed in the financial statements is their assumed fair value measured at the date of acquisition. Subsequent measurement is carried out on a cost basis similar to other items of property and equipment. Land is not depreciated.

Construction in progress and capital repairs of real estate properties include costs directly attributable to construction in progress, including a corresponding proportion of direct overheads incurred during the establishment of the item of property and equipment. Depreciation of such assets is calculated from the date when the assets are put into operation.

Real estate properties are depreciated over the useful life which is determined to be 50 years.

Leasehold improvements

Depreciation of leasehold improvements is calculated over the remaining period of lease. Depreciation is calculated from the date when leasehold improvements are completed and ready for use.

Useful lives of vehicle and other property and equipment

The annual depreciation percentages are as follows:

Furniture and equipment	20%
Computers	25%
Mobile phones	50%
Others	20%
Vehicle (yacht)	10%

(10) Intangible assets

Intangible assets, except goodwill, are identifiable non-monetary assets without physical substance (licenses, software that is separately identifiable from electronic devices and others) held for rendering of services or other purposes if it is expected that an economic benefit attributable to these assets will flow to the Group and the Bank.

Intangible assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and amortized to the profit or loss in equal amounts over the useful life of the intangible asset. The annual amortization rate for software is 20%.

(11) Recognition of income and expenses

All significant categories of income and expenses, including interest income and expenses, are recognized on an accrual basis.

Interest income and expenses are recognized in the income statement based on the effective interest rate of the asset/liability. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Group and Bank estimate future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instruments, but not future credit losses.

Interest income and expenses include discount or premium amortization or other difference between the carrying amount of an interest bearing instrument and its value on the maturity date calculated based on the effective interest rate method.

Fee and commission income and expense are recognised on an accrual basis. Loan origination fees together with the related direct costs, are deferred and amortised to interest income over the estimated life of the financial instrument using the effective interest rate method. Fee and commission income is recognised over time on a straight line basis as the services are rendered, when the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's and the Bank's performance. Such income includes fees for loan, lease or other credit enhancement contracts administration.

Net trading income comprises gains less losses related to trading financial assets and liabilities, and includes all realized and unrealized fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

(12) Off-balance sheet items

In the ordinary course of business, the Group and the Bank has off-balance sheet financial instruments consisting of commitments to extend loans and advances, financial guarantees and commercial letters of credit. Such financial instruments are recorded in the balance sheet when they are funded or related fees are incurred or received.

The Group and the Bank measures issued financial guarantees initially at their fair value, which is normally evidenced by the amount of fees received. This fee amount is then amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee. At each balance sheet date, the guarantees are measured at the higher of (i) the unamortized balance of the amount at initial recognition and (ii) Expected credit loss.

Documentary and commercial letters of credit represent written undertakings by the Bank and the Group on behalf of a customer authorising a third party to draw drafts on the Bank and the Group up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions.

(13) Taxes

Corporate income tax for the reporting period is included in the financial statements based on the management's calculations prepared in accordance with Latvian Republic tax legislation.

Corporate income tax is calculated on the basis of distributed profit (20/80 of the net amount payable to shareholders). Corporate tax on distributed profit will be recognized when the shareholders of the Company make a decision about profit distribution.

The Bank calculates and pays corporate income tax also for the conditionally distributed profit (20/80 of calculated taxable base), which includes taxable objects in accordance with the Corporate Income Tax law, such as the expenditure not related to economic activity, the doubtful debts of debtors and the loans to the related parties, if they meet criteria provided in the Corporate Income Tax law, as well other expenses exceeding statutory limits for deduction. Corporate income tax for the conditionally distributed profit is recognized in the profit or loss statement in the year for which it is assessed. Corporate income tax for the distributed profit and corporate income tax for the conditionally distributed profit is included in the profit and loss statement line item "Corporate income tax for the reporting year" and disclosed by the components in the notes to the financial statements.

(14) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cash on hand and amounts due from the Bank of Latvia and other credit institutions with initial maturities of up to 3 months, except liabilities towards the Bank of Latvia and other credit institutions with initial maturities of up to 3 months.

(15) Leases

the Group and Bank as a lessee

Where the Bank acts as a lessee, the standard requires that right-of-use (RoU) assets and lease liabilities arising from most leases are recognised on the balance sheet.

Depreciation of the RoU assets and interest expenses related to lease liabilities are recognised in the income statement. In the cash flow statement payments for the principal portion of the lease liability are presented within financing activities and payments for the interest portion are presented within operating activities. The lease liability is initially measured as the present value of lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date. Over time, the liability will increase with interest expense accruals and decrease with lease payments. The RoU asset is initially measured at cost i.e. the same amount as the initial measurement of the lease liability plus certain other costs, for example lease payments made at or before commencement date. The RoU asset is thereafter depreciated over the lease term. Lease payments are discounted using the incremental borrowing rate. The Bank applies a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics.

the Group as lessor

When acting as a lessor all leases shall be classified as either an operating lease or a finance lease. Operating leases are those leases where the lessor bears the economic risks and benefits.

(16) Provisions

Provisions are recognized in the statement of financial position when the Group and the Bank have a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

(17) Short-term employee benefits

Short term employee benefits, including salaries and social security contributions, bonuses and vacation benefits are included in net operation expenses on an accrual bases. The Group and the Bank pay fixed security contributions to the State Social Fund on behalf of its employees during the employment period in accordance with local legal requirements and the Group and the Bank will have no obligations to pay further contributions relating to retired employees.

(18) Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers are recorded when the Group and the Bank advance money to purchase or originate a loan due from a customer. Based on the business model and the cash flow characteristics, the Group and the Bank classify loans and advances to customers into one of the following measurement categories: (i) AC: loans that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and those cash flows represent SPPI and loans that are not voluntarily designated at FVTPL, and (ii) FVTPL: loans that do not meet the SPPI test or other criteria for AC are measured at FVTPL.

(19) Assets under management

Assets managed by the Group and the Bank on behalf of customers are not treated as assets of the Bank and the Group. The Group and the Bank assume no risk in relation to these assets.

(20) Investments in debt securities and Investments in equity securities

Investment securities includes Investments in debt securities and Investments in equity securities.

Investments in debt securities. Based on the business model and the cash flow characteristics, the Group and the Bank classifies investments in debt securities as carried at AC, FVOCI or FVTPL. Debt securities are carried at AC if they are held for collection of contractual cash flows and where those cash flows represent SPPI, and if they are not voluntarily designated at FVTPL in order to significantly reduce an accounting mismatch.

Debt securities are carried at FVOCI if they are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling, where those cash flows represent SPPI, and if they are not designated at FVTPL. Interest income from these assets is calculated using the effective interest method and recognised in profit or loss. An impairment allowance estimated using the expected credit loss model is recognised in profit or loss for the year. All other changes in the carrying value are recognised in OCI. When the debt security is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from OCI to profit or loss.

Investments in debt securities are carried at FVTPL if they do not meet the criteria for AC or FVOCI. The Group and the Bank may also irrevocably designate investments in debt securities at FVTPL on initial recognition if applying this option significantly reduces an accounting mismatch between financial assets and liabilities being recognised or measured on different accounting bases.

Investments in equity securities. Financial assets that meet the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective, i.e. instruments that do not contain a contractual obligation to pay cash and that evidence a residual interest in the issuer's net assets, are considered as investments in equity securities by the Group. Investments in equity securities are measured at FVTPL, except where the Group elects at initial recognition to irrevocably designate an equity investments at FVOCI. The Group's policy is to designate equity investments as FVOCI when those investments are held for strategic purposes other than solely to generate investment returns. When the FVOCI election is used, fair value gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss, including on disposal. Impairment losses and their reversals, if any, are not measured separately from other changes in fair value. Dividends continue to be recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive payments is established except when they represent a recovery of an investment rather than a return on such investment.

(21) Non-current assets classified as held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and a sale is considered highly probable. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write-down of the asset to fair value less costs to sell. A gain or loss not previously recognised by the date of the sale of the noncurrent asset is recognised in the profit or loss statement at the date of derecognition. Non-current assets are not depreciated while they are classified as held for sale.

(22) New IFRS, amendments and interpretations

Standards or interpretations effective for the first time for the annual periods beginning 1 January 2022:

- **Proceeds before intended use, Onerous contracts – cost of fulfilling a contract, Reference to the Conceptual Framework – narrow scope amendments to IAS 16, IAS 37 and IFRS 3, and Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2018-2020 – amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS9, IFRS16 and IAS 41** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022).
- The amendment to IAS 16 prohibits an entity from deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment any proceeds received from selling items produced while the entity is preparing the asset for its intended use. The proceeds from selling such items, together with the costs of producing them, are now recognised in profit or loss. An entity has to use IAS 2 to measure the cost of those items. Cost does not include depreciation of the asset being tested because it is not yet ready for its intended use. The amendment to IAS 16 also clarifies that an entity is 'testing whether the asset is functioning properly' when it assesses the technical and physical performance of the asset. The financial performance of the asset is not relevant to this assessment. An asset might therefore be capable of operating as intended by management and subject to depreciation before it has achieved the level of operating performance expected by management.

The amendment to IAS 37 clarifies the meaning of 'costs to fulfil a contract'. The amendment explains that the direct cost of fulfilling a contract comprises the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract; and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling. The amendment also clarifies that, before a separate provision for an onerous contract is established, an entity recognises any impairment loss that has occurred on assets used in fulfilling the contract, rather than on assets dedicated to that contract.

IFRS 3 was amended to refer to the 2018 Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting, in order to determine what constitutes an asset or a liability in a business combination. Prior to the amendment, IFRS 3 referred to the 2001 Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting. In addition, a new exception in IFRS 3 was added for liabilities and contingent liabilities. The exception specifies that, for some types of liabilities and contingent liabilities, an entity applying IFRS 3 should instead refer to IAS 37 or IFRIC 21, rather than the 2018 Conceptual Framework. Without this new exception, an entity would have recognised some liabilities in a business combination that it would not recognise under IAS 37. Therefore, immediately after the acquisition, the entity would have had to derecognise such liabilities and recognise a gain that did not depict an economic gain. It was also clarified that the acquirer should not recognise contingent assets, as defined in IAS 37, at the acquisition date.

The amendment to IFRS 9 addresses which fees should be included in the 10% test for derecognition of financial liabilities. Costs or fees could be paid to either third parties or the lender. Under the amendment, costs or fees paid to third parties will not be included in the 10% test.

Illustrative Example 13 that accompanies IFRS 16 was amended to remove the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements. The reason for the amendment is to remove any potential confusion about the treatment of lease incentives.

IFRS 1 allows an exemption if a subsidiary adopts IFRS at a later date than its parent. The subsidiary can measure its assets and liabilities at the carrying amounts that would be included in its parent's consolidated financial statements, based on the parent's date of transition to IFRS, if no adjustments were made for consolidation procedures and for the effects of the business combination in which the parent acquired the subsidiary. IFRS 1 was amended to allow entities that have taken this IFRS 1 exemption to also measure cumulative translation differences using the amounts reported by the parent, based on the parent's date of transition to IFRS. The amendment to IFRS 1 extends the above exemption to cumulative translation differences, in order to reduce costs for first-time adopters. This amendment will also apply to associates and joint ventures that have taken the same IFRS 1 exemption.

The requirement for entities to exclude cash flows for taxation when measuring fair value under IAS 41 was removed. This amendment is intended to align with the requirement in the standard to discount cash flows on a post-tax basis.

- **Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions – Amendments to IFRS 16** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021). In May 2020 an amendment to IFRS 16 was issued that provided an optional practical expedient for lessees from assessing whether a rent concession related to COVID-19, resulting in a reduction in lease payments due on or before 30 June 2021, was a lease modification. An amendment issued on 31 March 2021 extended the date of the practical expedient from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Standards or interpretations effective for the first time for the annual periods beginning after 1 January 2022 or not yet endorsed by the EU

- **IFRS 17 "Insurance Contracts"** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023).
- **Amendments to IFRS 17 and an amendment to IFRS 4** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023).
- **Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). IAS 1 was amended to require companies to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies. The amendment provided the definition of material accounting policy information. The amendment also clarified that accounting policy information is expected to be material if, without it, the users of the financial statements would be unable to understand other material information in the financial statements. The amendment provided illustrative examples of accounting policy information that is likely to be considered material to the entity's financial statements. Further, the amendment to IAS 1 clarified that immaterial accounting policy information need not be disclosed. However, if it is disclosed, it should not obscure material accounting policy information. To support this amendment, IFRS Practice Statement 2, 'Making Materiality Judgements' was also amended to provide guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures.
- **Amendments to IAS 8: Definition of Accounting Estimates** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). The amendment to IAS 8 clarified how companies should distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates.
- **Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction – Amendments to IAS 12** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). The amendments to IAS 12 specify how to account for deferred tax on transactions such as leases and decommissioning obligations. In specified circumstances, entities are exempt from recognising deferred tax when they recognise assets or liabilities for the first time. Previously, there had been some uncertainty about whether the exemption applied to transactions such as leases and decommissioning obligations – transactions for which both an asset and a liability are recognised. The amendments clarify that the exemption does not apply and that entities are required to recognise deferred tax on such transactions. The amendments require companies to recognise deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences.

- **Transition option to insurers applying IFRS 17 – Amendments to IFRS 17** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023).
- **Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, not yet endorsed by the EU). The amendments relate to the sale and leaseback transactions that satisfy the requirements in IFRS 15 to be accounted for as a sale. The amendments require the seller-lessee to subsequently measure liabilities arising from the transaction and in a way that it does not recognise any gain or loss related to the right of use that it retained. This means deferral of such a gain even if the obligation is to make variable payments that do not depend on an index or a rate.
- **Classification of liabilities as current or non-current – Amendments to IAS 1** (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, not yet endorsed by the EU). These amendments clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Liabilities are non-current if the entity has a substantive right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement for at least twelve months. The guidance no longer requires such a right to be unconditional. The October 2022 amendment established that loan covenants to be complied with after the reporting date do not affect the classification of debt as current or non-current at the reporting date. Management's expectations whether they will subsequently exercise the right to defer settlement do not affect classification of liabilities. A liability is classified as current if a condition is breached at or before the reporting date even if a waiver of that condition is obtained from the lender after the end of the reporting period. Conversely, a loan is classified as non-current if a loan covenant is breached only after the reporting date. In addition, the amendments include clarifying the classification requirements for debt a company might settle by converting it into equity. 'Settlement' is defined as the extinguishment of a liability with cash, other resources embodying economic benefits or an entity's own equity instruments. There is an exception for convertible instruments that might be converted into equity, but only for those instruments where the conversion option is classified as an equity instrument as a separate component of a compound financial instrument.

The management of the Group evaluates new standards and amendments impact on the financial statements of the Group and the Bank.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Within the framework of the internal control system, the Group and the Bank have developed and follow the risk management strategy and policies, approved by the Council, which in line with the volumes, complexity and specifics of the Group's and the Bank's operations, define the following:

- 1) General guidelines observed by the Group and the Bank in their activities aimed at decreasing risks associated with their activities which might lead to losses;
- 2) Description of risk transactions and other risks to which the Group and the Bank are exposed;
- 3) Identification and management of the significant risks, including measurement, evaluation, control, and preparation of risk reports;
- 4) The procedure for setting limits and restrictions for risk transactions together with regular control and development;
- 5) Measures for the regular assessment of capital adequacy and maintenance of sufficient capital to cover the inherent risks and risks to which the Bank might be exposed to;
- 6) Updating of normative documents regarding the risk management process according to market changes.

The risk management strategy and policies describe and determine the aggregate of measures to ensure that the possibility of suffering losses is minimized in the event the invested resources are not repaid in due time or the Bank or the Group suffers other losses.

The Board of the Bank ensures the development of the risk management system as described by the risk management normative documents; the Board, the Investment Committee, Credit Committee, Non-financial Risk Management Committee and Customer Activity Compliance Control Committee make the key decisions according to their regulations. Risk Officer is responsible for the overall control and monitoring of the risk management system. Independent risk management departments ensure risk management on a daily basis. The risk management system is monitored by the Internal Audit Service on a regular basis is being continuously developed pursuant to the development of the Group and the Bank and activities on financial markets. The Board and the Council regularly receive and review the information on risk management, implementation of the strategy and policies approved by the Council. Risk management is carried out both on the Group and Bank level.

(1) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss resulting from the inability or refusal to fulfil any contractual obligations by the Group's or the Bank's debtor or counterparty.

Credit risk is managed in accordance with the Risk management Strategy and the Credit Risk Management Policy, approved by the Council of the Bank. This policy details the basic principles of credit risk management, identification, assessment, mitigation and control.

The management of risks associated with ordinary loans involves the assessment of the potential borrower's credit standing that is performed by the Financial Analysis and Risk Management Department. Decisions on granting of loans are made by the Credit Committee or the Board, based on the above analysis and evaluation of collateral. Subsequent to granting a loan, the Financial Analysis and Risk Management Department performs a regular analysis of the borrower's financial position, which enables the Bank and the Group to take prompt action in the case of deterioration of the borrower's financial position.

Following the Russian military invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the European Union, the United States and other countries have imposed a series of financial and other sanctions against Russian and Belorussian state institutions, companies and individuals, resulting in a sharp collapse of Russian stock, debt and currency markets.

The Bank does not have assets, loans or other financial investments that could be significantly affected by the above events. Also, the Bank does not have significant financial cooperation with financial institutions in Russia, Belarus or Ukraine. In the light of foreseeable risks, the Group and the Bank have already taken the necessary steps to mitigate the potential impact associated with the initiated hostilities on the territory of Ukraine and the sanctions imposed by the international community on Russia. Therefore, the Bank does not see significant credit risks or other losses in the context of the geopolitical situation.

The real estate market does not react as quickly to changes in energy prices, currently we do not see significant changes. Although the Bank as a whole, of course, looks cautiously at the coming periods and monitors the situation on the market and the Bank's borrowers.

As for commercial facilities, it should be taken into account that borrowers (owners of facilities that rent premises) most often transfer utility payments to tenants, under the terms of the lease agreements, and there are no negative trends yet (such as renegotiation of lease terms or outflow of tenants). Of course, the increase in interest rates (EURIBOR) has or will have a negative impact on the borrowers' DSCR, however, the Bank most often finances customers with a sufficient level of DSCR. Accordingly, a reserve has been provided for a potential deterioration in cash flow.

As of the end of 2022, no significant deterioration has been detected for customers; however, the Bank is cautious about the near term, especially with regard to customers, whose own costs of production are significantly driven by energy consumption (food industry, manufacturers of building materials, other manufacturing enterprises with high energy consumption). The Bank continues to closely monitor the situation and supervise the conditions of these loans, working proactively with the client to identify in a timely manner any signs of deterioration in the financial situation. It should be noted that the concentration of any industry in the Bank's loan portfolio does not exceed 20%, while each borrower is assessed individually.

Credit risk that is related to inter-bank operations (or operations with financial institutions), including the credit risk related to inter-bank settlements and the Bank's investments in debt securities, is controlled by the Bank's Investment Committee that sets limits for transactions with each counterparty and issuer.

The Bank and the Group monitor the concentration of significant assets, liabilities, as well as contingent liabilities and commitments' credit risk by geographical regions, customer groups and types (i.e. central governments, local authorities, state enterprises, private enterprises, private individuals, etc.) and industries. Credit risks are presented in Note 43.

Impairment policies

An important part of the credit risk management is the estimation of provisions under IFRS9, which mostly is based on the assessment of credit risk of financial instruments. As a result of the assessment, all assets are divided into stages according to the level of credit risk and changes thereof.

The Bank and the Group recognize an allowance for expected credit losses on all loans and other debt financial assets, except financial assets which are valued as FVTPL, together with loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts.

The Bank's ECL calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions regarding the choice of variable inputs and their interdependencies. Elements of the ECL models that are considered in accounting judgements and estimates include:

- the criteria for assessing the significance of an increase in credit risk and the criteria for granting the Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 loans that meet the requirements of IFRS9, including the EBA guidelines for classification of loans due to the impact of COVID-19;
- assessing the accounting interpretations and modelling assumptions used to build the ECL calculation models, including various formulas and choice of inputs;
- modelling and calculation of key parameters of ECL model, including probability of default (PD), loss given default (LGD) and exposure at default (EAD);
- determining the macro-economic indicators and incorporating forward-looking information into the ECL model, as described below;
- estimating the above-mentioned indicators for individually assessed loans for a credible future period and calculation of ECL based on cash flow.

In order to estimate the expected credit loss (ECL) for debt securities, inter-bank deposits, letters of credit and financing against securities portfolio, the statistics of historical defaults and recovery rates by Moody's is used. Historical PD is applied accordingly to instruments' or issuers' external credit ratings. If an instrument has not any external rating, it is conservatively assumed to apply historical data which is relevant for the rating B-. For the instruments with prime grades, where historical PD is equal to 0%, it is assumed to take PD=0.005%. PD under these scenario ranges from 0.005% for prime grade instruments to 7.41% for instruments with the lowest ratings. Significant increase in credit risk for such instruments is recognized, for example, if the instrument is downgraded and PD corresponding to the new rating increases by at least 100bp or if the issuer of the security proposed to revise the prospectus of the asset issue.

The approach for ECL calculations for a loan portfolio is based on both a collective and individual assessment. Loans not classified for Stage 3 assets are assessed individually if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The balance of the principal amount of loans granted to one customer or a group of related customers is not less than 3 million EUR;

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- The balance of the principal amount of loans issued to one customer or a group of related customers exceeds 500 thousand EUR and the total risk rating set in accordance with the "Methodology for assessing the credit risk of borrowers" is 4 or lower.
- The risk profile of a customer (a group of related customers) is quite different from the groups for which impairments are calculated collectively.

The calculation of collective impairments is carried out by applying a statistical model based on historical data of the Bank's credit portfolio for the calculation of PD rates. The Bank calculates PD rates using the Weibull approach, which is widely used in credit institutions of various sizes, both in the domestic and foreign markets. The Weibull approach is particularly well suited for calculating PD rates for portfolios with a low number of historically observed defaults.

The Weibull approach is a PD calculation method that is often used in the industry when other methods based on a larger volume of historical data cannot be applied. For example, if the homogeneous Markov chain approach is not applicable due to insufficient historical data or few default events, the Weibull approach can be applied. With the Weibull approach, historically observed defaults are adjusted (interpolated) to the function curve, resulting in PD rates with relatively small amounts of data.

To calculate PD in accordance with this approach, historical transaction data on the number of new and unique defaults are collected, aggregating the data into homogeneous groups.

Dividing the number of defaults by the total number of transactions in the relevant period, the default rate (DR) and its cumulative values are calculated.

With the Weibull function, historical default data is replicated for each future period and PD cumulative rates are calculated based on the interpolated Weibull curve.

PD rates are calculated for each homogeneous group separately, based on the historical data of the Bank's credit portfolio at the end of each month for at least 36 months, covering data on the Stage classification of each transaction and covering data on exposures assessed both individually and in homogeneous groups and on the number of observed defaults of exposures. If the data does not reflect current market conditions or if historical data is available for a shorter historical period, data for a shorter period of time is used, which is representative of exposures as of the date of ECL calculation.

The Bank models the exposure at default (EAD) every time ECL is calculated based on the payment schedule specified in the agreement and the use of unused credit limits (off-balance sheet obligations).

LGD is calculated at the level of homogeneous portfolio groups or the type of pledged asset, and the calculation is updated at least once a year. At least once a year, the Bank analyses whether the factors by which LGD groups are differentiated are relevant and representative for the current portfolio.

LGD is applied to each risk transaction according to its homogeneous group or type of pledged asset. The Bank applies LGD calculated on the basis of assumptions about the adjustment of the value of recoverable funds depending on the type of mortgaged property.

To adjust the ECL with macroeconomic forecasts, the Bank uses the following approaches:

- 1) Performs statistical calculations that take into account historical correlations between macroeconomic indicators and the observed probability of default, and, based on forecasts of macroeconomic indicators, determines the applicable adjustments for future PD rates;
- 2) Uses an expert assessment based on historical data or publicly available source data, or uses information provided by third-party assessment experts.

To adjust the PD of the loan portfolio taking into account forward-looking information, the Bank uses a macroeconomic model, which is developed on the basis of the principles of the one-factor stochastic Vasicek model. The model predicts the development of PD rates due to a single market factor that has a significant impact on the probability of default.

To calculate ECL and forecast future PD rates, a baseline scenario is used, supplemented by one or more alternative scenarios reflecting at least one pessimistic scenario, for example, with a probability of occurrence of 85% and 15%, respectively. Alternative scenarios do not necessarily include less likely extreme or stressful scenarios. The macroeconomic scenarios used for the end of 2022 include forecasts that take into account the impact of negative geopolitical and macroeconomic events.

The PD and LGD rates are adjusted taking into account the weighted value of all scenarios, using the probability distribution of scenarios as weights.

For ECL calculation, the Bank uses the approach $PD \cdot EAD \cdot LGD$. The approach focuses on each of the variables PD, EAD and LGD separately, which are applied to each of the exposures, on a monthly cash flow basis, in order to obtain the projected amount of ECL in the months up to the final maturity of the loan.

Collectively assessed loans, represent 18% of the Bank's total credit portfolio by volume, of which 87.4% are classified as Stage 1 loans, 12.2% as Stage 2 loans, and 0.4% as Stage 3 loans.

By applying the individual calculation approach, the Bank calculates the expected loss during the life of the asset as the difference between the future cash flow due to the Bank under the loan agreement and the future cash flow it expects to receive from the relevant asset. For Stage 1 and Stage 2 loans, the Bank assumes that the debtor will fulfil the obligations in accordance with the repayment schedule specified in the loan agreement and applies the $PD \cdot EAD \cdot LGD$ approach.

The bank predicts the development of EAD according to the loan repayment schedule and applies historically observed forward-adjusted PD rates to a comparable sub-portfolio valued in homogeneous groups. If the credit in question has quite a different risk profile from the established homogeneous groups, the PD rates shall be applied according to the expert method, duly substantiated and documented.

LGD is estimated individually based on the assessment of the future cash flow for the corresponding loan in case of default. The future cash flow is discounted by applying the effective interest rate (EIR) or its estimate based on the interest rate applicable to the loan at the time of analysis, as well as on commissions for granting and servicing the corresponding loan. If the Bank does not have access to information on the EIR applicable to the loan, the Bank accepts the EIR equal to the interest rate applicable to the loan. The future cash flow from the debt obligations of the debtor in question is calculated at the level of individual contracts.

For Stage 3 loans, the Bank assumes that the debtor will not fulfil obligations in accordance with the repayment schedule specified in the loan agreement, and the future cash flow could result from the sale of the collateral, minus the related expenses, discounted by applying the EIR or its estimate based on the interest rate applicable to the loan at the time of analysis, as well as on commissions for granting and servicing the corresponding loan.

Impairments for different financial instruments are recognized based on calculated ECL coefficients and these coefficients change dynamically depending on the outstanding amount for each instrument.

(2) Currency risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk of potential loss as a result of the revaluation of assets, liabilities, as well as contingent liabilities and commitments denominated in foreign currencies due to change in exchange rates.

The Bank and the Group continuously monitor the open positions of foreign currencies and regularly assesses the structure of assets and liabilities by currency.

An analysis of sensitivity of the Bank's net profit or loss for the year and comprehensive income to changes in the foreign currency exchange rates based on positions existing as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 and a simplified scenario of a 5% change in the USD to EUR exchange rates is as follows:

EUR'000	2022		2021	
	Profit or loss	Shareholders' equity	Profit or loss	Shareholders' equity
5% appreciation of USD against EUR	(74)	(74)	115	115
5% depreciation of USD against EUR	74	74	(115)	(115)

An analysis of the foreign currency position is presented in Note 41.

(3) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is related to potential losses incurred by the Group and the Bank due to movements in interest rates.

For controlling the interest rate risk, the Investment Committee performs regular analyses of assets and liabilities by maturity and type of interest. A change of interest rates by 100 basis points would result in the following changes in profit or loss and capital and reserves:

	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
EUR	537	768
USD	(76)	(52)

The interest reprising analysis is disclosed in Note 42.

(4) Debt securities price risk

Debt securities price risk is the potential loss that may arise to the debt securities included in the trading portfolio due to the decline in market prices as a result of changes in market factors.

The debt securities price risk is managed by the Bank by setting limits on the total amount of the trading portfolio, as well as purchasing debt securities with relatively short maturities that are less sensitive to price risk.

EUR'000	2022		2021	
	Profit or loss	OCI	Profit or loss	OCI
10% increase in securities prices	-	2 599	-	3 938
10% decrease in securities prices	-	(2 599)	-	(3 938)

(5) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of potential loss as a result of sales of assets or acquisition of resources at unfavourable prices in order for the Group and the Bank to fulfil its liabilities to creditors and depositors.

The Bank focuses on a conservative approach to liquidity management. The Bank allocates funds (attracted mainly from deposits) to assets in order to maintain an asset structure that is appropriate to support the Bank's operations (executing of customers' transactions) and comply with regulatory requirements concerning the liquidity ratio even in case of a significant outflow of customer deposits or a significant decrease in liquidity on the securities market.

The procedures for the management of the liquidity risk are described in the Liquidity Management Policy and consist of several components: liquidity risk indicator system, balance sheet planning, stress testing, and limits for investments in assets of limited liquidity.

The purpose of liquidity risk indicators is to reflect the actual level of the Bank's liquidity risk and quickly identify any increase in liquidity risk. The Bank's Liquidity Risk Management Policy determines specific actions to improve the Bank's liquidity position when liquidity risk indicators reach certain levels.

The aim of liquidity risk stress testing is to measure the deficit or surplus of the Bank's liquid assets that may occur due to significant outflows of customer deposits or a significant decrease in liquidity on the securities market. Based on the results of stress testing, the Bank's Investment Committee sets limits on investments in assets of limited liquidity.

The reported ratio of net liquid assets versus current liabilities at the reporting date were as follows:

	2022	2021
As at 31 December	72.29%	96.14%

Net liquid assets include cash and cash equivalents, bonds and receivables from credit institutions net of current liabilities.

Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) at the reporting date was as follows:

	2022	2021
As at 31 December	179.8%	166.91%

In accordance with 'Normative regulations on establishing a capital and liquidity adequacy assessment process' No. 209 of the FCMC, the Bank carries out the assessment of the liquidity reserve adequacy necessary for its operations within the liquidity adequacy assessment process (ILAAP). Liquidity analysis is presented in Note 40.

(6) Country risk

Country risk is the risk of potential losses arising from transactions with residents of foreign countries (or their securities) due to changes in the economic, political, and legal environment of the respective countries.

Before entering into transactions with residents of foreign countries, the Group and the Bank perform an assessment of the influence of economic, social, political and legal circumstances on the residents' ability to fulfil their obligations.

The Group and the Bank, pursuant to the State risk management policy, set the limits on placement of assets for the respective country.

(7) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of incurring losses from inadequate or improper internal processes, human errors and errors in the operation of systems, or from external events, including legal risk, but excluding strategic and reputation risk.

The principles of the operational risk management at the Group and the Bank are established in the internal regulations of the Bank, by setting:

- Organizational structure, division of powers and the principles of delegation, functional duties, procedure for the exchange of information among the structural units and employees;
- Rules, regulations and procedures for operations and other transactions, the accounting procedure and the organisation of internal processes;
- Control over the compliance with the limits set for bank operations and other transactions;
- Rules, regulations and procedures for the functioning of information systems (technical, informational, etc.);
- Procedure for granting rights of access to information and material assets;
- Procedure for preparing and issuing reports and other information;
- Procedure for motivating employees, and other matters.

To ensure efficient conditions for the identification and assessment of the operational risk at the Group and the Bank, the Bank has established the Operational Risk Management Department, responsible for personnel training on the matters of operational risk. The Operational Risk Management Department has an operational event database in place, which ensures receiving information about operational risk events, thus enabling proper recording, management and addressing of risks.

A systemic approach is applied in the identification and management of risks characteristic to new financial services and products as part of the approval process of the new services and products. This process involves all the structural units providing control and support functions together with structural units of the relevant business lines in order to ensure the assessment of the new financial services or products.

The Bank's Business Continuity Plan (BCP) includes actions and measures to be taken in various crisis situations and related operational risks, including possible events related to disruption of IT and support services, unavailability of critical resources or suppliers. Having assessed the Bank's BCP and operational risks that may arise as a result of the development of the geopolitical situation, we have concluded that the BCP includes the main risks of a possible crisis of the geopolitical situation. The Bank has its own Client Service Centre, which also provides the Bank's clients with cash and settlement operations, as well as, if necessary, the Bank can quickly increase the volumes of on-site customer service. The Bank

and the Group has assessed and tested the existing IT infrastructure capacity and defence capacity, especially taking into account the potential of cyber-attacks and concluded that the IT infrastructure capabilities are sufficient to repel the most likely cyber-attacks with acceptable impact. The general testing of the BCP is provided on a regular basis, and within its framework the Bank ensures the provision of critical operational functions.

The Bank has also developed Action plans for various crisis situations. The Bank and the Group have set up an independent Internal Audit Service (IAS), whose primary function is to ensure that the activities of the Bank and the Group comply with the applicable laws and regulations, approved plans, policies and other internal documents of the Bank, and with the internal control procedures governing the functions of the Group's and the Bank's structural units.

(8) Management of money laundering and terrorist financing risk and the Customer Policy

(a) General Policy

The existing business model of the Group and the Bank is aimed at providing financial services to clients, therefore its activities are related to the risk of money laundering and terrorist and proliferation financing, as well as sanctions. Accordingly, the Group and the Bank devote significant efforts to ensure compliance with the requirements of the laws and regulations of the Republic of Latvia, recommendations of international organisations, best practices, as well as other binding regulations in the area of anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism and proliferation (hereinafter – AML/CFTP), as well as prevention of possible violation, circumvention or attempted violation of National, International and OFAC sanctions (hereinafter – Sanctions).

The Bank has approved the AML/CFTP Policy, which establishes:

- The key principles of customer due diligence, client transaction monitoring, enhanced due diligence, including the analysis of personal or business activities of clients and their counterparties;
- The key principles of identification and due diligence of beneficial owners of clients;
- The key principles of client risk assessment, identification and management. Based on the information generated during the client's initial due diligence, the client's initial risk is established, which is automatically assigned by the client risk scoring system based on a number of risk factors. Client risk is regularly reviewed in the light of changes in risk factors.

The Bank has approved the Sanction risk management policy, which defines the tasks and procedures of the Bank's structural units in the area of client acquisition and servicing, the general terms for initiating business relationship with clients, carrying out the client due diligence and client risk identification measures, including the general procedure for terminating business relationship with clients who do not meet the requirements of the Sanction risk management policy.

Throughout the business relationship between the client and the Bank, the Bank continues to collect information on the client's economic activities and personal activities as far as it is necessary to meet the requirements set out in the regulations. Client files are regularly supplemented and updated with the results of studying client activity and their transactions, as well as documents supporting transactions. In the opinion of the Bank's management, through gaining the understanding about the client business activities and their geographical coverage, monitoring their transactions and refraining from the execution of suspicious financial transactions, the Group and the Bank minimize the risk of being involved in potential money laundering and terrorism and proliferation financing activities, as well as reduce the risk of being involved in violation or circumvention of sanctions or such attempts.

The Bank has approved the money laundering and terrorist and proliferation financing risk and sanctions risk management strategy, which sets out the key principles for managing the risks of money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing and sanctions (hereinafter – ML/TPF and Sanctions risk), development of internal control system, risk identification measures, and risk mitigation and control mechanisms. Taking into account the Bank's strategy, the ability of the Bank to manage the ML/TPF and Sanctions risk, and the available resources, the ML/TPF and Sanctions Risk Management Strategy sets out the ML/TPF risk exposure rates and their maximum permissible limits.

The ML/TPF and Sanctions Risk Management Strategy, AML/CFTP Policy and Sanctions Risk Management Policy establish requirements for such organisational structure fundamentals, which are based on the following principles of three-tier protection and control:

- Tier 1 controls — employees of business structural units in charge of acquiring and servicing customers, ensuring compliance with the 'Know Your Customer' (KYC) and 'Know Your Customer's Customer' (KYCC) principles both when entering into a business relationship with the client and during business relationship. Each employee of the Bank's structural units is responsible for knowing and complying with ML/TPF and Sanctions risk requirements in cooperation with clients, as well as for promoting and respecting the professional internal culture in accordance with the Corporate Ethics Standards Code.
- Tier 2 controls — structural units in charge of client acceptance and due diligence prior to establishing business relationship, monitoring of client transactions and support function, that provide independent research and acceptance of clients, supervision of servicing, analysis of client transactions, issue of opinions on planned client transactions, and, through the use of automated tools, carry out transaction monitoring, reporting (Financial Intelligence Unit, the State Revenue Service, the State Security Service, the Finance and Capital Market Commission, the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia), as well as risk management and operational compliance directors and heads of departments responsible for supervision. In addition to monitoring the Sanctions risk, the Bank has appointed a responsible employee in charge of considering matters related to International, OFAC and National sanctions at the Bank, consulting other employees of the Bank and issuing opinions on Sanctions-related matters.
- Tier 3 controls are implemented by the Internal Audit Service through independent and regular management of ML/TPF and Sanctions risk and assessment of controls.

The Bank has appointed a Board member in charge of ML/TPF and Sanctions risk management, as well as the employee responsible for the compliance with AML/CFTP requirements.

The Bank's internal control system in the area of ML/TPF and Sanctions risk management is based on the principle of distribution of certain duties and responsibilities between structural units and employees; it defines the criteria for decision-making, establishes a certain responsibility for monitoring the client activities and lays the foundations for the activity of compliance units. To ensure general control and organisation of supervisory measures related to the internal control system, the Bank has established the Client Activity Compliance Committee.

(b) Improvement of the AML/CFTP internal control system

The Financial and Capital Market Commission (hereinafter – the FCMC) carried out a regular on-site inspection of the Bank in the field of anti-money laundering and terrorism and proliferation financing prevention and sanctions risk management, inspection was conducted from 25 January 2021 to 5 March 2021. The inspection was successfully finalized, that was been confirmed by a written letter issued by FCMC. As of result, FCMC has not identified any substantial shortcomings. All shortcomings were accordingly remediated up to the receipt of the FCMC letter. Bank continues to follow the statutory requirements stipulated in the laws of the Republic of Latvia as well as international best practice established by reputable international organisations in the field of AML/CFT to ensure efficiency of internal control system in accordance to the highest standards.

(9) Management of compliance risk

Compliance risk — a risk that the Group or the Bank may incur losses or may be subject to legal obligations or sanctions, or its reputation as an institution may be damaged due to non-compliance of its operations or violation of the requirements of laws, rules and standards in the area of compliance.

The Bank has introduced the compliance control system, which is based on the principle that the function of compliance control in the Bank is provided by an organisationally separated unit — the Compliance Control Department, which acts under the direct authority of the Chief Compliance Officer. In order to ensure the compliance function, the Bank has appointed compliance experts, — employees of the Bank's structural units, experts in the field concerned.

The Bank has appointed a personal data protection officer in charge of organising, controlling and supervising the compliance of personal data processing at the Bank as a Controller with the requirements of the regulatory enactments in the area of personal data protection of the European Union and the Republic of Latvia. The main goal of the Compliance Control Department is to ensure the identification, assessment and management of the compliance risk. The purpose of the compliance function is to ensure the identification, documentation, assessment of the compliance risk, by ensuring that prior to the initiation of any new activity, the compliance risk associated with the respective activity is identified, and the Bank's compliance with compliance laws, rules and standards is assessed.

Compliance of the activities of the Bank characterises the Bank's ability to act pursuant to the applicable laws, regulations and standards in the area of compliance, which can further be subdivided in 2 levels:

- Compliance with external requirements in general (requirements integrated in the internal regulatory documents and processes);
- Appropriate internal control system capable of ensuring continued compliance with the relevant requirements.

Pursuant to the changes in regulatory enactments, an internal whistleblowing system was introduced providing for reporting on deficiencies and other violations of the internal control system and ensuring the protection guarantees for whistleblowers pursuant to the Whistleblowing Law.

In scope of corporate governance, the process of identifying and managing situations of conflict of interest was improved, and a systematic approach to collecting information on situations that may create conflicts of interest for the Bank was developed.

The system for reporting and providing information to internal and external information requests is continuously reviewed and updated.

(10) Sustainability risk

Sustainability risk is the risk that an event or circumstance in the field of environmental, social or governance (ESG) will negatively affect the value of investments. Environmental events could be related to regulatory or legal issues, technology risk or reputation risk. Social events are mostly related to labor themes. Governance related events are related to code of conduct, diversity and minority shareholder rights. Impact of sustainability risk has various scopes, including company-specific, sector-specific and country level risk, which usually is based on political risk and rule of law. The occurrence of a sustainability risk can negatively affect the value of an investment.

European regulations have created standards with regards to the integration of sustainability risks in the investment process. Sustainability risk can affect investments, both positively and negatively. Therefore, BluOr Bank AS is committed to taking ESG factors into account in our investment decision making process.

Our mission is to create positive long-term investment results for our clients and we believe that this can only be achieved by taking full consideration of ESG factors. Strong ESG compliance reduces the risk that our investments returns can be compromised by exogenous risk.

As one way of realizing its duty as a responsible investor, the Bank considers ESG factors among other factors when voting at general meetings based on our delegated voting authority on shares owned by our clients in line with the Bank's Participation Policy.

The understands that ESG factors can affect target prices, the fundamental assessment of a company, a country, a sector of economy, and investment management strategy, and, as such, ESG factors are integrated into the evaluation process for selecting and monitoring our investments. In fact, we have made investments in several companies and industries that we believe will benefit from a demand in higher ESG compliance in the future by institutional investors. We monitor the ESG strengths of our chosen investments through reports and management follow-up of the implementation of ESG targets. We believe that responsible, ESG compliant investing can be a strong catalyst for positive change, and will ultimately deliver higher, sustainable returns for all stakeholders.

(11) Capital management

The Bank's Capital Adequacy Management Policy requires maintenance of a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business as well as to ensure the Bank's capital at an adequate level for covering potential risks arising from current and future operations.

Under the capital requirements introduced by Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the FCMC banks need to maintain a ratio of capital to risk weighted assets ("statutory capital ratio") above the prescribed minimum level. Although the minimum required level as at 31 December 2022 was 8%, according to a special request by the FCMC the Bank was required to ensure a higher capital adequacy of 11% during the period from 3 January 2022. In addition to the above capital requirement for the overall risk coverage, the Bank is required to maintain compliance with the total capital reserve requirement calculated in accordance with Section 35²², 35²³, 35²⁴ or 35²⁵ of the Credit Institution Law -2.60% (Capital conservation buffer – 2.50%, institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer – 0.10% (as at 31.12.2022)). The requirements of the total capital reserve should be met using Tier 1 capital.

During the years 2022 and 2021 as of 31 December of these years the Bank and the Group were in compliance with the capital adequacy and the minimum capital requirement specified in the Law On Credit Institutions and the rules of the FCMC, as well as in compliance with the higher ratio required by the FCMC.

For the calculation of capital adequacy as at 31 December 2022 refer to Note 44.

In addition to the calculation of the capital adequacy ratio in accordance with 'Normative regulations on establishing a capital and liquidity adequacy assessment process' No. 209 of the FCMC, the Bank regularly conducts its own internal capital adequacy assessment in order to ensure that it covers all the risks assumed by the Bank and whether they are covered by the capital.

5. USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS as adopted by EU requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, the actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to the accounting estimates are recognized in the period, in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Group's and the Bank's management makes significant estimates and judgements in respect of expected credit losses on loans and receivables (see note "Risk management – Credit risk").

6. NET INTEREST INCOME

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Interest income				
Interest income from financial assets at amortized cost (loans):	20 395	20 395	20 980	20 980
<i>Deposits with credit institutions</i>	506	506	53	53
<i>Loans and receivables</i>	19 889	19 889	20 927	20 927
<i>including interest income on impaired loans</i>	575	575	1 470	1 470
Interest income from financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	64	64	80	80
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost (fixed income securities)	1 378	1 378	1 805	1 805
Other interest income	1 010	1 010	1 726	1 726
Total interest income	22 847	22 847	24 591	24 591
Interest expense				
Interest expense from liabilities measured at amortized cost:	2 641	2 641	3 009	3 009
<i>Deposits</i>	2 641	2 641	3 009	3 009
Interest expense on issued bonds	313	313	467	467
Payments to the Deposit Guarantee Fund and other funds	1 046	1 046	1 223	1 223
Other interest expense	1 258	1 589	2 152	2 498
Total interest expense	5 258	5 589	6 851	7 197
Net interest income	17 589	17 258	17 740	17 394

7. NET FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Fee and commission income				
Money transfers	1 096	1 097	1 065	1 066
Commissions on loans monitoring and service	551	551	623	623
Securities transactions	910	910	2 278	2 278
Assets management	322	322	584	584
Client service	6 072	6 072	1 623	1 623
Payment card service	1 421	1 421	1 125	1 125
Total fee and commission income	10 372	10 373	7 298	7 299
Fee and commission expense				
Money transfers	73	73	84	84
Payment card service	1 407	1 407	1 492	1 492
Securities transactions	390	390	392	392
Other	60	60	21	21
Total fee and commission expenses	1 930	1 930	1 989	1 989
Net fee and commission income	8 442	8 443	5 309	5 310

Fee and commission income and expense is accounted according to the point in time principles. The Group and the Bank did not have any agreements with performance obligations.

8. NET (LOSS) / PROFIT FROM TRADING AND REVALUATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Net (loss) / profit from trading with financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1 093)	(1 093)	1 468	1 468
Net profit from trading with financial assets not measured at fair value through profit or loss	(415)	(415)	123	123
Net profit/(loss) from revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(197)	(197)	(154)	(154)
Net profit from trading and revaluation of financial instruments	(1 705)	(1 705)	1 437	1 437

9. NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING AND REVALUATION INCOME

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Net profit from foreign exchange transactions	1 070	1 070	1 960	1 960
Net profit / (loss) from revaluation of foreign exchange	102	102	(71)	(71)
Net foreign exchange income	1 172	1 172	1 889	1 889

10. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Fines received	201	201	418	418
Dividends received	36	36	138	138
Other	705	633	514	450
Total other operating income	942	870	1 070	1 006

11. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

		2022		2021	
		Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Salaries to the members of the Board and Council		869	869	774	774
Staff remuneration		6 257	6 149	5 895	5 753
Compulsory state social security contributions (Board and Council)		205	205	182	182
Compulsory state social security contributions (staff)		1 448	1 423	1 374	1 350
Other staff costs		45	43	27	26
Communications and transport		250	242	230	223
Professional services		807	792	1 628	1 608
Public utilities and maintenance		650	609	644	619
Depreciation costs	23	1 356	1 055	1 432	1 131
Amortization costs	24	189	189	275	275
Computer network		370	370	403	403
Advertisement and marketing expenses		281	280	106	105
Other taxes		577	379	522	345
Insurance		83	80	106	87
Audit fee		135	135	181	181
Other		178	170	156	136
Total administrative expenses		13 700	12 990	13 935	13 198

The average number of employees in the Group in 2022 was 200 (2021 – 203) and in the Bank was 195 (2021 – 198).

In 2022, the remuneration of the sworn auditor was 135 thousand EUR, including 125 thousand EUR for the audit of financial statements (consolidated financial report), 5 thousand EUR for the certification task related to the conclusion whether the Bank has complied with the requirements of the Financial Instruments Market Law with respect to its obligations regarding the separation of financial instruments, the separate holding of financial instruments and funds of clients, and 5 thousand EUR for the certification task related to the conclusion whether the Bank has complied with the requirements of the Deposit Guarantee Law in preparing its report on covered deposits and payments to the Deposit Guarantee Fund.

In 2021, the remuneration of the sworn auditor was 165 thousand EUR, including 130 thousand EUR for the audit of financial statements (consolidated financial report), 5 thousand EUR for the certification task related to the conclusion whether the Bank has complied with the requirements of the Financial Instruments Market Law with respect to its obligations regarding the separation of financial instruments, the separate holding of financial instruments and funds of clients, 5 thousand EUR for the certification task related to the conclusion whether the Bank has complied with the requirements of the Deposit Guarantee Law in preparing its report on covered deposits and payments to the Deposit Guarantee Fund, and 25 thousand EUR for the certification task related to the conclusion whether the Bank's report on the third set of longer-term refinancing targeted operations (TLTRO III) meets all the criteria.

12. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Membership fees	306	306	340	340
Fees for real estate management	2	2	6	8
Fines	-	-	1	1
Royalties for the use of a trademark	1 161	1 161	1 159	1 159
Other	214	215	389	368
Total other operating expenses	1 683	1 684	1 895	1 876

In 2022, as part of its operating activities the Bank made payments of EUR 1 161 thousand (2021: EUR 1 159 thousand) for the use of the registered trademarks BlueOrange and BluOr to the owner of this trademark (licensor). The owner of trademarks is responsible for trademark registration, legal protection and brand development and promotion activities.

13. IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

Impairment of assets for the Group

	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Total allowances as at the beginning of the reporting period	3 608	3 772
Release of allowances for investment property	(97)	(7)
Investment property written off during the reporting year	-	(157)
Other assets written off during the year	(5)	-
Total allowance as at the end of the reporting period*	3 506	3 608

* including impairment for Repossessed collaterals 2,479 thousand EUR (see Note 22), other assets 6 thousand EUR (see Note 26) and investments in associates 1,021 thousand EUR (see Note 21).

Impairment of assets for the Bank

	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Total allowances as at the beginning of the reporting period	5 474	5 474
Total allowance as at the end of the reporting period*	5 474	5 474

* including impairment for Repossessed collaterals 1,607 thousand EUR (see Note 22) and investments in subsidiaries 3,867 thousand EUR (see Note 21).

14. CORPORATE INCOME TAX

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Corporate income tax for the conditionally distributed profit	(12)	(12)	(9)	(9)
Total corporate income tax	(12)	(12)	(9)	(9)

According to the Law on Corporate Income Tax of the Republic of Latvia adopted on 28 July 2017, and effective as of 1 January 2018, a 20% rate is only applied to distributed profits while a 0% rate is expected to be applied to undistributed profits. Therefore, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognisable at nil amount as of 31 December 2021 as the Group and the Bank have full discretion on the distribution decisions.

15. CASH AND DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH CENTRAL BANK

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Cash	652	652	951	951
Balance with the Bank of Latvia (including the minimum reserve deposit)	119 875	119 875	269 167	269 167
Total	120 527	120 527	270 118	270 118

According to the regulations of the Financial and Capital Markets Commission, the total amount of funds on the account with the Central Bank should not be less than the amount of the obligatory reserves calculated from the average amount of customer deposits during the month. The obligatory reserve as at 31 December 2022 was EUR 5 304 thousand (2021: EUR 6 488 thousand).

Cash and balances with the Bank of Latvia are available on demand, thus, taking into account very low probabilities of default of these balances, expected credit loss is immaterial.

16. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES FROM CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Demand deposits with credit institutions				
Credit institutions registered in Latvia	1	1	76	76
Credit institutions registered in OECD countries	23 967	23 953	31 414	31 397
Credit institutions of other countries	1 338	1 338	2 813	2 812
Total demand deposits with credit institutions	25 306	25 292	34 303	34 285
Term deposits with credit institutions	-	-	141	141
Total deposits with credit institutions	25 306	25 292	34 444	34 426

The Group and the Bank did not have significant exposures on the credit institutions in Russia or Ukraine.

Deposits with credit institutions 2022

Group, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	25 306	-	-	25 306
(Less) allowance for impairment	-	-	-	-
Net	25 306	-	-	25 306

Deposits with credit institutions 2022

Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	25 292	-	-	25 292
(Less) allowance for impairment	-	-	-	-
Net	25 292	-	-	25 292

Deposits with credit institutions 2021

Group, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	34 444	-	-	34 444
(Less) allowance for impairment	-	-	-	-
Net	34 444	-	-	34 444

Deposits with credit institutions 2021

Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	34 426	-	-	34 426
(Less) allowance for impairment	-	-	-	-
Net	34 426	-	-	34 426

The Bank's demand deposits with credit institutions based on rating agency ratings are as follows:

	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Rated from AAA to A-	7 381	11 554
Rated from BBB+ to BBB-	6 405	1 351
Rated from BB+ to BB-	64	6
Rated below BB-	-	181
Not rated	11 442	21 193
Total deposits with credit institutions	25 292	34 285

The Bank has established its own methodologies for assessment of creditworthiness for credit institutions with no external rating assigned. The Bank maintains a system of maximum potential exposure limits that are assigned the maximum potential exposure for each counterparty based on the external ratings assigned or agency ratings or individual credit risk internal assessment.

As at 31 December 2022, the Bank had correspondent accounts with 19 banks (2021: 16). The largest account balances exceeding 10% of total deposits with credit institutions were with EUROCLEAR BANK -4 427 thousand EUR (2021 - 6 906 thousand EUR), MAREX FINANCIAL - 6 405 thousand EUR (2021 - 6 350 thousand EUR), STONEX FINANCIAL LTD -7 753 thousand EUR (2021 - 2 121 thousand EUR).

As at 31 December 2022, EUR 8 507 thousand (2021 - 1 267 thousand EUR) was pledged with other credit institutions.

17. TRADING FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Investment funds (OECD)	-	-	1 087	1 087
Non-fixed income securities issued by companies of OECD countries	-	-	437	437
Derivatives	3	3	77	77
Total	3	3	1 601	1 601

An analysis of the credit quality of trading financial assets based on rating agency ratings where applicable, is as follows:

	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Non-fixed income securities		
Rated from AAA to A-	-	-
Rated from BBB+ to BBB-	-	98
Rated from BB+ to BB-	-	110
Rated from B+ to B-	-	40
Not rated	-	1 276
Total non-fixed income securities	-	1 524
Derivatives	3	77
Total	3	1 601

In order to conservatively calculate ECL for not rated securities, PD which corresponds to B- rating is applied.

18. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Investment securities	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Non- fixed income securities				
iShares J.P. Morgan USD EM Bonds	-	-	-	-
Viduskurzemes AAO SIA	-	-	218	218
SWIFT	18	18	18	18
VISA INC	320	320	633	633
Non- fixed income securities	338	338	869	869
Fixed income securities				
At fair value through other comprehensive income	25 971	25 971	39 382	39 382
At amortised cost (see Note 20)	136 659	136 659	144 957	144 957
Fixed income securities	162 630	162 630	184 339	184 339
Investment securities total	162 968	162 968	185 208	185 208

Investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income based on rating agency ratings are as follows (Group and Bank):

Fixed income securities	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Fixed income securities issued by financial institutions institutions of Latvia		
Not rated	-	3 135
Total fixed income securities issued by financial institutions of Latvia	-	3 135
Fixed income securities issued by credit institutions of Latvia		
Rated from BBB+ to BBB-	1 810	1 998
Total fixed income securities issued by credit institutions of Latvia	1 810	1 998
Fixed income securities issued by corporates of Latvia		
Not rated	379	379
Total fixed income securities issued by corporates of Latvia	379	379
Fixed income securities issued by central governments of OECD countries		
Rated from AAA to A-	13 628	19 225
Total fixed income securities issued by central governments of OECD countries	13 628	19 225

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Fixed income securities issued by credit institutions of OECD countries

Rated from AAA to A-	10 055	14 542
Total fixed income securities issued by credit institutions of OECD countries	10 055	14 542

Fixed income securities issued by corporates of OECD countries

Rated from BB+ to BB-	99	103
Total fixed income securities issued by corporates of OECD countries	99	103

Total fixed income securities	25 971	39 382
Impairment allowance	(17)	(111)

In order to conservatively calculate ECL for not rated securities, PD which corresponds to B- rating is applied.

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Shares and other non-fixed income securities				
Shares in VISA INC	320	320	633	633
Total of shares and other securities with non-fixed income	320	320	633	633

Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (fixed income securities), 2022

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	25 971	-	-	25 971
Allowance for impairment	(17)	-	-	(17)
Net	25 954	-	-	25 954

Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (fixed income securities), 2021

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	39 382	-	-	39 382
Allowance for impairment	(111)	-	-	(111)
Net	39 271	-	-	39 271

Information about credit loss allowances, 2022

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	111	-	-	111
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-remaining credit risk changes	(1)	-	-	(1)
New originated or purchased	-	-	-	-
Derecognised	(93)	-	-	(93)
Change for the year	(94)	-	-	(94)
FX and other movements	-	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	17	-	-	17

Information about credit loss allowances, 2021

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2021	121	-	-	121
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-remaining credit risk changes	(12)	-	-	(12)
New originated or purchased	19	-	-	19
Derecognised	(18)	-	-	(18)
Change for the year	(11)	-	-	(11)
FX and other movements	1	-	-	1
Closing balance at 31 December 2021	111	-	-	111

19. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

(a) Loans

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Financial institutions	7 889	7 889	9 944	9 944
Corporates	289 906	289 906	323 562	323 563
Individuals	13 910	13 910	14 786	14 786
Total loans and receivables	311 705	311 705	348 292	348 293
Impairment allowance				
Financial institutions	(84)	(84)	(13)	(13)
Corporates	(3 079)	(3 079)	(3 845)	(3 845)
Individuals	(232)	(232)	(256)	(256)
Total impairment allowance	(3 395)	(3 395)	(4 114)	(4 114)
Net loans and receivables	308 310	308 310	344 178	344 179

b) Analysis of loans by type

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Loan portfolio				
Corporate loans	150 612	150 612	140 047	140 047
Industrial loans	6 684	6 684	11 963	11 963
Payment cards loans	889	889	1 010	1 011
Loans secured by real estate collateral	141 099	141 099	183 122	183 122
Finance lease	4 609	4 609	4 824	4 824
Trade finance	2 006	2 006	892	892
Other loans	3 540	3 540	4 492	4 492
Total loan portfolio	309 439	309 439	346 350	346 351
Securities-backed loans				
Securities-backed financing	2 366	2 366	1 942	1 942
Total securities-backed loans	2 366	2 366	1 942	1 942
Total loans and receivables	311 705	311 705	348 292	348 293
Impairment allowance	(3 395)	(3 395)	(4 114)	(4 114)
Net loans and receivables	308 310	308 310	344 178	344 179

(c) Geographical segmentation of loans

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Loans to residents of Latvia	242 245	242 245	258 798	258 798
Loans to residents of OECD countries	41 083	41 083	59 607	59 607
Loans to residents of non-OECD countries	28 377	28 377	29 887	29 888
Total loans and receivables	311 705	311 705	348 292	348 293
Impairment allowance	(3 395)	(3 395)	(4 114)	(4 114)
Net loans and receivables	308 310	308 310	344 178	344 179

The Group and the Bank has no direct exposures (loans) on entities or individuals in Russia or in.

(d) Ageing structure of the loan portfolio

Bank

	Total EUR'000	Of which not past due on the reporting date	Of which past due by the following terms				Net carrying amount of overdue loans
			Less than 30 days	31-90 days	91-180 days	More than 180 days	
As at 31 December 2022							
Net carrying amount	308 310	303 723	2 711	146	-	1 730	4 587
Out of which impaired	2 381	474	42	135	-	1 730	1 907
As at 31 December 2021							
Net carrying amount	344 179	330 937	541	329	4	12 368	13 242
Out of which impaired	26 417	14 043	1	1	4	12 368	12 374

The Group's ageing structure is not materially different from that of the Bank.

Impairment allowance, 2022

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	258 686	48 067	4 952	311 705
(Less) impairment allowance	(479)	(345)	(2 571)	(3 395)
Net	258 207	47 722	2 381	308 310

Impairment allowance, 2021

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	247 743	70 850	29 700	348 293
(Less) impairment allowance	(363)	(468)	(3 283)	(4 114)
Net	247 380	70 382	26 417	344 179

(e) Impaired loans

	2022 EUR '000		2021 EUR '000	
	Group	Bank	Group	Bank
Impaired loans, gross	4 952	4 952	29 700	29 700
Impairment allowance	(2 571)	(2 571)	(3 283)	(3 283)
Net loans and receivables	2 381	2 381	26 417	26 417

The extent to which collateral and other credit enhancements mitigate credit risk for financial assets carried at amortised cost that are credit impaired, is presented by disclosing collateral values separately for (i) those assets where collateral and other credit enhancements are equal to or exceed carrying value of the asset ("over-collateralised assets") and (ii) those assets where collateral and other credit enhancements are less than the carrying value of the asset ("under-collateralised assets").

The effect of collateral on credit impaired assets at 31 December 2022 is as follows.

EUR'000	Over-collateralised assets		Under-collateralised assets	
	Carrying value of the assets	Value of collateral	Carrying value of the assets	Value of collateral
Loans to corporate customers	2 339	6 922	-	-
Loans to SME	2 339	6 922	-	-
Loans to individuals	42	77	-	-
Consumer loans	42	77	-	-

The effect of collateral on credit impaired assets at 31 December 2021 is as follows.

EUR'000	Over-collateralised assets		Under-collateralised assets	
	Carrying value of the assets	Value of collateral	Carrying value of the assets	Value of collateral
Loans to corporate customers	25 400	43 428	961	1 510
Loans to SME	25 400	43 428	961	1 510
Loans to individuals	8	42	48	-
Consumer loans	-	-	29	-
Payment cards	5	7	19	-
Mortgage loans	3	35	-	-

(f) Movements in the impairment allowance

Movements in the loan impairment allowance for the year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

Group and Bank, EUR'000

Corporates

	Credit loss allowance				Gross carrying amount of loans			
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	240	420	3 197	3 857	235 564	68 384	29 559	333 507
Transfers due to change in credit risk:								
-to lifetime (from Stage 1 and Stage 3 to Stage 2)	(3)	255	(252)	-	(2 419)	15 651	(13 232)	-
-to credit-impaired (from Stage 1 and Stage 2 to Stage 3)	(34)	-	34	-	(675)	(4)	679	-
-to Stage 1 from Stage 2	120	(120)	-	-	14 414	(14 414)	-	-
-remaining credit risk changes	150	(190)	509	469	(26 308)	(12 333)	(774)	(39 415)
New originated or purchased	79	-	-	79	68 730	-	-	68 730
Derecognised	(134)	(44)	(1 064)	(1 242)	(41 536)	(12 448)	(11 469)	(65 453)
Change for the year	178	(99)	(773)	(694)	12 206	(23 548)	(24 796)	(36 138)
Write-offs								
FX and other movements	-	-	-	-	(8)	434	-	426
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	418	321	2 424	3 163	247 762	45 270	4 763	297 795

The amount of new originated or purchased loans represents loans in the portfolio as at 31 December 2022 while the amount of derecognised loans represent loans in the portfolio as at 1 January 2022 and derecognised during 2022.

Individuals

	Credit loss allowance				Gross carrying amount of loans			
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	123	48	86	257	12 179	2 466	141	14 786
Transfers due to change in credit risk:								
-to lifetime (from Stage 1 and Stage 3 to Stage 2)	(20)	20	-	-	(67)	67	-	-
-to credit-impaired (from Stage 1 and Stage 2 to Stage 3)	(2)	(20)	22	-	(30)	(50)	80	-
-remaining credit risk changes	(21)	20	50	49	(1 326)	844	(10)	(492)
New originated or purchased	16	-	-	16	1 275	-	-	1 275
Derecognised	(35)	(44)	(11)	(90)	(1 106)	(532)	(21)	(1 659)
Change for the year	(62)	(24)	61	(25)	(1 254)	329	49	(876)
Write-offs								
FX and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	61	24	147	232	10 925	2 795	190	13 910

The amount of new originated or purchased loans represents loans in the portfolio as at 31 December 2022 while the amount of derecognised loans represent loans in the portfolio as at 1 January 2022 and derecognised during 2022.

Movements in the loan impairment allowance for the year ended 31 December 2021 are as follows:

Group and Bank, EUR'000

Corporates

	Credit loss allowance				Gross carrying amount of loans			
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2021	269	1 878	2 235	4 382	189 974	92 341	10 815	293 130
Transfers due to change in credit risk:								
-to lifetime (from Stage 1 and Stage 3 to Stage 2)	(1)	1	-	-	(1 788)	1 788	-	-
-to credit-impaired (from Stage 1 and Stage 2 to Stage 3)	(4)	(1 277)	1 281	-	-	(26 212)	26 212	-
-remaining credit risk changes	(117)	(164)	2 753	2 472	67 441	2 042	(2 129)	67 354
New originated or purchased	159	-	-	159	28 159	-	-	28 159
Derecognised	(65)	(23)	(169)	(257)	(48 222)	(1 575)	(2 223)	(52 020)
Change for the year	(28)	(1 463)	3 865	2 374	45 590	(23 957)	21 860	43 493
Write-offs	-	-	(3 116)	(3 116)	-	-	(3 116)	(3 116)
FX and other movements	(1)	5	213	217	-	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2021	240	420	3 197	3 857	235 564	68 384	29 559	333 507

The amount of new originated or purchased loans represents loans in the portfolio as at 31 December 2021 while the amount of derecognised loans represent loans in the portfolio as at 1 January 2021 and derecognised during 2021.

Individuals

	Credit loss allowance				Gross carrying amount of loans			
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit- impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2021	114	7	676	797	12 399	1 939	901	15 239
Transfers due to change in credit risk:								
-to lifetime (from Stage 1 and Stage 3 to Stage 2)	(5)	6	(1)	-	(375)	585	(210)	-
-to credit-impaired (from Stage 1 and Stage 2 to Stage 3)	-	(5)	5	-	(42)	(15)	57	-
-remaining credit risk changes	(6)	102	3	99	(797)	173	2	(622)
New originated or purchased	33	-	13	46	2 302	-	-	2 302
Derecognised	(15)	(1)	(4)	(20)	(1 308)	(157)	-	(1 465)
Change for the year	7	102	16	125	(220)	586	(151)	215
Write-offs	-	(59)	(609)	(668)	-	(59)	(609)	(668)
FX and other movements	2	(2)	3	3	-	-	-	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2021	123	48	86	257	12 179	2 466	141	14 786

The amount of new originated or purchased loans represents loans in the portfolio as at 31 December 2021 while the amount of derecognised loans represent loans in the portfolio as at 1 January 2021 and derecognised during 2021.

(g) Industry analysis of the loan portfolio (Group and the Bank)

	2022 EUR '000	2021 EUR '000
Shipping	41 236	44 810
Financial services	2 242	1 098
Wholesale	43 872	44 125
Real Estate	91 258	106 540
Overdrafts	30 133	24 826
Transport and storage	9 666	13 378
Private customers – mortgage loans and consumer loans	11 228	11 848
Manufacture of food products	15 065	11 126
Processing factory	15 725	14 773
Forestry	697	1 074
Other services	47 188	70 581
Net loans and receivables	308 310	344 179

(h) Analysis of loans by type of collateral (Group and Bank)

EUR'000	31 December 2022	% of loan portfolio	31 December 2021	% of loan portfolio
Commercial buildings	108 566	35	135 657	39
Real estate – first mortgage	51 691	17	36 203	11
Commercial assets pledge	89 572	29	94 219	27
Commercial assets: ships/vessels	29 212	9	28 523	8
Trading securities	2 017	1	1 942	1
Deposit	5 777	2	10 681	3
Inventories	15 668	5	20 003	6
Other, no collateral	5 807	2	16 951	5
Net loans and receivables	308 310	100	344 179	100

EUR'000	2022		2021	
	Carrying value of the assets	Value of collateral	Carrying value of the assets	Value of collateral
Stage 1	258 207	619 652	247 380	551 443
Stage 2	47 722	138 767	70 382	167 062
Stage 3	2 381	6 999	26 417	44 980
Total	308 310	765 418	344 179	763 485

(j) Restructured loans

As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, the loans restructured by the Group and the Bank possessed the following signs of restructuring:

EUR'000	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Interest capitalisation	-	10 479
Grace period/payment moratorium	38 621	45 608
Extension of maturity/term	1 829	11 858
Other	11 256	4 913
Total restructured loans	51 706	72 858

(l) Significant credit exposures

As at 31 December 2022 the Bank had no borrowers or groups of related borrowers, respectively, whose total loan balances exceeded 10% of loans and receivables from customers.

As at 31 December 2021 the Bank had no borrowers or groups of related borrowers, respectively, whose total loan balances exceeded 10% of loans and receivables from customers.

According to regulatory requirements, the Bank is not allowed to have a credit exposure to one customer or group of related customers of more than 25% of Bank's equity. As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, the Bank was in compliance with this requirement.

20. INVESTMENT SECURITIES AT AMORTISED COST

Financial assets measured at amortised cost (IFRS 9)

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Fixed income securities				
Fixed income securities issued by the government of LR	1 033	1 033	1 036	1 036
Fixed income securities issued by companies and credit institutions of LR	6 415	6 415	6 658	6 658
Fixed income securities issued by the government of OECD countries	81 361	81 361	83 538	83 538
Fixed income securities issued by companies and credit institutions of OECD countries	43 179	43 179	44 229	44 229
Fixed income securities issued by companies and credit institutions of other countries	6 831	6 831	10 011	10 011
Impairment allowance	(2 160)	(2 160)	(515)	(515)
Total fixed income securities	136 659	136 659	144 957	144 957

Financial assets measured at amortised cost 2022

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	127 732	9 145	1 942	138 819
(Less) impairment allowance	(295)	(350)	(1 515)	(2 160)
Net	127 437	8 795	427	136 659

Financial assets measured at amortised cost 2021

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Gross	136 962	8 510	-	145 472
(Less) impairment allowance	(375)	(140)	-	(515)
Net	136 587	8 370	-	144 957

Movements in credit loss allowances, 2022

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening ECL balance at 1 January 2022	375	140	-	515
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(139)	139	-	-
-remaining credit risk changes	88	1 624	-	1 712
-from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1 515)	1 515	-
New originated or purchased	15	-	-	15
Derecognised	(44)	(38)	-	(82)
Change for the year	(80)	210	1 515	1 645
FX and other movements	-	-	-	-
Closing ECL balance at 31 December 2022	295	350	1 515	2 160

Movements in credit loss allowances, 2021

Group and Bank, EUR'000

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening ECL balance at 1 January 2021	470	128	-	598
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				-
-from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(15)	15	-	-
-remaining credit risk changes	(17)	10	-	(7)
New originated or purchased	42	34	-	76
Derecognised	(111)	(55)	-	(166)
Change for the year	(101)	4	-	(97)
FX and other movements	6	8	-	14
Closing ECL balance at 31 December 2021	375	140	-	515

Quality analysis of investment securities at amortised cost, based on rating agency ratings, is as follows:

Debt securities and other fixed income securities	2022 EUR'000	2021 EUR'000
Central governments		
Rated from AAA to A-	76 144	78 246
Rated from BBB+ to BBB-	3 020	-
Rated from BB+ to BB-	3 231	3 300
No rating	-	3 028
Total central governments	82 395	84 574
Credit institutions		
Rated from AAA to A-	16 374	20 364
Rated from BB+ to BB-	3 326	1 738
No rating	-	500
Total central governments	19 700	22 602
Corporates		
Rated from AAA to A-	10 187	10 244
Rated from BBB+ to BBB-	993	-
Rated from BB+ to BB-	8 689	20 379
Below BB-	7 017	-
No rating*	9 838	7 673
Total corporate bonds	36 724	38 296
Impairment allowance	(2 160)	(515)
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	136 659	144 957

* Not-rated exposures includes securities with no rating assigned as well as securities with rating withdrawn.

In order to conservatively calculate ECL for not rated securities, PD which corresponds to B- rating is applied.

21. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES

Investments in subsidiaries (Bank)

Company	Ownership share	Carrying amount at 31.12.2022 EUR'000	Carrying amount at 31.12.2021 EUR'000
SIA BluOr International	100%	5 709	5 709
<i>Impairment allowance</i>		(2 249)	(2 249)
SIA Zapdvina Development	100%	10 474	11 474
<i>Impairment allowance</i>		(806)	(806)
SIA CityCap Service	100%	565	555
<i>Impairment allowance</i>		(158)	(158)
UAB Kamaly Development	100%	3	3
AS Pils Pakalpojumi	100%	15 281	15 281
<i>Impairment allowance</i>		(548)	(548)
<i>Non-reciprocal capital contribution by a parent into subsidiary</i>		(2 400)	(2 400)
SIA Jēkaba 2	100%	4 049	4 049
<i>Impairment allowance</i>		(106)	(106)
SIA Darzciems Entity	100%	73	73
SIA Mazirbe Estate	100%	92	92
SIA Lielie Zaki	100%	88	88
SIA Pulkarne Entity	100%	199	199
		30 266	31 256

Investments in subsidiaries (Bank)

	31.12.2022. EUR'000	31.12.2021. EUR'000
Investments in subsidiaries	36 533	37 523
Non-reciprocal capital contribution by a parent into subsidiary according to IFRS 10 (AS „Pils pakalpojumi”)	(2 400)	(2 400)
Impairment allowance	(3 867)	(3 867)
Investments in subsidiaries net	30 266	31 256

The share capital of SIA Zapdvina Development consisted of 9 948 018 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 9 948 018. In 2022, the Bank decreased the share capital of its subsidiary SIA Zapdvina Development by 1 000 000 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 for a total of EUR 1 000 000. In previous years the Bank recognised an impairment allowance for its investment in SIA Zapdvina Development in the amount of EUR 806 thousand triggered by impairment of this subsidiary's assets. In 2022, based on the appraisal, no additional impairment allowances were recognised. SIA Zapdvina Development owns a land plot in Daugavpils.

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The share capital of SIA CityCap Service consisted of 596 848 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 596 848.

In previous years, the Bank recognised an impairment allowance for its investment in SIA CityCap Service in the amount of EUR 158 thousand triggered by impairment of this subsidiary's assets. Based on the appraisal, in 2021 impairment allowances were not recognised.

The share capital of SIA BluOr International consisted of 5 686 658 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 5 686 658.

In previous years, the Bank recognised an impairment allowance for its investment in SIA BluOr International in the amount of EUR 2 249 thousand EUR triggered by impairment of this investment in subsidiaries. Based on the appraisal, in 2022 impairment allowances were not recognised.

SIA BluOr International has three subsidiaries and an associate.

In previous years, the Bank recognised an impairment allowance for its investment in SIA Jēkaba 2 in the amount of EUR 106 thousand.

In previous years, the Bank recognised an impairment allowance for its investment in AS Pils Pakalpojumi in the amount of EUR 2 948 thousand.

The share capital of SIA Darzciems Entity consisted of 237 730 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 237 730.

The share capital of SIA „Mazirbe Estate” consisted of 199 404 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 199 404.

The share capital of SIA „Lielie Zaķi” consisted of 181 013 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 181 013.

The share capital of SIA „Pulkarne Entity” consisted of 1 207 352 shares with nominal value of EUR 1 amounting to EUR 1 207 352.

In the previous years, an impairment allowance for the investment in Foxtran Management Ltd. was recognised in the amount of EUR 559 thousand . Allowances were recognised since the investment in SIA BluOr International exceeded net assets of Foxtran Management Ltd.

In the previous years, SIA BluOr International recognised impairment allowances for the investment in KamalyDevelopment EOOD in the amount of EUR 364 thousand.

(c) Equity-accounted investments in associates (Group)

Company	Capital contribution	Carrying amount at 31.12.2022 EUR'000 Koncerns	Carrying amount at 31.12.2021 EUR'000 Koncerns
AS Termo biznesa Centrs	26.15%	1 848	1 848
<i>Impairment allowance</i>		(1 021)	(1 021)
Total		827	827

SIA BluOr International has an associate AS Termo biznesa Centrs. Along with 26,15% of share ownership, the Group also has the right to collect rental income from part of the premises owned by the associate. Rental income is recognised in the Group's profit and loss statement, rental income amounted to EUR 72 thousand in 2022 (EUR 68 thousand in 2021).

Financial information of the associate AS Termo biznesa centrs:

	Current assets EUR'000	Long-term investments EUR'000	Total assets EUR'000	Current liabilities EUR'000	Non-current liabilities EUR'000	Total liabilities EUR'000	Net assets EUR'000	Income EUR'000	Expenses EUR'000	Net profit (loss) EUR'000	Group's share in net assets 26.15% EUR'000	Group's share in loss 26.15% EUR'000
31 December 2022												
AS „Termo biznesa Centrs“	90	322	412	(27)	(2)	(29)	383	232	(198)	34	100	9
31 December 2021												
AS „Termo biznesa Centrs“	61	325	386	(27)	(2)	(29)	357	218	(228)	(10)	93	(3)

As losses for 2022 are insignificant they have no impact on the Group results.

22. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Investment property of the Group and the Bank represents the following:

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Real estate in Latvia	2 242	414	1 939	188
Real estate in Lithuania	2 807	2 807	2 807	2 807
Real estate in Bulgaria	521	-	521	-
Impairment allowance	(2 740)	(1 607)	(2 576)	(1 607)
	2 830	1 614	2 691	1 388

Investment property is recognized at cost. Investment property consists of land and commercial properties.

Direct operating expenses (including repairs and maintenance costs) incurred by the Group in connection with the investment property which has not earned a rental income during the reporting year amounted to EUR 4 thousand (2021: EUR 2 thousand).

Direct operating expenses (including repairs and maintenance costs) incurred by the Bank in connection with the investment property which has not earned a rental income during the reporting year amounted to EUR 4 thousand (2021: EUR 2 thousand).

Rental income on investment property during the reporting year (the Group and the Bank) amounted to EUR 8 thousand (2021: EUR 10 thousand).

Non-current assets classified as held for sale include one building (shopping centre) that is collateral recovered during 2022 from defaulted loan. The Bank has initiated a program to sell the asset, there are several interested parties and the sale is expected to be completed before the end of December 2023.

The following table shows the valuation technique used in measuring the fair value of property, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used.

Group's investment properties

Type	Carrying amount, EUR '000	Valuation method	Significant unobservable inputs		Fair value, EUR '000
			2022	2021	
Buildings and land plot, Kungu iela, Liepāja, Latvia	93 (2021: 93)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 20-26,0	21-23,5	124 (2021: 157)
Buildings and a land plot, Jurģu iela, Jūrmala, Latvia	95 (2021: 95)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 72-179	79-112	175 (2021: 175)
Land plot, Klaipeda, Lithuania	1 200 (2021: 1 200)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² for each land plot separately based on footage 0,37-0,57 for land plot over 8,2 ha 5-5,8 for land plot over 1 ha 2,42-6,41 for land plots till 300 m ²	0,37-0,57 for land plot over 8,2 ha 5-5,8 for land plot over 1 ha 2,42-6,41 for land plots till 300 m ²	1 203 (2021: 1 203)
Apartments, Bulgaria	328 (2021: 328)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 925-1 389	770-1 100	328 (2021: 328)
Land plot, Mūku purvs, Latvia	387 (2021: 387)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 37-92	32-56	483 (2021: 434)
Land plot, Akācijas iela, Daugavpils, Latvia	250 (2021: 250)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 6,3-14,2	3,6-6,6	250 (2021: 250)
Land plot in Ķekavas pagasts, Ķekavas novads, Latvia	83 (2021: 170)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 5,4-6,0	2,2-3,1	90 (2021: 234)
Zemes gabals, Dzirciema iela, Rīga, Latvija	226 (2021: -)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 9,0-18,0	-	226 (2021: -)
Land plot in Kolkas pagasts, Dundaga novads, Latvia	86 (2021: 86)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 2,1-5,0	1,46-2,08	117 (2021: 117)
Land plot in Lejas akmeņi, Ķekavas novads, Latvia	82 (2021: 82)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 0,50-1,12	0,54-0,77	82 (2021: 82)
Total	2 830				

Bank's investment properties

Type	Carrying amount, EUR '000	Valuation method	Significant unobservable inputs		Fair value, EUR '000
			2022	2021	
Buildings and land plot, Kungu iela, Liepāja, Latvia	93 (2021: 93)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 20-26,0	21-23,5	124 (2021: 157)
Zemes gabals, Dzirciema iela, Rīga, Latvija	226 (2021: -)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 9,0-18,0	-	226 (2021: -)
Buildings and land plot, Jūrģu iela, Jūrmala, Latvia	95 (2021: 95)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² 72-179	79-112	175 (2021: 175)
Land plot, Klaipeda, Lithuania	1 200 (2021: 1 200)	Comparison approach	Sales price* varies from EUR to EUR per m ² for each land plot separately based on footage 5 -5.8 for land plot 1 ha 2.42 – 6.41 for land plots till 300 m ²	0.37-0.57 for land plot over 8.2 ha 5 -5.8 for land plot 1 ha 2.42 – 6.41 for land plots till 300 m ²	1 203 (2021: 1 203)
Total	1 614				

* sales prices are market prices for similar properties adjusted for certain criteria such as land plot footage adjustment, location area adjustment, property condition, offer price adjustment, resulting in the significant unobservable inputs.

23. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

Property and equipment

	Land and buildings EUR'000		Leasehold improvements EUR'000		Vehicles EUR'000		Office equipment EUR'000		Total EUR'000	
	Group	Bank	Group	Bank	Group	Bank	Group	Bank	Group	Bank
Cost										
31 December 2020	29 311	-	-	4 603	1 510	67	2 546	1 871	33 367	6 541
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	62	62	62
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)
31 December 2021	29 311	-	-	4 603	1 510	67	2 580	1 905	33 401	6 575
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	22	22
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
31 December 2022	29 311	-	-	4 603	1 510	67	2 601	1 926	33 422	6 596
Depreciation										
31 December 2020	3 720	-	-	856	491	67	1 842	1 403	6 053	2 326
Depreciation	942	-	-	230	144	-	346	238	1 432	468
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)
31 December 2021	4 662	-	-	1 086	635	67	2 160	1 613	7 457	2 766
Depreciation	942	-	-	231	144	-	270	162	1 356	393
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
31 December 2022	5 604	-	-	1 317	779	67	2 429	1 774	8 812	3 158
Net carrying amount										
31 December 2021	24 649	-	-	3 517	875	-	420	292	25 944	3 809
31 December 2022	23 707	-	-	3 286	731	-	172	152	24 610	3 438

The two buildings that the Bank rents from its subsidiaries at Smilšu street and Jēkaba street are used as the Head office of the Bank. From the Group's perspective, these buildings are considered to be corporate assets and are classified as property and equipment. In 2022 and 2021, the management believes that there are no indications that these sites may be impaired.

Right-of-use assets – lease contracts (IFRS 16)

Bank

	Right-of-use assets EUR'000
Cost	
31 December 2020	12 576
31 December 2021	12 576
31 December 2022	12 576
Depreciation	
31 December 2020	1 326
Depreciation	663
31 December 2021	1 989
Depreciation	663
31 December 2022	2 652
Net carrying amount	
31 December 2021	10 587
31 December 2022	9 924

Lease liability

31 December 2020	11 557
Lease payments	(532)
Interest accrued	347
Interest paid	(347)
31 December 2021	11 025
Lease payments	(549)
Interest accrued	331
Interest paid	(331)
31 December 2022	10 476

The Bank leases a number of premises under operating lease. The leases typically run for 20 years, with an option to renew the lease after that date. All property leases are intragroup agreements.

24. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Group

	Software EUR'000
Acquisition cost	
31 December 2020	2 711
Disposed in the reporting period	(83)
Acquired in the reporting period	81
31 December 2021	2 709
Disposed in the reporting period	(4)
Acquired in the reporting period	93
31 December 2022	2 798
Amortization	
31 December 2020	2 160
Amortization for the reporting period	275
Amortization of assets disposed in the reporting period	(78)
31 December 2021	2 357
Amortization for the reporting period	189
Amortization of assets disposed in the reporting period	(4)
31 December 2022	2 542
Net carrying amount	
31 December 2021	352
31 December 2022	256

Bank

	Software EUR'000
Acquisition cost	
31 December 2020	2 691
Disposed in the reporting period	(83)
Acquired in the reporting period	81
31 December 2021	2 689
Disposed in the reporting period	(4)
Acquired in the reporting period	94
31 December 2022	2 779
Amortization	
31 December 2020	2 141
Amortization for the reporting period	275
Amortization of assets disposed in the reporting period	(78)
31 December 2021	2 338
Amortization for the reporting period	189
Amortization of assets disposed in the reporting period	(4)
31 December 2022	2 523
Net carrying amount	
31 December 2021	351
31 December 2022	256

25. PREPAYMENTS AND ACCRUED INCOME

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Next period expense – Resident	64	64	95	95
Next period expense – Non Resident	1 303	1 303	1 858	1 858
Insurance premium	15	15	16	16
Other	279	275	6	3
Prepayments and accrued income total	1 661	1 657	1 975	1 972

26. OTHER ASSETS

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Guarantee deposits for credit card operations	5 330	5 330	5 205	5 205
Credit card claims and other payment services	562	562	452	452
Prepayments and receivables	761	720	1 040	1 040
Short term debts	-	-	15	15
Other	3 442	3 442	962	934
Total other assets	10 095	10 054	7 674	7 646
Allowances for other assets	(6)	-	(11)	-
Other assets, net	10 089	10 054	7 663	7 646

In 2022, security deposits of EUR 5 330 thousand (2021: EUR 5 205 thousand) were reserved for potential transactions connected with MasterCard Europe and VISA Card systems.

27. DUE TO CREDIT INSTITUTIONS ON DEMAND

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Credit institutions registered in Latvia	6 586	6 586	2 408	2 408
Credit institutions registered in non- OECD countries	10	10	-	-
Credit institutions registered in OECD countries	27	27	550	550
Total due to credit institutions on demand	6 623	6 623	2 958	2 958

28. DUE TO CREDIT INSTITUTIONS AND CENTRAL BANKS

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Central Bank of Latvia	-	-	81 681	81 681
	-	-	81 681	81 681

The Bank participated in the long-term refinancing target programme (TLTRO III) of the European Central Bank, by borrowing EUR 82.7 million. The loan had a 3-year maturity with the possibility of early repayment, starting from September 2021. The Bank repaid this borrowing in 2022 before maturity. Borrowing rates in these operations was by 50 base points lower than the average interest rate on ECB deposits during the period from 24 June 2020 till 23 June 2022, provided that the lending thresholds for the respective periods, as established by the ECB, are reached. Outside this period, the interest rate can be as low as the average deposit rate. Liabilities are recognised as a floating-rate instrument and expected cash flows are based on an assumption that lending thresholds will be reached.

29. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES CARRIED AT AMORTIZED COST:

DEPOSITS

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Current accounts:				
Financial institutions	91 059	91 059	185 854	185 854
Corporate entities	178 910	180 926	127 833	130 139
Individuals	57 229	57 229	52 277	52 277
	327 198	329 214	365 964	368 270
Term deposits:				
Subordinate liabilities	1 984	1 984	1 147	1 147
Other financial institutions	55 397	55 397	44 521	44 521
Corporate entities	1 661	1 661	2 206	2 206
Individuals	189 451	189 451	297 591	297 591
	248 493	248 493	345 465	345 465
Total deposits	575 691	577 707	711 429	713 735

Geographical segmentation of the deposits

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Deposits of residents registered in Latvia	172 031	174 047	162 691	164 913
Deposits of residents registered in OECD countries	356 697	356 697	436 170	436 170
Deposits of residents registered in other countries (non-OECD)	46 963	46 963	112 568	112 652
Total deposits	575 691	577 707	711 429	713 735

As at 31 December 2022, the Bank maintained customer deposit balances of EUR 1 509 thousand which were reserved by the Bank as collateral for loans and other credit instruments granted by the Bank (as at 31 December 2021: EUR 1 220 thousand).

As at 31 December 2022 the Bank had 1 customer group with deposits exceeding 10% of the total customer deposits – EUR 104 186 thousand (as at 31 December 2021 the Bank had 1 customer group with deposits exceeding 10% of the total customer deposits – EUR 125 596 thousand).

30. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES CARRIED AT AMORTIZED COST: SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES

Subordinated bonds have a fixed term at their origination. Subordinated bonds are repayable before maturity only on winding up or bankruptcy of the Bank. Subordinated bonds rank before shareholders' claims.

By issuing subordinated bonds in 2022 (listed on Nasdaq Riga), Bank raised more than EUR 4.8 million in financial resources.

Issued subordinated bonds

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Issued subordinated bonds	4 855	4 855	280	280
Accrued interest payments	27	27	11	11
Total	4 882	4 882	291	291

ISIN	Currency	Issue size	Nominal value	Date of issue	Date of maturity	Discount/ coupon rate, %	Group/ Bank 31/12/2022	Group/ Bank 31/12/2021
Subordinated bonds								
LV0000802569	EUR	4 855	1 000	01.06.2022	01.06.2029	7.0	4 855	-
LV0000801728	EUR	20 000	1 000	16.04.2015	24.04.2022	6.0	-	280
Issued debt securities, total ('000 EUR)							4 855	280

Additional Tier 1 debt securities (not listed)

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Additional Tier 1 debt securities	1 100	1 100	1 100	1 100
Accrued interest payments	22	22	22	22
Total	1 122	1 122	1 122	1 122

ISIN	Currency	Issue size	Nominal value	Date of issue	Date of maturity	Discount/ coupon rate, %	Group/ Bank 31/12/2022	Group/ Bank 31/12/2021
Additional Tier 1 debt securities								
LV0000802437	EUR	100	100 000	19.10.2020	-	1 100	1 100	1 100
Additional Tier 1 debt securities, total ('000 EUR)							1 100	1 100

31. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Other financial liabilities				
Credit card payments	253	253	279	279
Money in transit	1 704	1 704	215	215
Short term liabilities	1	1	28	28
Other liabilities, balances of closed customers' accounts	996	996	292	292
Other non-financial liabilities				
Operating and other liabilities	51	51	36	36
Tax settlements	60	60	10	10
Other liabilities	55	-	55	3
Total other liabilities	3 120	3 065	915	863

32. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Group and Bank

	2022 EUR'000		2021 EUR'000	
	Carrying amount	Nominal value	Carrying amount	Nominal value
Assets				
Forward contracts	3	5 960	77	37 105
Total derivative financial assets	3	5 960	77	37 105
Liabilities				
Forward contracts	-	-	1	37 030
Total derivative liabilities	-	-	1	37 030

As at 31 December 2022 the Bank had 3 outstanding foreign exchange forward contracts (in 2021 – 4 contracts).

33. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

As of 31 December 2022, the authorized share capital comprised 31 781 081 ordinary shares (2021: 31 781 081 ordinary shares). Nominal value of one share is EUR 1.40. The structure of shareholders holding ordinary shares did not change. The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are entitled to one vote per share at the shareholders' meetings. All shares rank equally with regard to the Bank's residual assets.

	2022		2021	
	Quantity	EUR'000	Quantity	EUR'000
Share capital				
Ordinary shares with voting rights	31 781 081	44 493	31 781 081	44 493
	31 781 081	44 493	31 781 081	44 493

The statutory reserve of EUR 24 thousand is not subject to any restrictions and can be distributed to the shareholders following an appropriate decision.

Dividends

Dividends payable are restricted to the maximum retained earnings of the Bank, which are determined according to the legislation of Latvia. In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia, the amount of reserves available for distribution at the reporting date is EUR 40 377 thousand (2021: EUR 37 415 thousand).

During 2022, 7.5 million EUR dividends were distributed, 0.24 EUR per share.

During 2021, 5 million EUR dividends were distributed, 0.16 EUR per share.

34. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Cash and balances due from central banks	120 527	120 527	270 118	270 118
Due from credit institutions on demand and within 3 months	16 799	16 785	34 303	34 285
Due to credit institutions on demand and within 3 months	(6 623)	(6 623)	(2 958)	(2 958)
Total cash and cash equivalents	130 703	130 689	301 463	301 445

35. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

At any time the Bank has outstanding commitments to extend credit. These commitments take the form of approved loans and credit card limits and overdraft facilities.

The Bank provides financial guarantees and letters of credit to guarantee the performance of customers to third parties. These agreements have fixed limits and generally extend for a period of up to five years.

The contractual amounts of commitments are set out in the following table by category. The amounts reflected in the table for commitments assume that amounts are fully advanced. The amounts reflected in the table for guarantees and letters of credit represent the maximum accounting loss that would be recognized at the reporting date if counterparties failed to completely perform as contracted.

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Unused loan facilities	55 821	55 824	37 728	37 728
Unused credit card facilities	936	936	1 087	1 087
Guarantees and other	2 367	2 367	1 925	1 928
	59 124	59 127	40 740	40 743
<i>Provisions</i>	<i>(129)</i>	<i>(130)</i>	<i>(92)</i>	<i>(92)</i>

The total contractual amounts of the above loan commitments may differ from the cash flow that may actually be required in future as these commitments may expire before they are claimed.

Group EUR'000, 2022	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Contingent liabilities and commitments, Gross	58 422	663	39	59 124
Impairment allowance	(103)	(2)	(24)	(129)
Net	58 319	661	15	58 995

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Bank EUR'000, 2022	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Contingent liabilities and commitments, Gross	58 425	663	39	59 127
Impairment allowance	(104)	(2)	(24)	(130)
Net	58 321	661	15	58 997

Group EUR'000, 2021	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Contingent liabilities and commitments, Gross	38 883	1 211	646	40 740
Impairment allowance	(69)	(2)	(21)	(92)
Net	38 814	1 209	625	40 648

Bank EUR'000, 2021	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Contingent liabilities and commitments, Gross	38 886	1 211	646	40 743
Impairment allowance	(69)	(2)	(21)	(92)
Net	38 817	1 209	625	40 651

Movements in the impairment allowance of contingent liabilities and commitments

Movements in the loan impairment allowance for the year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

Group EUR'000	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	69	2	21	92
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1)	1	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
-remaining credit risk changes	33	1	11	45
New originated or purchased	32	-	-	32
Derecognised	(29)	(2)	(5)	(36)
Change for the year	35	-	6	41
FX and other movements	(1)	-	(3)	(4)
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	103	2	24	129

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Bank EUR'000	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	69	2	21	92
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1)	1	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
-remaining credit risk changes	33	1	11	45
New originated or purchased	33	-	-	33
Derecognised	(29)	(2)	(5)	(36)
Change for the year	36	-	6	42
FX and other movements	(1)	-	(3)	(4)
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	104	2	24	130

Movements in the impairment allowance of contingent liabilities and commitments

Movements in the loan impairment allowance for the year ended 31 December 2021 are as follows:

Group EUR'000	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2021	129	7	60	196
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-from Stage 1 to Stage 2)	(2)	2	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 1)	1	(1)	-	-
- from Stage 2 to Stage 3)		(4)	4	-
-remaining credit risk changes	(53)	(24)	(24)	(101)
New originated or purchased	95	24	17	136
Derecognised	(103)	(5)	(33)	(141)
Change for the year	(62)	(8)	(36)	(106)
FX and other movements	2	3	(3)	2
Closing balance at 31 December 2021	69	2	21	92

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Bank EUR'000	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL for credit-impaired)	Total
Opening balance at 1 January 2021	130	7	60	197
Transfers due to change in credit risk:				
-from Stage 1 to Stage 2)	(2)	2	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 1)	1	(1)	-	-
-from Stage 2 to Stage 3)		(4)	4	-
-remaining credit risk changes	(54)	(24)	(24)	(102)
New originated or purchased	95	24	17	136
Derecognised	(103)	(5)	(33)	(141)
Change for the year	(63)	(8)	(36)	(107)
FX and other movements	2	3	(3)	2
Closing balance at 31 December 2021	69	2	21	92

36. LITIGATION

Management is unaware of any other significant actual, pending or likely claims against the Bank and its subsidiaries.

37. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES UNDER MANAGEMENT

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Assets under management				
Due from credit institutions registered in Latvia	1 191	1 191	4 925	4 925
Loans to customers	165	165	1 165	1 165
Non fixed income securities	16 228	16 228	15 466	15 466
Fixed income securities	1 382	1 382	1 356	1 356
Other assets	1	1	4	4
Total assets under management	18 967	18 967	22 916	22 916
Liabilities under management				
Non-resident trust liabilities	5 368	5 368	7 559	7 559
Resident trust liabilities	13 599	13 599	15 357	15 357
Total liabilities under management	18 967	18 967	22 916	22 916

The largest share of assets under management were invested in non-fixed income securities. Assets under management include loans granted on a trust basis (trust loans) made on behalf of a third party (the beneficiary).

38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties are defined as shareholders who have a significant influence over the Bank (parent company), members of the Council and the Board and Other related parties, that are companies in which parent company and members of the Council and the Board have a controlling interest, key management personnel, their close relatives and companies in which they have a controlling interest, as well as associated and related companies. All transactions with related parties have been carried out at an arm's length.

Loans, deposits and other claims and liabilities to related parties include the following:

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Loans to related parties	5 700	5 700	7 548	7 548
<i>incl. members of the Council and the Board</i>	903	903	1 701	1 701
<i>incl. relatives of members of the Council and the Board</i>	2 583	2 583	2 657	2 657
<i>incl. companies related to members of the Council and the Board</i>	2 214	2 214	3 190	3 190
Impairment allowance	(111)	(111)	(74)	(74)
Net loans to related parties	5 589	5 589	7 474	7 474
Other investments – debt securities	4 535	4 535	8 125	8 125
Right-of-use assets – lease contracts	-	9 924	-	10 587
Total loans and other claims	10 124	20 048	15 599	26 186
Term and demand deposits and loans	108 545	110 785	131 053	133 359
<i>incl. from the parent company</i>	94	94	755	755
<i>incl. from subsidiaries</i>	-	2 240	-	2 306
<i>incl. from the members of the Council and Board</i>	1 585	1 585	869	869
<i>incl. relatives of members of the Council and the Board</i>	843	843	2 464	2 464
<i>incl. companies related to members of the Council and the Board</i>	106 023	106 023	126 965	126 965
Lease liability	-	10 476	-	11 025
Total deposits and liabilities	108 545	121 261	131 053	144 384
Contingent liabilities and commitments	2 080	2 083	2 082	2 085

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	2022		2021	
	Group Interest rate %	Bank Interest rate %	Group Interest rate %	Bank Interest rate %
Loans to related parties	2.70	2.70	2.41	2.41
Term and demand deposits	0.44	0.44	-0.28	-0.28

Remuneration to the member of Council and Board during 2022 amounted to EUR 869 thousand (2021: EUR 774 thousand) (see Note 11).

	2022		2021	
	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000	Group EUR'000	Bank EUR'000
Income from related party transactions				
Commission income	213	214	690	691
Interest income	609	609	407	407
Expenses from related party transactions				
Interest expense	722	1 054	-	347
Public utilities and maintenance	-	401	-	313
Other expenses	-	-	499	499

39. MATURITY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (BANK)

The table below reflects the maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities based on the contractual term from the reporting date until the maturity dates of the respective assets and liabilities. The remaining period to maturity of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022 was as follows:

2022 EUR'000	Up to 1 month including	From 1 to 3 months	From 3 to 6 months	From 6 months to 1 year	From 1 to 5 years	5 years and over, or no maturity	Total EUR'000
Financial assets							
Cash and demand deposits with central banks	120 527	-	-	-	-	-	120 527
Deposits with credit institutions	25 292	-	-	-	-	-	25 292
Trading financial assets	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Loans and receivables	47 348	6 986	10 689	43 119	177 591	22 577	308 310
Investment securities	30 529	7 538	10 954	41 899	70 519	1 529	162 968
Other financial assets	1 282	-	-	-	-	8 772	10 054
Total financial assets	224 981	14 524	21 643	85 018	248 110	32 878	627 154
Financial liabilities							
Demand deposits with credit institutions	6 623	-	-	-	-	-	6 623
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	336 536	51 906	27 760	56 649	86 842	24 018	583 711
Lease liabilities	73	146	146	438	4 307	5 366	10 476
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	2 954	2 954
Total financial liabilities	343 232	52 052	27 906	57 087	91 149	32 338	603 764
Maturity gap	(118 251)	(37 528)	(6 263)	27 931	156 961	540	23 390
Contingent liabilities and commitments	59 127	-	-	-	-	-	59 127

The maturity analysis of the Group is different from the Bank disclosed above only due to lease liabilities.

The negative gap positions are managed in accordance with the Bank's Liquidity risk management policy. There are limits for maturity gap positions, which are set and monitored by the Bank's Investment committee.

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The table below reflects the maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities based on the contractual term from the reporting date until the maturity dates of the respective assets and liabilities. The remaining period to maturity of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021 was as follows:

2021 EUR'000	Up to 1 month including	From 1 to 3 months	From 3 to 6 months	From 6 months to 1 year	From 1 to 5 years	5 years and over, or no maturity	Total EUR'000
Financial assets							
Cash and demand deposits with central banks	270 118	-	-	-	-	-	270 118
Deposits with credit institutions	33 018	141	-	-	-	1 267	34 426
Trading financial assets	1 601	-	-	-	-	-	1 601
Loans and receivables	43 945	17 896	14 750	51 282	188 251	28 055	344 179
Investment securities	72 940	482	3 649	1 071	18 009	89 057	185 208
Other financial assets	15	-	-	-	-	7 631	7 646
Total financial assets	421 637	18 519	18 399	52 353	206 260	126 010	843 178
Financial liabilities							
Due to central banks	-	-	-	-	81 681	-	81 681
Demand deposits with credit institutions	2 958	-	-	-	-	-	2 958
Trading financial liabilities	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	376 454	86 381	90 695	96 146	56 191	9 281	715 148
Lease liabilities	73	146	146	438	4 307	5 915	11 025
Other financial liabilities	28	-	-	-	-	786	814
Total financial liabilities	379 514	86 527	90 841	96 584	142 179	15 982	811 627
Maturity gap	42 123	(68 008)	(72 442)	(44 231)	64 081	110 028	31 551
Contingent liabilities and commitments	40 743	-	-	-	-	-	40 743

The maturity analysis of the Group is different from the Bank disclosed above only due to lease liabilities. The negative gap positions are managed in accordance with the Bank's Liquidity risk management policy. There are limits for maturity gap positions, which are set and monitored by the Bank's Investment committee.

40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Liquidity risk (Bank)

Residual contractual maturities of financial liabilities of the Bank are presented below. The amounts disclosed in the tables are the contractual undiscounted cash flows in comparison with the carrying amounts of financial liabilities. The Group's residual contractual maturities of financial liabilities have not been presented as the difference to the Bank's analysis is insignificant.

EUR'000

31 December 2022	Carrying amount	Gross nominal inflow / (outflow)	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years and more
<i>Non-derivative liabilities</i>						
Demand deposits with credit institutions	6 623	(6 623)	(6 623)	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	10 476	(13 157)	(73)	(146)	(659)	(12 279)
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost: deposits	577 707	(576 622)	(336 836)	(52 357)	(85 049)	(102 380)
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost: subordinated debt securities	6 004	(8 480)	-	-	(449)	(8 031)
Total non-derivative liabilities	600 810	(604 882)	(343 532)	(52 503)	(86 157)	(122 690)
<i>Derivative liabilities</i>						
Trading: outflow	5 958	(5 958)	(5 958)	-	-	-
Trading: inflow	(5 961)	5 961	5 961	-	-	-
Total derivative liabilities	(3)	3	3	-	-	-
Unused loan and credit card commitments	56 760	(56 760)	(56 760)	-	-	-
Guarantees given	2 367	(2 367)	(2 367)	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	659 934	(664 006)	(402 656)	(52 503)	(86 157)	(122 690)

EUR'000

31 December 2021	Carrying amount	Gross nominal inflow / (outflow)	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years and more
<i>Non-derivative liabilities</i>						
Due to central banks	81 681	(80 934)	34	69	310	(81 347)
Demand deposits with credit institutions	2 951	(2 951)	(2 951)	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	11 025	(14 384)	(73)	(146)	(659)	(13 506)
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost: deposits	713 735	(715 521)	(376 674)	(86 726)	(187 315)	(64 806)
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost: subordinated debt securities	1 413	(1 840)	(11)	(21)	(394)	(1 414)
Total non-derivative liabilities	810 805	(815 630)	(379 675)	(86 824)	(188 058)	(161 073)
<i>Derivative liabilities</i>						
Trading: outflow	906	(906)	(906)	-	-	-
Trading: inflow	(905)	905	905	-	-	-
Total derivative liabilities	1	(1)	(1)	-	-	-
Unused loan and credit card commitments	38 815	(38 815)	(38 815)	-	-	-
Guarantees given	1 928	(1 928)	(1 928)	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	851 549	(856 374)	(420 419)	(86 824)	(188 058)	(161 073)

41. CURRENCY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (BANK)

The Latvian banking legislation requires that the total foreign currency open position may not exceed 20% of the equity.

The EUR equivalent of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022 by the currencies in which they are denominated is as follows:

2022 EUR'000	EUR EUR'000	USD EUR'000	Other currencies EUR'000	Total EUR'000
Financial assets				
Cash and demand deposits with central banks	120 412	115	-	120 527
Loans and receivables from banks	11 937	11 279	2 076	25 292
Trading financial assets	3	-	-	3
Loans and receivables	301 115	7 195	-	308 310
Investment securities	154 768	8 200	-	162 968
Other financial assets	9 763	291	-	10 054
Total financial assets	597 998	27 080	2 076	627 154
Financial liabilities				
Due to central banks	-	-	-	-
Demand deposits with credit institutions	(6 528)	(74)	(21)	(6 623)
Trading financial liabilities	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	(562 493)	(19 943)	(1 275)	(583 711)
Other financial liabilities	(2 429)	(269)	(256)	(2 954)
Total financial liabilities	(571 450)	(20 286)	(1 552)	(593 288)
Assets (liabilities) arising from currency exchange				
<i>Spot and forward transaction receivables</i>	15 000	6 274	-	21 274
<i>Spot and forward transaction liabilities</i>	(5 958)	(14 958)	(314)	(21 230)
Net long/short currency position	35 590	(1 890)	210	33 910

The currency analysis of the Group is not significantly different from that of the Bank disclosed above.

The currency gap positions are managed in accordance with the Bank's Currency risk management policy. There are limits for currency gap positions.

41. CURRENCY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (BANK) (continued)

The Latvian banking legislation requires that the total foreign currency open position may not exceed 20% of the equity.

The EUR equivalent of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021 by the currencies in which they are denominated is as follows:

2021 EUR'000	EUR EUR'000	USD EUR'000	Other currencies EUR'000	Total EUR'000
Financial assets				
Cash and demand deposits with central banks	270 114	-	4	270 118
Loans and receivables from banks	15 091	12 705	6 630	34 426
Trading financial assets	271	1 166	164	1 601
Loans and receivables	335 417	8 750	12	344 179
Investment securities	171 267	13 941	-	185 208
Other financial assets	5 079	2 259	308	7 646
Total financial assets	797 239	38 821	7 118	843 178
Financial liabilities				
Due to central banks	(81 681)	-	-	(81 681)
Demand deposits with credit institutions	(2 408)	(534)	(16)	(2 958)
Trading financial liabilities	-	(1)	-	(1)
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	(669 215)	(38 031)	(7 902)	(715 148)
Other financial liabilities	(814)	-	-	(814)
Total financial liabilities	(754 118)	(38 566)	(7 918)	(800 602)
Assets (liabilities) arising from currency exchange				
<i>Spot and forward transaction receivables</i>	35 500	38 602	1 057	75 159
<i>Spot and forward transaction liabilities</i>	(38 529)	(36 566)	-	(75 095)
Net long/short currency position	40 092	2 291	257	42 640

The currency analysis of the Group is not significantly different from that of the Bank disclosed above.

The currency gap positions are managed in accordance with the Bank's Currency risk management policy. There are limits for currency gap positions.

42. REPRICING MATURITY ANALYSIS (BANK)

Interest rate risk relates to the changes in the value of the financial instrument as a result of changes in the market rates. As at 31 December 2022, interest rate re-pricing categories were:

2022 EUR'000	Up to 1 month including	From 1 to 3 months	From 3 to 6 months	From 6 months to 1 year	From 1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total EUR'000
Financial assets								
Cash and demand deposits with central banks	119 875	-	-	-	-	-	652	120 527
Loans and receivables from banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 292	25 292
Trading financial assets	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Investment securities	4 412	7 299	10 861	52 314	84 346	2 941	795	162 968
Loans and receivables	181 486	10 228	66 109	39 635	7 690	1 456	1 706	308 310
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 054	10 054
Total financial assets	305 776	17 527	76 970	91 949	92 036	4 397	38 499	627 154
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES								
Due to central banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Demand deposits with credit institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 623	6 623
Trading financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	298 627	117 893	27 758	56 227	37 714	6 160	39 332	583 711
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 954	2 954
Total financial Liabilities	298 627	117 893	27 758	56 227	37 714	6 160	48 909	593 288
Interest rate risk net position	7 149	(100 366)	49 212	35 722	54 322	(1 763)	(10 410)	33 866
Interest rate risk gross (cumulative) position	7 149	(93 217)	(44 005)	(8 283)	46 039	44 276	33 866	

The repricing maturity analysis of the Group is not significantly different from that of the Bank disclosed above.

42. REPRICING MATURITY ANALYSIS (BANK) (continued)

Interest rate risk relates to the changes in the value of the financial instrument as a result of changes in the market rates. As at 31 December 2021, interest rate re-pricing categories were:

2021 EUR'000	Up to 1 month including	From 1 to 3 months	From 3 to 6 months	From 6 months to 1 year	From 1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total EUR'000
Financial assets								
Cash and demand deposits with central banks	269 167	-	-	-	-	-	951	270 118
Loans and receivables from banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	34 426	34 426
Trading financial assets	77	-	-	-	-	-	1 524	1 601
Investment securities	-	2 006	3 543	16 415	158 118	3 291	1 835	185 208
Loans and receivables	255 760	17 975	9 374	44 482	12 066	2 929	1 593	344 179
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	7 646	7 646
Total financial assets	525 004	19 981	12 917	60 897	170 184	6 220	47 975	843 178
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES								
Due to central banks	-	-	-	-	81 681	-	-	81 681
Demand deposits with credit institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 958	2 958
Trading financial liabilities	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	319 485	127 628	71 262	80 837	55 295	1 120	59 521	715 148
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	814	814
Total financial Liabilities	319 486	127 628	71 262	80 837	136 976	1 120	63 293	800 602
Interest rate risk net position	205 518	(107 647)	(58 345)	(19 940)	33 208	5 100	(15 318)	42 576
Interest rate risk gross (cumulative) position	205 518	95 223	36 878	16 938	50 146	55 246	39 928	

The repricing maturity analysis of the Group is not significantly different from that of the Bank disclosed above.

43. MAXIMUM CREDIT EXPOSURE ANALYSIS

The Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk is set out below. The impact of possible netting of assets and liabilities to reduce potential credit exposure is not significant.

Maximum credit exposure

At 31 December EUR'000	Notes	Gross maximum credit exposure	
		Bank 2022	Bank 2021
Cash and balances with central banks	15	120 527	270 118
Loans and receivables from banks	16	25 292	34 426
Trading financial assets	17, 32	3	1 601
Investment securities	19, 21	162 968	185 208
Loans and receivables	20	308 310	344 179
Other financial assets	26	10 054	7 646
Total financial assets		627 154	843 178
Unused loan facilities	35	55 824	37 728
Unused credit card facilities	35	936	1 087
Guarantees and others	35	2 367	1 928
Total guarantees and commitments		59 127	40 743
Total maximum credit risk exposure		686 281	883 921

The maximum credit risk exposure analysis of the Group is not significantly different from that of the Bank disclosed above.

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk is reflected in the carrying amounts of financial assets in the consolidated statement of financial position. For financial guarantees issued, commitments to extend credit, undrawn credit lines and export/import letters of credit, the maximum exposure to credit risk is the amount of the commitment.

Credit risk management. Credit risk is the single largest risk for the Group's business; management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk.

The estimation of credit risk for risk management purposes is complex and involves the use of models, as the risk varies depending on market conditions, expected cash flows and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk for a portfolio of assets entails further estimations of the likelihood of defaults occurring, the associated loss ratios and default correlations between counterparties.

Limits. The Group structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers, and to geographical and industry segments. Limits on the level of credit risk by product and industry sector are approved regularly by management. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and are subject to an annual, or more frequent, review

Credit risks policies are presented in Note 4.1.

44. CAPITAL ADEQUACY CALCULATION (BANK)

	2022 EUR '000	2021 EUR '000
Tier 1		
Share capital	44 493	44 493
Statutory reserves	24	24
Retained earnings for the previous periods	29 915	27 649
Profit for the reporting period	10 462	9 766
Changes on application of IFRS 9	554	1 110
Revaluation reserve – financial assets	(324)	(128)
Other reserves	(4 221)	(2 403)
Intangible assets	(256)	(351)
Insufficient coverage for non-performing exposures	-	(2)
Other deductions	(26)	(42)
Reduction of Tier 1 capital (Pillar 2 adjustments)	(297)	(244)
Additional Tier 1	1 100	1 100
Total Tier 1	81 424	80 972
Subordinated debt	6 361	321
Reduction of Tier 2 capital (Pillar 2 adjustments)	-	-
Tier 2 capital	6 361	321
Equity	87 785	81 293
Risk-weighted value		
Banking portfolio	409 722	443 303
Trading portfolio	-	3 071
Operating risk	45 554	42 482
Total risk exposure amount loan adjustment	16	-
Total risk weighted assets	455 292	488 856
Total capital as a percentage of risk weighted assets (total capital ratio)	19.28%	16.63%
Total tier 1 capital expressed as a percentage of risk-weighted assets ("tier 1 capital ratio")	17.88%	16.56%

The above is based on internal reports of the Bank, provided to key management of the Bank.

As at 31 December 2022, the Bank's capital adequacy ratio was 19.28% (2021: 16.63%) which corresponds to the requirements set in the Basel Capital Accord and the regulations of the FCMC of Latvia. Under the capital requirements introduced by Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the FCMC banks need to maintain a ratio of capital to risk weighted assets ("statutory capital ratio") above the prescribed minimum level. Although the minimum required level as at 31 December 2021 was 8%, according to a special request by the FCMC the Bank was required to ensure a higher capital adequacy of 11% during the period from 3 January 2022. In addition to the above capital requirement for the overall risk coverage, the Bank is required to maintain compliance with the total capital reserve requirement calculated in accordance with Section 35²², 35²³, 35²⁴ or 35²⁵ of the Credit Institution Law -2.60% (Capital conservation buffer – 2.50%, institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer – 0.10% (as at 31.12.2022)). The requirements of the total capital reserve should be met using Tier 1 capital.

In addition to the calculation of the capital adequacy ratio in accordance with 'Normative regulations on establishing a capital and liquidity adequacy assessment process' No. 209 of the FCMC, the Bank regularly conducts its own internal capital adequacy assessment in order to ensure that it covers all the risks assumed by the Bank and whether they are covered by the capital.

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In accordance with Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council 575/2013, the calculation of capital adequacy is performed at the consolidated level, including the parent company of the bank (AS BBG). All of the above requirements are also met at the consolidated level. CALCULATION OF CAPITAL ADEQUACY at the consolidated level can be found on the Bank's website in the section "financial information" in the quarterly financial report (<https://www.bluorbank.com/lv/finansu-informacija>).

45. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Financial instruments measured at fair value

The table below analyses financial instruments measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised. There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy levels.

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31 December 2022	Published price quotations (1)	Valuation techniques based on market observable inputs (2)	Valuation techniques based on unobservable inputs (3)	Total
Financial assets				
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</i>				
Non fixed income securities	-	320	-	320
Derivatives	-	3	-	3
<i>Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income</i>				
Fixed income securities	25 592	-	379	25 971
Non fixed income securities and shares	-	18	-	18
	25 592	341	379	26 312
Financial liabilities				
Derivatives	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

31 December 2021	Published price quotations (1)	Valuation techniques based on market observable inputs (2)	Valuation techniques based on unobservable inputs (3)	Total
Financial assets				
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</i>				
Fixed income securities	-	-	-	-
Non fixed income securities	1 524	633	-	2 157
Derivatives	-	77	-	77
<i>Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income</i>				
Fixed income securities	35 868	-	3 514	39 382
Non fixed income securities and shares	-	18	218	236
	37 392	728	3 732	41 852
Financial liabilities				
Derivatives	-	1	-	1
	-	1	-	1

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Included in category "Published price quotations" (Level 1) are financial assets and liabilities that are measured by reference to published quotes in an active market. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The main asset classes included in this category are financial assets for which the fair value is obtained via pricing vendors or binding broker quotes and assets for which the fair value is determined by reference to indices.

Included in category 2 "Valuation methods based on market observable data" are financial assets and liabilities that are measured using a valuation technique based on assumptions that are supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on available market data.

Not based upon market observable (Level 3) input means that fair values are determined in whole or in part using a valuation technique (model) based on assumptions that are neither supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument nor are they based on available market data.

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in measuring Level 2 fair values:

Type	Valuation technique
Financial assets and liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss.	Market comparison technique: The fair values are based on broker quotes. Similar contracts are traded in an active market and the quotes reflect the actual transactions in similar instruments.
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Valuation is based on financial indicators, including discounted cash flows and value of Bank's position with the price hedge

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in measuring Level 3 fair values:

Type	Valuation method	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relation between significant unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
Assets at fair value through profit or loss (illiquid bonds)	Valuation is based on financial indicators, including discounted cash flows.	Net assets	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease), if: Increase/(decrease) in net assets
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Outlook of the court case and estimated proceeds	Court case's order	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if: Positive (negative) court case's order
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Valuation is based discounted dividend model	Future net revenues; CAPEX	The estimated fair value would increase (decrease) if: revenue increases/ (decreases/ CAPEX decreases/ (increases)

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Changes in financial instruments of the Group/Bank classified as Level 3 in Fair Value Hierarchy:

31.12.2022				
Financial assets at fair value	31.12.2021.	(Sold)	Fair value adjustment	31.12.2022.
Fixed income securities	3 514	(3 135)	-	379
Non fixed income securities	218	(218)	-	-
Total financial assets at fair value	3 732	(3 353)	-	379

31.12.2021				
Financial assets at fair value	31.12.2020.	Acquired	Fair value adjustment	31.12.2021.
Fixed income securities	3 135	379	-	3 514
Non fixed income securities	218	-	-	218
Total financial assets at fair value	3 353	379	-	3 732

The table below analyses the fair values of financial instruments other than measured at fair value by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which each fair value measurement is categorised. There were no transfers between the fair value hierarchy levels.

31 December 2022	Level 1: EUR'000	Level 2: EUR'000	Level 3: EUR'000	Total fair value EUR'000	Total carrying amount EUR'000
Financial assets					
Cash and demand deposits with central bank	652	119 875	-	120 527	120 527
Loans and receivables from banks	-	-	25 292	25 292	25 292
Loans to customers	-	-	307 022	307 022	308 310
Investment securities at amortised cost	122 902	-	6 330	129 232	136 659
Other financial assets	-	-	10 054	10 054	10 054
Financial liabilities					
Balances due to central bank	-	-	-	-	-
Deposits and balances due to financial institutions	-	-	6 623	6 623	6 623
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	-	-	582 587	582 587	583 711
Other financial liabilities	-	-	2 954	2 954	2 954

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31 December 2021	Level 1: EUR'000	Level 2: EUR'000	Level 3: EUR'000	Total fair value EUR'000	Total carrying amount EUR'000
Financial assets					
Cash and demand deposits with central bank	951	269 167	-	270 118	270 118
Loans and receivables from banks	-	-	34 426	34 426	34 426
Loans to customers	-	-	341 654	341 654	344 179
Investment securities at amortised cost	138 215	-	7 017	145 232	144 957
Other financial assets	-	-	7 646	7 646	7 646
Financial liabilities					
Balances due to central bank	-	-	81 681	81 681	81 681
Deposits and balances due to financial institutions	-	-	2 958	2 958	2 958
Financial liabilities carried at amortized cost	-	-	715 424	715 424	715 148
Other financial liabilities	-	-	814	814	814

The following table shows the valuation techniques use in measuring Level 2 and Level 3 fair values, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used:

Type	Valuation method	Significant unobservable inputs
Loans and advances due from financial institutions	Discounted cash flows	Discount rates
Loans	Discounted cash flows	Discount rates
Due to financial institutions	Discounted cash flows	Discount rates
Deposits	Discounted cash flows	Discount rates

46. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Bank's Management Board, its chief operating decision maker, monitors separately the operating results of the Corporate banking operating segment. The Bank's main business activity is servicing corporate customers and high net worth individuals, there is no separate retail banking segment and insignificant part of retail banking products are managed and monitored together with corporate banking products. Treasury function includes treasury services provided to corporate customers and high net worth individuals and therefore included in the Corporate segment. The results of all other operations are included in the "Other" segment.

	2022			2021		
	Corporate EUR'000	Other EUR'000	Total EUR'000	Corporate EUR'000	Other EUR'000	Total EUR'000
Net interest and similar income	17 589	-	17 589	17 740	-	17 740
Net fee and commission income	8 442	-	8 442	5 309	-	5 309
Net other finance income	(533)	-	(533)	3 326	-	3 326
Other operating income	870	72	942	1 002	68	1 070
Total operating income	26 368	72	26 440	27 377	68	27 445
Total operating expense	(15 228)	(58)	(15 286)	(15 766)	(57)	(15 823)
Credit loss allowance	(890)	-	(890)	(2 188)	-	(2 188)
Profit before tax	10 250	14	10 264	9 423	11	9 434

	2022			2021		
	Corporate EUR'000	Other EUR'000	Total EUR'000	Corporate EUR'000	Other EUR'000	Total EUR'000
Fee and commission income						
Money transfers	1 096	-	1 096	1 065	-	1 065
Commissions on loans monitoring and service	551	-	551	623	-	623
Securities transactions	910	-	910	2 278	-	2 278
Assets management	322	-	322	584	-	584
Client service	6 072	-	6 072	1 623	-	1 623
Payment card service	1 421	-	1 421	1 125	-	1 125
Total net fee and commission income	10 372	-	10 372	7 298	-	7 298
Total assets	667 713	827	668 540	874 176	827	875 003
Total liabilities	(592 679)	-	(592 679)	(799 865)	-	(799 865)

47. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Other than disclosed in these financial statements, no significant subsequent events have occurred in the period from the reporting date to the date of these financial statements that would require adjustments to be made to these financial statements and disclosures added to the notes thereto.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholder of AS BluOr Bank

Auditor's report on the separate and consolidated financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the separate and consolidated financial statements set out on pages 8 to 97 of the annual report give a true and fair view of the separate and consolidated financial position of AS BluOr Bank (the "Bank") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") as at 31 December 2022, and their separate and consolidated financial performance and their separate and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

Our opinion is consistent with our additional report to the Audit Committee dated 17 March 2023.

What we have audited

The financial statements, which consist of the separate financial statements of the Bank and the consolidated financial statements of the Group (together "the financial statements") comprise:

- the Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Income Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022;
- the Group's Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Bank's Separate Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- the Group's Consolidated and the Bank's Separate Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2022; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing as adopted in the Republic of Latvia (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Bank and the Group in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International

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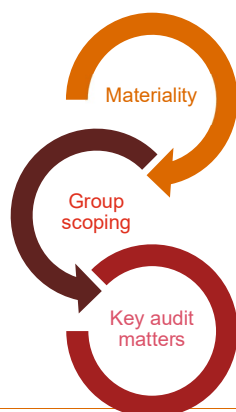
Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) and the ethical requirements of the Law on Audit Services that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Latvia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and the ethical requirements of the Law on Audit Services.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we declare that non-audit services that we have provided to the Bank, its parent company and subsidiaries are in accordance with the applicable law and regulations in the Republic of Latvia and that we have not provided non-audit services that are prohibited under Article 37.6 of the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia.

The non-audit services that we have provided to the Bank, its parent company and subsidiaries, in the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, are disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements.

Our audit approach

Overview



- Overall Bank and Group materiality: EUR 750 thousand, which represents approximately 1% of net assets of the Group.
- We have audited the separate financial statements of the Bank.
- We have performed selected audit procedures over the significant balances and transactions of subsidiaries.
- Our audit scope covered substantially all of the Group's revenues and substantially all of the Group's total assets.
- Expected credit losses on loans (Group and Bank)

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall Bank and Group materiality separately for the separate and consolidated financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

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Overall materiality

Overall materiality applied to the Bank and the Group was EUR 750 thousand.

How we determined it

Approximately 1% of the Group's net assets at 31 December 2022.

Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied

We chose net assets as the benchmark because net assets, in our view, is the benchmark which is of primary focus by the users of the financial statements and forms the basis for capital adequacy for regulatory purposes.

We chose the threshold of 1%, which is within the range of accepted quantitative materiality thresholds for this benchmark.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above EUR 37,5 thousand, as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Expected credit losses on loans (Group and Bank)

Refer to Note 19 “Loans and receivables” to the financial statements.

We focused on this area because application of IFRS 9 “Financial instruments” expected credit loss (ECL) model for loans impairment losses requires complex and subjective judgements over both timing of recognition of expected credit losses and their extent.

The key features of the ECL model include classification of loans to 3 stages, assessment of credit risk parameters and application of forward-looking information. The amount of expected credit losses for the Group’s and the Bank’s loans is based on calculations taking into consideration the exposure at default, probability of default, changes in customer credit rating and taking into account estimated future cash flows from the loan repayments or sale of collateral (loss given default), and ECL adjustments by expected impact of future macroeconomic scenarios.

For individually significant loans ECL are calculated on individual basis and expert judgement is applied to determine probability of default (PD) and loss given default (LGD). For other loans the expected credit losses are calculated using the ECL model.

As at 31 December 2022 expected credit losses amounted to EUR 3 395 thousand at the Group and the Bank (refer to Note 19).

We assessed whether the Group’s and the Bank’s accounting policies in relation to the ECL of loans to customers are in compliance with IFRS 9 by assessing each significant model component: exposure at default, probability of default and loss given default, definitions of default and significant increase in credit risk, and the use of macroeconomic scenarios.

We assessed the design and operating effectiveness of the controls over relevant loan data and ECL calculations. These controls included controls over monitoring of loan quality, the non-retail loans credit file periodic reviews and related credit rating assessment, timely transfer into overdue accounts where relevant and accuracy of overdue days calculation, appropriate classification into individual or collective assessment, and staging assessment. We also reconciled the source data used in the calculation of PD.

Further, we performed detailed testing over loan data, including contract dates, interest rates, collateral values and types, performing/ non-performing status and other inputs used in the ECL calculation.

For a sample of individually significant loans to legal entities we evaluated reasonableness of assumptions made by credit expert regarding future cash flow scenarios, PD and LGD, appropriateness of ECL stage applied as well as existence and valuation of collateral.

We involved our expert to assess the ECL model and recalculate the credit loss allowance for loans and advances assessed on the collective basis. We tested the accuracy of input information used in ECL model.

Finally, we have reviewed the credit risk disclosures.

How we tailored our Group audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls and the industry in which the Group operates.



The Group engagement team carried out audit work on the Bank's financial statements and performed selected audit procedures over the significant balances and transactions of other subsidiaries. Our audit work addressed substantially all of the Group's revenues and the Group's total assets. Audit services for separate and consolidated financial statements was performed solely by us as the Group's auditors. Separate component auditors were not engaged.

Reporting on other information including the Report of the Council and the Board

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information, which we obtained prior to the date of our auditor's report, comprises:

- Report of the Council and the Board, as set out on pages 3 to 5 of the accompanying Annual Report;
- information on the Council and the Board of the Bank, as set out on page 6 of the accompanying Annual Report; and
- Statement of Management's Responsibility, as set out on page 7 of the accompanying Annual Report,
- Statement of Corporate Governance, set out in a separate statement prepared and signed by the Bank's Management Board on 8 February 2023 and available on the Bank's website <http://bluorbank.lv> as at the date of this audit report,

but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information identified above.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

With respect to the Report of the Council and the Board, we also performed the procedures required by Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia and the Financial and Capital Market Commission Regulation No. 113 "Regulation on preparation of the annual report and consolidated annual report of credit institutions, investment brokerage companies and investment management companies". Those procedures include considering whether the Report of the Council and the Board is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the applicable legislation.

In addition, in accordance with the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia, with respect to the Statement of Corporate Governance, our responsibility is to consider whether the Statement of Corporate Governance includes the information required by section (3) of Article 56.2 of the Financial Instruments Market Law.

Based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, in our opinion, in all material respects:

- the information given in the Report of the Council and the Board and information on the Council and the Board for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements;
- the Report of the Council and the Board has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial and Capital Market Commission Regulation No 113 "Regulation on preparation of the annual report and consolidated annual report of credit institutions, investment brokerage companies and investment management companies";
- the Statement of Corporate Governance, available on the Bank's website <https://bluorbank.lv> as at the date of this audit report, includes the information required by section (3) of Article 56.2 of the Financial Instruments Market Law .

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In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the Bank and the Group and their operating environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified material misstatements in this other information. We have nothing to report in this respect.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Bank or the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank's and the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's and the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank or the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Report on the compliance of the presentation of consolidated financial statements with the requirements of the European Single Electronic Format ("ESEF")

We have been engaged based on our agreement of 12 December 2022 by the Board of the Bank to conduct a reasonable assurance engagement for the verification of compliance with the applicable requirements of the presentation of the consolidated financial statements of BluOr Bank AS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (the "Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements").

Description of a subject matter and applicable criteria

The Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements has been applied by the Board of the Bank to comply with the requirements of art. 3 and 4 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 supplementing Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (the "ESEF Regulation"). The applicable requirements regarding the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements are contained in the ESEF Regulation.

The requirements described in the preceding sentence determine the basis for application of the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements and, in our view, constitute appropriate criteria to form a reasonable assurance conclusion.

Responsibility of the Management Board and the Council

The Board of the Bank is responsible for the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements that complies with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

This responsibility includes the selection and application of appropriate markups in iXBRL using ESEF taxonomy and designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant for the preparation of

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the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements which is free from material non-compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

Members of the Council are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process, which should also be understood as the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with the format resulting from the ESEF Regulation.

Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a reasonable assurance conclusion whether the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements complies, in all material respects, with the ESEF Regulation.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (R) - 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information' (ISAE 3000(R)). This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements, plan and perform procedures to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements complies, in all material aspects, with the applicable requirements.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it does not guarantee that the service performed in accordance with ISAE 3000 (R) will always detect the existing material misstatement (significant non-compliance with the requirements).

Quality control requirements and professional ethics

We apply the provisions of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 (IAASB) and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We comply with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Summary of the work performed

Our planned and performed procedures were aimed at obtaining reasonable assurance that the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements complies, in all material aspects, with the applicable requirements and such compliance is free from material errors or omissions. Our procedures included in particular:

- obtaining an understanding of the internal control system and processes relevant to the application of the Electronic Reporting Format of the Consolidated Financial Statements, including the preparation of the XHTML format and marking up the consolidated financial statements;
- verification whether the XHTML format was applied properly;
- evaluating the completeness of marking up the consolidated financial statements using the XBRL markup language according to the requirements of the implementation of electronic format as described in the ESEF Regulation;
- evaluating the appropriateness of the Group's' use of XBRL markups selected from the ESEF taxonomy and the creation of extension markups where no suitable element in the ESEF taxonomy has been identified; and
- evaluating the appropriateness of anchoring of the extension elements to the ESEF taxonomy.

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We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Conclusion

In our opinion, based on the procedures performed, the Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements complies, in all material respects, with the ESEF Regulation.

Appointment

We were first appointed as auditors by the Bank's shareholder's resolution on 28 November 2018. Our appointment has been renewed annually by shareholder's resolution representing a total period of uninterrupted engagement appointment of 5 years.

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Riga, Latvia
17 March 2023

Independent Auditor's Report is signed electronically with a secure electronic signature and contains a time stamp.

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