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B.C. "ProCredit Bank" S.A. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **31 DECEMBER 2023**

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# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

	Notes _	2023	2022
Interest income calculated using the effective			
interest method	8	469,517,970	392,188,460
Other interest income	8	1,346,165	58,722
Interest expense	8	(244,193,097)	(146,045,000)
Net interest income		226,671,038	246,202,182
Fee and commission income	9	58,843,924	57,700,707
Fee and commission expenses	9	(17,361,642)	(18,907,713)
Net fee and commission income		41,482,282	38,792,994
Net trading income	10	72,653,933	63,350,847
Other operating income	11	3,805,927	2,367,069
Operating income		344,613,180	350,713,092
Personnel expenses	12	(73,630,820)	(58,946,062)
General and administrative expenses	13	(125,392,386)	(108,756,062)
Depreciation and amortization	23, 24	(16,696,083)	(14,009,023)
Operating expenses		(215,719,289)	(181,711,147)
Net (loss) / release on allowances for credit risk			
losses	31	25,370,004	(41,232,172)
Profit before tax		154,263,895	127,769,773
Income tax expense	14	(18,874,369)	(16,302,924)
Net profit for the year		135,389,526	111,466,849
Other comprehensive income of the period		_	_
Total comprehensive income for the year		135,389,526	111,466,849

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Irina Coroi - Jovmir Chairperson of the Management Board Elena Gornet Chief Accountant

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

Assets	Note	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Cash and cash equivalents with NBM	15	119,495,304	130,790,537
Mandatory reservers with NBM	15	1,298,441,556	1,256,158,585
Loans and advances to banks	16	590,931,906	260,745,466
Loans and advances to customers	19	3,249,684,535	3,440,222,095
Investments in debt securities	17	1,083,719,408	985,668,939
Investments in equity securities	18	1,200,000	1,200,000
Current tax assets		1,219,393	-
Deferred tax assets	22	2,031,483	2,109,200
Intangible assets	24	1,707,380	971,209
Property, plant and equipment	23	31,845,622	36,911,031
Other assets	21	11,345,064	6,736,472
Total assets		6,391,621,651	6,121,513,534
Liabilities			
Deposits from customers	25	3,784,463,274	3,335,522,886
Borrowed funds	26	1,527,847,377	1,836,180,404
Current tax liabilities		-	650,570
Subordinated debt	29	127,033,413	133,691,451
Provisions for other risks and loan commitments	27	10,538,616	9,653,878
Other liabilities	28	30,724,371	30,178,167
Total Liabilities		5,480,607,051	5,345,877,356
Equity			
Share capital	30	406,550,000	406,550,000
Statutory reserve	30	22,466,033	16,892,691
General reserve for bank risks	30	24,545,378	-
Retained earnings		457,453,189	352,193,487
Total equity		911,014,600	775,636,178
Total equity and liabilities		6,391,621,651	6,121,513,534

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in MDL unless otherwise stated)

	Share Capital	General reserve for bank risks	Statutory Reserves	Retained earnings	Total
Balance at 1 January 2022	406,550,000	19,287,002	12,586,138	225,416,039	663,839,179
Correction related to previous years Balance at 1 January 2022 (restated)	406,550,000	19,287,002	12,586,138	330,151 <b>225,746,189</b>	330,151 664,169,329
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	111,466,849	111,466,849
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	111,466,849	111,466,849
Dividends paid	_	_	_	_	_
Appropriation of reserves	-	(19,287,002)	4,306,553	14,980,449	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	406,550,000	-	16,892,691	352,193,487	775,636,178
Balance at 1 January 2023	406,550,000	-	16,892,691	352,193,487	775,636,178
Correction related to previous years  Balance at 1 January 2023 (restated)	406,550,000	-	16,892,691	(11,104) <b>352,182,383</b>	(11,104) 775,625,074
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	135,389,526	135,389,526
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	135,389,526	135,389,526
Dividends paid	_	_	_	_	-
Appropriation of reserves	-	24,545,378	5,573,342	(30,118,720)	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	406,550,000	24,545,378	22,466,033	457,453,189	911,014,600

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# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

For the year ended 31 December	Note	2023	2022
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net profit for the year		135,389,526	111,466,849
Adjustments for:		100,009,0=0	111,400,049
- Depreciation and amortisation		17,382,402	14,010,283
- Impairment loss / (release) and write-offs of financial		-/,00,10-	- 1,,0
assets, provisions for other risks and loan			
commitments		(25,370,004)	41,232,172
- Interests income		(470,864,135)	(392,247,182)
- Interest expenses		(244,193,097)	(146,045,000)
- Gains/Losses from foreign currency reevaluation		449,280	1,465,411
- Provisions		(4,871)	44,536
- Tax expense		18,874,369	16,302,924
- Other adjustments		(11,103)	330,151
Net profit adjusted with non-monetary elements		(568,347,633)	(353,439,856)
Changes in:			
- Mandatory reserves with NBM		(86,438,410)	(530,276,521)
- Loans and advances to banks		(530,587,358)	10,625,059
<ul> <li>Loans and advances to customers</li> </ul>		133,891,432	(138,895,697)
- Investments in debt instruments		(465,483,035)	-
- Other assets		(5,291,828)	19,288,879
- Deposits from customers		567,014,394	483,829,792
- Other liabilities		13,064,001	(3,605,592)
Interest received		446,273,136	422,141,088
Dividends received		236,568	236,568
Interest paid		241,421,507	166,660,661
Income tax paid		(20,666,615)	(16,976,163)
Net cash used in operating activities		(274,913,841)	59,588,218
Cash Flow from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(11,686,272)	(17,983,442)
Acquisition of intangible assets		(1,366,891)	(90,217)
Net cash used in investing activities		(13,053,163)	(18,073,659)
Cash flow from financing activities Proceeds from borrowings from other financial institutions		145,565,714	412,622,513
Repayment of borrowings to other financial institutions		(378,410,455)	(153,961,691)
Payments of lease liabilities		(11,209,103)	(11,179,066)
Dividends paid			
Net cash from financing activity		(244,053,844)	247,481,756
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(532,020,848)	288,996,315
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	15	1,377,360,583	1,087,924,666
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations		(40,761,349)	439,602
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	15	804,578,386	1,377,360,583

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

#### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

B.C. "ProCredit Bank" S.A. (thereafter "the Bank") was established in the Republic of Moldova in 2007 as a commercial Bank. On 17 December 2007 the Bank received a licence of type "B" from the National Bank of Moldova authorising it to conduct banking activities in the Republic of Moldova.

Currently the Bank has a licence that allows it to engage in all banking activities.

The Bank's registered office is located at the following address: of. 901, 65, Stefan cel Mare si Sfant Street, MD - 2012, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

The Bank provides retail and commercial banking services in Moldovan Lei ("MDL") and foreign currency for individuals and legal entities. These include: accounts opening, domestic and international payments, foreign exchange transactions, working capital financing, medium and long term facilities, retail loans, bank guarantees, letters of credit etc.

As of December 31, 2023, the Bank has 4 agencies (1 agency located in Balti and 3 agencies located in Chisinau) and 2 branches (located in Chisinau) that offer a wide range of banking services and operations.

As of 31 December 2023 the Bank Board (supervisory body) comprised the following members:

- Ms. Sandrine Laurence Edwige Massiani President of the Bank Board
- Ms. Elena Godea Member of the Bank Board;
- Ms. Stela Ciobu Member of the Bank Board;
- Ms. Jovanka Joleska Popovska Member of the Bank Board.

As at 31 December 2023 the Management Board of the Bank (executive body) comprised of the following members:

- Ms. Coroi-Jovmir Irina Chairperson of the Management Board;
- Mr. Domentii Vladimir Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board;
- Mr. Taracanov Andrei Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the shareholders of the Bank were the following:

	31 December 2023	<b>31 December 2022</b>
	%	%
ProCredit Holding AG	100	100
	100	100

The Bank's number of employees as at 31 December 2023 was 178 (31 December 2022: 160). Abbreviations. A glossary of various abbreviations used in this document is included in Note 39.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

### 2 OPERATING ENVIRONMENT OF THE BANK

The Bank, through its operations, has a significant exposure to the economy and financial markets of Moldova.

The Republic of Moldova displays certain characteristics of an emerging market, including relatively high inflation growth. The banking sector in Moldova is sensitive to adverse fluctuations in confidence and economic conditions and may occasionally experience reductions in liquidity and increased levels of volatility in the market. Management is unable to predict all developments which could have an impact on the banking sector and consequently what effect, if any, they could have on the financial position of the Bank. The tax, currency and customs legislation in Moldova is subject to varying interpretations and frequent changes. The future economic direction of Moldova is largely dependent upon the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the Government, together with tax, legal, regulatory, and political developments. At the same time, the evolution of the economy in the short and medium term is dependent on the measures taken by the authorities and the economic environment to counteract the effects caused by the war in the neighbouring country Ukraine.

For the purpose of estimation of expected credit losses ("ECL") the Bank uses supportable forward-looking information, including forecasts of macroeconomic variables. As with any economic forecast, however, the projections and likelihoods of their occurrence are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different from those projected. Note 31 provides more information of how the Bank incorporated forward-looking information in the ECL models.

# 3 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") under the historical cost convention, as modified by the initial recognition of financial instruments based on fair value, and by the revaluation of financial instruments categorised at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"). The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the presented periods, unless otherwise specified.

The Bank did not early adopt any standards not yet effective.

All amounts are presented in Moldovan Lei (MDL), unless otherwise stated. For computational reasons, the figures in the tables may exhibit rounding differences of  $\pm$  one unit.

The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December and includes all operations performed by the Bank. All the effective figures that reflect financial and economic results of the Bank's activity during the financial year are included in the financial statements of the financial year.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts are in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

# 3 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

These financial statements have been prepared based on the going concern principle, which assumes that the Bank will continue its operations for the foreseeable future. In order to assess the reasonability of this assumption, the management reviews forecasts of the future cash inflows. Based on these reviews and on the ongoing support of the ProCredit Group, the management believes that the Bank will be able to continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future and, therefore, this principle was applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

### Compliance with national law

For supervisory purposes the institution qualifies as a Bank according to the banking licence issued by the National Bank of Moldova, authorising it to conduct banking activities in the Republic of Moldova and is therefore supervised by the National Bank of Moldova.

These financial statements of the Bank were approved for issue by the Management of the Bank on 19 April 2024.

# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 4.1 Changes in the accounting policies

The accounting policies presented in these financial statements were applied consistently in the financial statements ending on 31 December 2023, respectively 31 December 2022.

During 2023, the Bank has not adopted early any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

# 4.2 Comparative financial statements

These financial statements include comparative information whenever this presentation is required by an international financial reporting standard and whenever it facilitates an adequate understanding of the Bank's situation.

The comparatives presented in these financial statements represent the financial information of the Bank.

For the purpose of preparing these financial statements, certain comparative information has been reclassified to comply with the presentation requirements applicable for the management period ended on December 31, 2023.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.3 Conversion of foreign currency

# (a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Bank are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates, i.e. the functional currency: the Moldovan leu ("MDL"). The financial statements of the Bank are presented in Moldovan Lei, which is the Bank's presentation currency.

# (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in statement of profit or loss ("Net trading income").

Monetary items denominated in foreign currency are translated with the closing rate as of the reporting date. In the case of changes in the fair value of investments in equity securities denominated in foreign currency and classified as FVOCI financial instruments, translation differences are recognised in other comprehensive income ("OCI").

Non-monetary items measured at historical cost denominated in foreign currency are translated with the exchange rate as of the date of initial recognition.

The exchange rates for the year 2023 and 2022 are presented below:

		2023		2022
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
Closing rate at 31 December	17.4062	19.3574	19. 1579	20.3792
Average rate	18.1607	19.6431	18.9032	19.8982

# 4.4 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise liquid financial assets with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition, including: cash and non-restricted balances with the National Bank of Moldova, non-pledged securities and other securities eligible for refinancing with the National Bank of Moldova, and loans and advances to banks and amounts due from other Banks.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost because: (i) they are held for collection of contractual cash flows and those cash flows represent SPPI, and (ii) they are not designated at FVTPL. Features mandated solely by legislation, such as the bail-in legislation in certain countries, do not have an impact on the SPPI test, unless they are included in contractual terms such that the feature would apply even if the legislation is subsequently changed.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.5 Mandatory reserves with the NBM

Mandatory reserves with the NBM are carried at amortised cost and represent interest bearing mandatory reserve deposits, which are not available to finance the Bank's day to day operations, and hence are not considered as part of cash and cash equivalents for the purposes of the statement of cash flows.

### 4.6 Loans and advances to banks

Loans and advances to banks are recorded when the Bank advances money to counterparty banks. Loans and advances to banks are carried at amortised cost because: (i) they are held for the purposes of collecting contractual cash flows and those cash flows represent SPPI, and (ii) they are not designated at FVTPL.

#### 4.7 Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances are initially recognised at fair value plus transactions costs; subsequently they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. At each balance sheet date and whenever there is evidence of potential impairment, the Bank assesses the value of its loans and advances. Their carrying amount may be reduced as a consequence of using an expected credit loss allowance account (see Note 4.10 for the accounting policy for impairment of loans, and Note 19, Note 31 for details on impairment of loans).

If the amount of the impairment loss decreases, the impairment allowance is reduced accordingly, and the amount of the reduction is recognised in the statement of profit or loss. The upper limit on the release of the impairment is equal to the amortised costs which would have been incurred as of the valuation date if there had not been any impairment.

Loans and advances are recognised when the principal is advanced to the borrowers. Loans and advances are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the Bank has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

# 4.8 Investments in debt securities

Investments in debt securities include certificates issued by the National Bank of Moldova and Treasury Bills measured at amortized cost. They are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

As of 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Bank does not hold investments in debt securities measured at FVOCI or FVTPL.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.9 Investments in equity securities

If the Bank decides to invest in equity securities, these investments will be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the changes being recognized in other comprehensive income. The Bank chooses to present changes in the fair value of certain investments in equity securities that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis on initial recognition and is irrevocable.

Fair value gains and losses on such equity securities are never reclassified to the statement of profit or loss and no impairment is recognized in the statement of profit or loss. Dividends are recognized in profit or loss ("Other operating income"), unless they clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of investment, in which case they are recognized in other comprehensive income. Cumulative gains and losses recognized in other comprehensive income are transferred to retained earnings on disposal of an investment.

### 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities

# i. Recognition and initial measurement

The Bank initially recognizes financial assets and liabilities at the date on which they are originated. A financial asset or financial liability, not measured at FVTPL, is measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to acquisition or issue. The fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is generally its transaction price.

At initial recognition of an equity instrument that is not held for trading, the Bank may irrevocably elect to present the subsequent changes in fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI). The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis on initial recognition and is irrevocable.

# ii. Classification

The Procredit Bank classifies its financial assets both according to their underlying business model and also their contractual cash flows.

Differentiation is made between the following business models: "hold to collect", "hold to collect and sell" and "other". Financial assets are assigned to the "hold to collect" business model if their objective is solely to collect contractual cash flows through interest and principal payments (according to SPPI). The statement of financial position items allocated to this business model are: "Mandatory reserves with NBM", "Loans and advances to banks", "Loans and advances to customers" "Finance lease receivables" "Investments in debt securities", and "Other financial assets", "Cash and cash equivalents". "Derivative financial assets" are allocated to the "Other" business model and are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

After initial recognition, the Bank classifies and measures a financial liability at: amortized cost; fair value through other comprehensive income; or fair value through profit or loss.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# ii. Classification (continued)

# - Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets held for trading or which are not classified in the "hold to collect" or "hold to collect and sell" business models are allocated to the "Other" business model and recognised at fair value through profit or loss. This includes "Derivative financial assets". Only "Derivative financial liabilities" are recognised as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The Bank does not apply hedge accounting. Derivatives with a positive fair value at the balance sheet date are carried as financial assets and reported under "Other assets" / "Derivative financial assets". Derivatives with a negative fair value are carried as financial liabilities and are reported under "Other liabilities" / "Derivative financial liabilities".

Gains and losses arising from changes in their fair value are immediately recognised in the statement of profit or loss of the period.

### - Financial assets at amortised costs

A financial asset is classified as "at amortised costs" if the financial asset is allocated to the "hold to collect" business model and the contractual cash flows meet the SPPI criterion. They arise when the Bank provides capital directly to a contracting party with no intention of trading the receivable. These financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs; subsequently they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Amortised premiums and discounts are accounted for over the respective terms in the statement of profit or loss under "Interest income calculated using the effective interest method". The decreases in expected credit losses are basically recognised using a three-stage model (please see paragraph "Impairment" below). If the amount of the impairment loss decreases, the impairment allowance is reduced accordingly, and the amount of the reduction is recognised in the statement of profit or loss. The upper limit on the reduction of the impairment is equal to the amortised costs which would have been incurred as of the valuation date if there had not been any impairment.

# - Financial assets at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income

A financial asset is classified and recognised as "Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income" ("FVOCI financial instrument"), if the financial asset is allocated to a "hold to collect or sell" business model.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# ii. Classification (continued)

"Investments in debt securities" allocated to this business model are those financial assets that are generally held considering the "SPPI" criteria, in order to collect contractual cash flows but can be sold as needed.

At initial recognition, the FVOCI financial instruments are recorded at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Subsequently they are carried at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income under "Revaluation reserve".

As of 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, the Bank has no investments in debt securities classified at FVOCI.

For an equity instrument that is not held for trading, the Bank may irrevocably elect to present the subsequent changes in fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI). The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

#### - Other financial liabilities at amortised cost

Other financial liabilities at amortised cost are recognised initially at fair value net of transaction costs incurred. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any difference between proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value is recognised in the statement of profit or loss over the period of the debt instrument.

# Reclassification of financial assets and financial liabilities

If the Bank changes its business model for the management of its financial assets, all affected financial assets are reclassified. It is estimated that such changes will be very rare. Such changes are determined by the Bank's management as a result of external or internal changes and must be significant to the Bank's operations and demonstrable to external parties. Consequently, a change in the Bank's business model will occur only if the Bank either begins or ceases an activity that is significant to its operations.

A change in the objective of the Bank's business model must be made before the date of reclassification, applying reclassification prospectively from the date of reclassification. In the event of reclassifications, the Bank does not restate previously recognized gains, losses (including impairment gains or losses) or interest. The Bank does not reclassify financial liabilities.

# iii. Derecognition

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the Bank has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. In addition, when financial assets measured at amortized cost are restructured with substantially different terms and conditions, the original financial asset is derecognised and replaced with the new financial asset.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# iii. Derecognition (continued)

FVOCI financial instruments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or when the Bank has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost are derecognised when they are settled – that is, when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Derivative financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or if the Bank has transferred the legal rights and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Derivative financial liabilities are derecognised when they are settled - that is, when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expired.

# iv. Changes of financial assets and financial liabilities

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Bank assesses whether the cash flows are substantially different. If the contractual terms are substantially altered due to commercial renegotiations, both at the client's request and at the Bank's initiative, the existing financial asset is derecognized and the modified financial asset is subsequently recognized, such modified financial asset being considered as a "new" asset. The criteria set at Bank level to evaluate changes leading to derecognition of financial assets are developed having in mind that they must reflect changes that are substantial enough (either quantitatively or qualitatively) to satisfy the derecognition requirements in IFRS 9 paragraph 3.2.3. On the quantitative side, these criteria refer to a significance threshold of 10% by analogy to the derecognition trigger set by IFRS 9 paragraph B3.3.6 for modifications of financial liabilities. On the qualitative side, these criteria refer to contractual modifications that are substantially changing the nature of the risks associated with the pre-existing loan contract. During 2023 and 2022, the Bank did not have any changes that would result in the derecognition of the original instrument.

If a modification of a financial asset measured at amortized cost or FVOCI does not result in the derecognition of the financial asset, then the Bank first recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset using the original effective interest rate of the asset and recognizes the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in the profit or loss. For floating-rate financial assets, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect the current rate at the time of the modification. Any cost or fees incurred or received adjust the gross carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortized over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

If such a modification is carried out because of the financial difficulties of the borrower, then the gain or loss is presented together with "Net (loss) / release on allowances for credit risk losses". In other cases, it is presented as "Interest income calculated using the effective interest rate method". The gain or loss from the modifications of financial assets for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 were not significant.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# v. Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset, and the net amount is presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Bank currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them 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 under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Bank's trading activity.

### vi. Fair value measurement

Upon acquisition, financial instruments are measured at fair value. In principle, this is the transaction price at the time they are acquired. Depending on their respective category, financial instruments are subsequently recognised either at fair value or at (amortised) cost. In general, financial instruments at fair value are measured on a recurring basis in the financial statements.

Fair value is defined as the price that would have been received for selling an asset or would have been paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market between market participants at the measurement date.

The Bank applies the IFRS hierarchy to measure fair value. The hierarchy categorises the inputs used in the valuation techniques to measure fair value into three levels:

# (a) Level 1 Inputs

Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Bank can access at the measurement date. A market is regarded as active 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.

# (b) Level 2 Inputs

Other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The valuation techniques applied refer to the current fair value of similar instruments and discounted cash flow analysis using observable market parameters. The Bank applies individual observable interest and exchange rates, predominantly from the central bank.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# vi. Fair value measurement (continued)

# (c) Level 3 Inputs

Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. If observable market interest rates are not available, internal rates are used as an input for a discounted cash flow model.

Internal rates reflect the cost of funds, considering foreign currency effects and maturities as well as a risk margin, e.g. ProCredit Group Funding interest rates. Internal rates are regularly compared to those applied for third-party transactions and are consistent with the parameters of an orderly transaction between market participants under market conditions at the measurement date.

### vii. Impairment

The Bank sets aside expected credit loss allowances for the statement of financial position items "Mandatory reserves with NBM", "Loans and advances to banks", "Loans and advances to customers", "Investment in debt securities" and for the financial assets under "Other assets" and for credit commitments and financial guarantees issued. In general, a three-stage model is used to report expected credit loss allowances. These are generally recognised at net value within the corresponding item from the statement of financial position.

Increase in expected credit loss allowances.

Recognition of loss allowances uses a three-stage model based on expected credit losses ("ECL").

**Stage 1**: Financial assets are generally classified as "Stage 1" when they are recognised for the first time. The Bank establishes loss allowances in an amount equivalent to the expected credit losses during the first 12 months following the date of the statement of financial position. For financial assets with a remaining term of less than 12 months, the contractual maturity is applied.

**Stage 2**: If credit risk increases significantly, the assets are classified as "Stage 2" and loss allowances are established in an amount equivalent to the expected credit losses over the entire remaining maturity.

**Stage 3**: Defaulted financial assets are classified as "Stage 3" and loss allowances are likewise established in an amount equivalent to the expected credit losses over the entire remaining maturity. For significant exposures, loss allowances are determined on the basis of recoverable cash flows. For insignificant exposures, loss allowances are determined on the basis of portfolio-based parameters. Interest income is recognised at net book value (less loss allowances).

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# vii. Impairment (continued)

For the "Other assets" position, loss allowances are established using the simplified approach. As a rule, loss allowances are recorded at initial recognition and on each subsequent reporting date in an amount equivalent to the expected credit losses during the total maturity period. For these generally short-term assets, the total maturity period has been set at 12 months.

### Reversal of loss allowances

In the event that credit risk decreases, loss allowances already recorded are reversed.

Write-offs, subsequent recoveries and direct write-offs

A financial asset is written-off (either partially or in full) when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering it in its entirely or a portion thereof. This is generally the case when the Bank determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. This assessment is carried out at the individual asset level.

When it is decided to write-off in part or in full a financial asset, it is written-off against the related allowance for expected credit risk losses.

Subsequent recoveries of previously written-off amounts are recognized when cash flows are received and are recorded as decreases in expenses on credit risk losses in the statement of profit or loss.

Financial assets that are written-off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Bank procedures for recovery of amounts due.

# Restructured financial assets

Restructured financial assets which are considered to be individually significant are assessed for expected credit risk losses on an individual basis. The amount of the loss is calculated as the difference between the restructured financial asset's carrying amount and the present value of its estimated future cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate (specific to impairment).

Where possible, the Bank seeks to restructure financial assets rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.10 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

# vii. Impairment (continued)

The management of the Bank continuously reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all relevant agreed lending conditions are met and that future payments are likely to occur. Financial assets continue to be subject to an individual or collective impairment assessment, as described above.

# 4.11 Intangible assets

# (a) Computer software

Acquired computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised on the basis of the expected useful lives.

The assets are amortised using the straight-line method over their useful lives.

# (b) Other intangible assets

The items reported under "Other intangible assets" are software in progress. The intangible assets in progress are not amortised.

# 4.12 Tangible assets

Land and buildings comprise mainly branches and offices. All tangible assets are stated at historical cost less scheduled depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Bank and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to statement of profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Buildings	30-40 years
Computers	3 - 5 years
Servers, Conditioning	4 - 5 years
Furniture	5 years
Household inventories	5 - 7 years
Motor vehicles	5 - 7 years
Leasehold improvements	As per lease agreement, max. 5 years

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.12 Tangible assets (continued)

The assets' residual carrying values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These are included in the statement of profit or loss.

# 4.13 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not depreciated on a scheduled basis but are tested annually for impairment.

Assets that are subject to depreciation/amortisation are reviewed for indications of impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest level, for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units).

# 4.14 Leases

At inception of a contract, the Bank assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Bank assesses whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset it can be specified explicitly or implicitly, it must be physically distinct or it must essentially represent the majority of the capacity of the distinct physical asset;
- The Bank has the right to obtain essentially all the economic benefits from the use of the asset during the period of use; and
- The Bank has the right to dispose of the use of the asset. The Bank has this right when it has relevant decision-making rights regarding the change in the manner and purpose for which the asset is used during the period of use. In rare circumstances when the decision regarding the way and purpose of asset use is predetermined, the Bank has the right to dispose of the use of the asset if:
  - 1) The Bank has the right to exploit the asset; or
  - 2) The Bank has designed the asset in a manner that predetermines how and for what purpose the asset will be used during the period of use.

When initiating or revaluing a contract that contains a lease component, the Bank allocates the equivalent value of the contract to each lease component based on the relative value of the individual prices.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.14 Leases (continued)

However, for the lease of land and buildings in which the Bank is a lessee, the Bank has chosen not to separate the non-lease components and books the lease and non-lease components as a single component.

#### i. Lessee

The Bank recognizes the right to use an asset and a lease liability at the commencement date. The right of use is initially measured at cost which includes the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted by any lease payment made on or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of the cost of dismantling and dismembering the asset and for the restoration of the place where it is located, including VTA, minus any leasing incentives received.

The right of use of the asset is subsequently amortized using the straight-line method from the commencement date until the earliest date between the end of life of the right of use or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use asset are determined in the same way as for property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted by certain revaluations of lease liabilities.

The liabilities arising from the lease are initially measured at the amount of lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate specified in the lease contract or, if that rate cannot be determined immediately, the Bank uses the incremental borrowing rate. At the commencement date, the lease payments included in the valuation of the lease liabilities include the following:

- fixed payments, including fixed payments in the fund;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially valued on the basis of the index or rate from the start date;
- the amounts expected to be due by the lessee on the basis of guarantees relating to the residual value;
- the exercise price of a call option if the lessee has reasonable certainty that he will exercise the option; and
- payments of the lease termination penalties, if the duration of the lease reflects the exercise by the lessee of a lease termination option.

The liability arising from the lease contract is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Lease liability is revalued when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in index or rate, when there is a reassessment of amounts expected to be due under the residual value guarantee or when the Bank changes its evaluation of the exercise of a call, extension or termination option.

When the liability arising from the lease contract is revalued in this way, an appropriate adjustment is made to the value of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in the statement of profit or loss if the balance sheet value of the right-of-use has been reduced to zero.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.14 Leases (continued)

The Bank presents the rights-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of real estate investments in "Property, plant and equipment" and the liability arising from lease contracts in "Other financial liabilities" in statement of financial position.

# Short-term leases and leases for which the underlying asset has a small value

The Bank has chosen not to recognize the right-of-use asset and the liability arising from short-term leases, 12 months and less, related to equipment and for leases for which the underlying asset has a small value. The Bank recognizes the lease payments associated with such leases as an expense of the current period on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### ii. Lessor

When the Bank acts as lessor, it determines at the initiation of the lease whether the lease is financial or operational.

In order to classify each lease, the Bank makes an overall assessment of whether it transfers in essence all the risks and rewards of ownership of an underlying asset. In such cases the contract is classified as a finance lease; otherwise, it is considered an operating lease. As part of this valuation, the Bank considers certain indicators such as the assessment of whether the lease is for most of the economic life of the asset.

The Bank recognizes the lease payments received under the operating leases on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract as part of "Other operating income".

# 4.15 Income tax

#### Current tax

Current tax payable is calculated on the basis of the applicable tax law in the respective jurisdiction and is recognised as an expense.

# Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided, using the balance sheet liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements prepared in conformity with IFRS. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.15 Income tax (continued)

The principal temporary differences arise from depreciation of tangible assets and other liabilities presented in Note 22. However, the deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or a liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither the profit (before tax) for the period according to IFRS, nor the taxable profit or loss.

The tax effects of income tax losses carried over from previous fiscal periods are recognised as a deferred tax asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available will be available for use against such losses.

Starting from 2012, the income tax rate is 12%.

### 4.16 Liabilities to banks and customers

Liabilities to banks and customers are recognised initially at fair value net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between proceeds net of transaction costs and the repayment is recognised in the statement of profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest rate method.

All financial liabilities are derecognised when they are settled – that is, when the obligation is discharged or, cancelled or when it expires.

# 4.17 Provisions

Provisions are recognised if:

- there is a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from past events;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation;
- the amount can be reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow of resources will be required in a settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

Provisions for which the timing of the outflow of resources is known are measured at the present value of the expenditures, if the outflow will be not occur within one year.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.18 Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantees require the Bank to make specified payments to reimburse the holder of the guarantee for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of customers to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date on which the guarantee was given. After initial recognition, the liabilities of the Bank under such guarantees are measured at the highest of the initial measurement, less the amortization calculated to recognize in the profit or loss the fee income received on a linear basis over the life of the guarantee and the best estimate of the expenses necessary to settle any financial obligation arising at the date of the statement of financial position. These estimates are determined on the basis of experience of similar transactions and past loss history, supplemented by management judgment.

Any increase in liabilities relating to guarantees is taken to profit or loss under "Depreciation and amortization expenses".

### 4.19 Loan commitments

The Bank issues commitments to provide loans. These commitments are irrevocable or revocable only in response to a material adverse change. Such commitments are initially recognised at their fair value, which is normally evidenced by the amount of fees received. This amount is amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the commitment, except for commitments to originate loans if it is probable that the Bank will enter into a specific lending arrangement and does not expect to sell the resulting loan shortly after origination; such loan commitment fees are deferred and included in the carrying value of the loan on initial recognition. At the end of each reporting period, the commitments are measured at (i) the remaining unamortised balance of the amount at initial recognition, plus (ii) the amount of the loss allowance determined based on the expected credit loss model, unless the commitment is to provide a loan at a below market interest rate, in which case the measurement is at the higher of these two amounts. The carrying amount of the loan commitments represents a liability. For contracts that include both a loan and a loan commitment and for which the Bank cannot separately distinguish between the ECL component of the loan commitment from the ECL component of the loan, the ECL of the loan commitment is recognised together with the ECL for the loan. To the extent that the combined ECLs exceed the gross carrying amount of the loan, they are recognised as a liability.

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.20 Subordinated debt

Subordinated debt consists of liabilities to shareholders which in the event of insolvency or liquidation are not repaid until all non-subordinated creditors have been satisfied. There is no obligation to repay early.

Following initial recognition at fair value, the subordinated debt is recognised at amortised cost. Interests, fees and commissions which are part of the effective interest are accounted for in the statement of profit or loss under "Interest expense".

### 4.21 Share capital

Share capital consists of the nominal shares placed. The total number of ordinary shares authorized and issued at the end of the year are at a nominal value of MDL 1,000 per share. All shares are fully paid.

# 4.22 Interest income and expense

Interest income and expenses for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognised in the statement of profit or loss using the effective interest rate method, under "Interest income calculated using the effective interest method" and "Interest expense".

Interest income and expense are recognised in the statement of profit or loss on an accrual basis of accounting.

The effective interest rate (EIR) is the rate that accurately updates the estimated future cash flows of the financial instrument over the estimated life of the financial instrument or, as the case may be, over a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Future cash flows are estimated taking into account all contractual terms of the instrument. The EIR calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between the parties to the contract that are incremental and directly attributable to the specific credit agreement, transaction costs and all other premiums or rebates. For financial assets at FVTPL, transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss on initial recognition.

Interest income / interest expense is calculated by applying the EIR to the gross carrying amount of non-impaired financial assets (ie the amortized cost of the financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit loss reduction) or the amortized cost of the financial liability. For impaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the EIR to the amortized cost of impaired financial assets (ie gross carrying amount less the provision for expected credit losses (ECL)). For financial assets originated or acquired with impaired credit (POCI), the EIR reflects the ECLs in determining the future cash flows that are expected to be received from the financial asset.

Payments received on written-off loans are not recognized in net interest income, but in "Net (loss) / release on allowances for credit risk losses".

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# 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 4.23 Fee and commission income and expenses

Fee and commission income and expenses are recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided.

Up-front fees for granting loans that are likely to be drawn down are depreciated (together with related direct costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate of the loan.

# 4.24 Net trading income

Net trading income is the difference in the revaluation of the foreign currency position and the gain or loss on foreign currency transactions.

# 4.25 Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits include wages, salaries and social security contributions. Short-term benefits are recognized as expenses as the services are rendered.

# 4.26 Dividends

Dividends income is recognized in the statement of profit or loss on the date on which the right to receive such dividends is established are this dividends are likely to be collected. Dividends are reflected as a component of "Net trading income".

Dividends payment is treated as a distribution of profit for the period in which they are declared and approved, according to applicable law, by the General Meeting of Shareholders.

# 4.27 Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements, but they are disclosed in the financial statements unless there is a "low" probability of an outflow of resources.

A contingent asset is not recognized in the financial statements but disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

#### 5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Use of assumptions and estimates

The Bank's financial reporting and its financial result are influenced by Management's assumptions, estimates, and judgements which necessarily have to be made in the course of preparation of the financial statements. All estimates and assumptions required are the best estimates undertaken in accordance with the applicable standard. Estimates and judgements are evaluated on a continuous basis, and are based on past experience and other factors, including expectations with regard to future events and considered appropriate under the given circumstances.

Management's judgements for certain items are especially critical for the Bank's results and financial situation. This applies to the following:

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# 5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- a. See also Note 4.15, Note 14 and Note 22: recognition of deferred income tax assets: availability of future profit for the use of tax losses.
- b. See also Note 33: determining the fair value of instruments that are not traded in an active market.
- c. Impairment of credit exposures in accordance with IFRS 9.

Expected Credit Loss allowances are established in an amount equivalent to the expected loss for all financial assets recognised at amortised cost, for all debt instruments recognised at fair value with changes in fair value reported in other comprehensive income (FVOCI), and for off-balance-sheet commitments and financial guarantees. Expected credit losses are recorded on the basis of a model that classifies credit exposures in three stages. The Bank reports the following items from the statement of financial position, "Mandatory reserves with NBM", "Loans and advances to banks", "Loans and advances to customers", "Investments in debt securities" and "Other financial assets" at net value (after including the reductions for expected impairment losses).

Measurement of ECLs is a significant estimate that involves the determination of methodology, models and data inputs. Details of ECL measurement methodology are disclosed in Note 31. The following components have a major impact on expected credit loss allowance: definition of default, SICR, probability of default ("PD"), exposure at default ("EAD"), and loss given default ("LGD"), as well as models of macro-economic scenarios. The Bank regularly reviews and validates the models and inputs of the models to reduce any differences between expected credit loss estimates and actual credit loss experience.

In determining the impairment for credit risk, management incorporates forward-looking information, exercises professional judgement and uses estimates and assumptions. The estimation of expected credit losses involves forecasting future macroeconomic conditions over 3 years. The macroeconomic scenarios applied take into account the worsening of the macroeconomic outlook because of the conflict in the region and macroeconomic turmoil manifested by rising energy prices, supply disruptions and rising inflation that have created new uncertainties. More details about assumptions and judgements made are described in Note 31.4 Credit risk. The incorporation of forward-looking elements reflects the Bank's expectations and involves the creation of scenarios, including an assessment of the probability for each scenario.

# SPPI testing

The "SPPI" test (contract terms of the financial asset are consistent with the principle of exclusive principal collection and principal interest) takes into account the application of significant judgments. These judgments are of significant importance in the IFRS 9 classification and in the valuation process as they determine whether the asset will be measured at fair value through the profit and loss account or, depending on the business model valuation, at amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income.

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# 5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of the SPPI test, any clause or obligation that may influence the contractual cash flows will be evaluated. In this respect, the following aspects will be analyzed: the Bank's general terms and conditions; models of credit facilities contracts (special attention will be given to clauses and obligations that can modify contractual cash flows, especially monetary items - taxes, commissions, penalties - and how the interest rate is expressed); contracts whose content is different from standard contracts.

When implementing IFRS 9, the Bank uses an internally developed classification to determine the significant increase in "SICR" credit risk. Among other criteria used to determine the stages, the Bank uses a classification that is based on 8 credit risk levels (1 - the lowest risk, 8 - the highest risk), which are then allocated in 3 stages.

### 6 ADOPTION OF NEW OR REVISED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Standards and amendments in force mandatory from January 1st 2023:

- IFRS 17 Insurance contracts and amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance contracts;
- Presentation of accounting policies (Amendment to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2);
- Definition of accounting estimates (Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors);
- Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction (Amendments to IAS 12);
- International tax reform Model Rules for Pillar Two (Amendment to IAS 12 Income Taxes). Mentioned modifications did not have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Bank.

# 7 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS NOT YET IN FORCE

The following new and amended standards are in effect for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2024 and may be applied prior to that date. The Bank has not adopted any of these new and amended standards in advance and they are not expected to have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements when they enter into force.

- Liability in a sale and leaseback (Amendments to IFRS 16 Leasing);
- Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of liabilities as current or non-current;
- Long-term liabilities with covenants (Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements);
- Supplier financing arrangements (Amendments to IAS 7 Statement of cash flows and to IFRS 7 Financial instruments: Disclosures);
- Lack of exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21 Effects of variations in exchange rates).

The Bank does not expect mentioned changes to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

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# **8 NET INTEREST INCOME**

Interest and similar income	2023	2022
Mandatory reserves with NBM	45,190,633	58,003,944
Placements with NBM	934,110	3,073,014
Investments in debt securities	120,168,766	110,535,303
Loans and advances to banks	10,198,697	390,303
Loans and advances to customers*	293,025,764	220,185,896
Total interest income calculated using the effective interest method	469,517,970	392,188,460
Placements in banks	1,346,165	58,722
Other interest income	1,346,165	58,722
Total interest income	470,864,135	392,247,182
Interest expense		
Interest expenses on liabilities to banks	40,713	971,265
Interest expenses on liabilities to banks (related parties)	-	226,834
Interest expenses on deposits from customers	143,253,072	82,360,824
Interest expenses on deposits from customers (related parties)	330,330	237,790
Interest expenses on liabilities to IFI's	31,810,393	9,801,085
Interest expenses on liabilities to OGP AE	18,268,624	23,384,792
Interest expenses on borrowings from related parties	36,822,840	19,451,145
Interest expenses on subordinated debt	13,054,729	8,598,316
Interest expenses on lease liabilities	612,396	1,012,949
Total interest expenses	244,193,097	146,045,000
Net interest income	226,671,038	246,202,182

<sup>\*</sup>Interest income from impaired loans for the year ended 31 December 2023 represented MLD 8,111 thousand (2022: MLD 5,928 thousand).

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# 9 NET FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME

Fee and commission income		
	2023	2022
Payment transfers and transactions	21,786,298	20,966,033
Account maintenance fee	12,461,844	12,484,947
Letters of credit and guarantees	4,183,580	3,969,113
Debit/credit cards	15,034,630	15,221,768
Fee income from lending activity	3,873,854	3,534,304
Other fee and commission income	1,503,718	1,524,542
Total fee and commission income	58,843,924	57,700,707
Fee and commission expenses		
Payment transfers and transactions	707,366	794,977
Payment transfers and transactions with related parties	8,532,448	8,371,116
Fees for credit/debit cards	5,952,498	6,450,295
Fee expenses from lending activity	2,169,330	3,291,325
Total fee and commission expenses	17,361,642	18,907,713
Net fee and commission income	41,482,282	38,792,994

# 10 NET TRADING INCOME

Income from foreign currency operations refers to foreign exchange transactions with and for customers. The Bank does not engage in any foreign currency trading on its own account. In addition, this item includes the result from foreign currency operations and unrealised foreign currency revaluation effects. The Bank does not apply hedge accounting as defined by IFRS 9.

Total	72,653,933	63,350,847
Net gains less loses from foreign currency transactions Revaluation of balances in foreign currencies	72,204,634 449,299	61,885,436 1,465,411
	2023	2022
Trading result		

# 11 OTHER OPERATING INCOME

# Other operating income

_	2023	2022
Fines, penalties and other sanctions from the lending activity Dividend income from FVOCI equity instruments Other operating income	3,436,648 347,634 21,645	2,077,245 236,568 53,256
Total	3,805,927	2,367,069

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# 12 PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Personnel expenses can be broken down as follows:

	2023	2022
Salary expenses	(56,095,881)	(44,806,363)
Social security contributions	(14,383,388)	(11,465,657)
Other remuneration expenses Expenses related to unused vacations accruals	(2,701,571) (449,980)	(2,430,513) (243,529)
Total	(73,630,820)	(58,946,062)

# 13 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2023	2022
Communication and IT expenses	(58,983,649)	(53,488,375)
Service management fees	(10,042,463)	(8,822,685)
Court and notary fees	(3,364,183)	(3,405,796)
Advertising and marketing services	(10,751,990)	(5,093,689)
Transportation expenses	(2,501,318)	(1,431,125)
Audit and consulting services	(2,784,845)	(2,052,433)
Other taxes	(12,452,016)	(11,225,482)
Training expenses	(6,239,805)	(4,131,666)
Utility expenses	(2,046,596)	(1,709,773)
Insurance expenses	(2,070,558)	(1,438,592)
Office rent	(300,618)	(231,177)
Expenses with the contribution to the Deposit Guarantee	( 0 ()	(0)
Fund Expenses with the contribution to the Banking Resolution	(748,346)	(835,909)
Fund	(7,311,520)	(8,284,925)
Construction, repairs and maintenance	(1,820,174)	(2,419,578)
Security service	(750,345)	(503,906)
Office supplies	(305,698)	(160,298)
Provision expenses (claims)	-	-
Net result from derecognition of non-financial assets	(1,399,510)	(1,894,900)
Other administrative expenses	(1,518,752)	(1,625,753)
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Total	(125,392,386)	(108,756,062)

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# 14 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	2023	2022
Current tax Deferred tax (Note 22)	(18,796,652) (77,717)	(16,326,480) 23,556
Total	(18,874,369)	(16,302,924)

Since 2012 the income tax rate has been 12%. Please refer to Note 22 for calculation of current and deferred income tax.

# 15 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND MANDATORY RESERVERS WITH NBM

Cash and cash equivalents and accounts with the National Bank of Moldova comprise the following items:

	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
Cash on hand Cash and cash equivalents with NBM, less mandatory reserves	119,495,304	130,790,537
Expected credit loss allowance	_	_
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Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,306,260,180	1,264,468,673
Expected credit loss allowance	(7,818,624)	(8,310,088)
	1,298,441,556	1,256,158,585
Total cash and cash equivalents with NBM	1,417,936,860	1,386,949,122

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include the following balances presented in the note below with the original maturity of less than three months.

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# 15 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND MANDATORY RESERVERS WITH NBM (CONTINUED)

# Cash equivalents that were included as cash in statement of cash flows are:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Cash on hand (Note 15) Cash and cash equivalents with NBM, less mandatory	119,495,304	130,790,537
reserves (Note 15)	-	-
Investments in debt securities (Nota 17)  Loans and advances to banks, that are considered as cash	619,314,354	985,824,274
(Nota 16)	65,768,728	260,745,772
Cash and cash equivalents	804,578,386	1,377,360,583

Mandatory reserves are the Bank's funds held in Moldovan lei (MDL) or freely convertible currency (USD, EUR) in accounts opened with the National Bank of Moldova. The reserves are calculated on the basis of funds attracted in deposit accounts and other similar liabilities. As of 31 December 2023 the reserve ratio established by the National Bank of Moldova was 33% for MDL and other non-convertible currencies (2022: 37%) and 43% for convertible currencies (2022: 45%).

There is no separate credit rating for National Bank of Moldova. According to Moody's rating agency, the Republic of Moldova is classified in the B3 rating category.

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# 16 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO BANKS

	Classification	Rating agency	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Correspondent accounts in banks in OECD countries:				
DZ BANK AG THE BANK OF NEW YORK	AA-	Fitch Ratings	366,722,030	141,469,979
MELLON	AA-	Fitch Ratings	8,665,304	58,903,219
PROCREDIT BANK AG LANDESBANK BADEN-	BBB	Fitch Ratings	52,993,237	59,757,018
WUERTTEMBERG	A-	Fitch Ratings	149,068,678	-
Less expected credit loss allowance			(6,776)	(296)
			577,442,473	260,129,920
Correspondent accounts in banks in non-OECD countries:				
BCR CHISINAU SA	A	Fitch Ratings	1,495,186	615,555
Less expected credit loss allowance		_	(22)	(9)
_			1,495,165	615,546
Guarantee placements in banks:				
PROCREDIT BANK AG	BBB	Fitch Ratings	12,001,588	-
Less expected credit loss allowance			(7,320)	
			11,994,268	
Total			590,931,906	260,745,466

# Movement in the expected credit loss allowances for loans and advances to banks

	2023	2022
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Balance at 1 January	(305)	(7,409)
Increase due to origination and acquisition	(9,792)	(8,845)
Decrease due to derecognition	3,106	14,190
Increase due to remeasurement of loss allowance	(222)	(45,603)
Decrease due to remeasurement of loss allowance	400	48,260
Changes due to updates of ECL methodology	-	-
Net change due to foreign exchange movements	(7,305)	(898)
Balance at 31 December	(14,118)	(305)

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### 17 INVESTMENTS IN DEBT SECURITIES

	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
Certificates issued by the National Bank of Moldova		
Nominal value	620,000,000	990,000,000
Unamortized discount	(685,646)	(4,175,726)
Expected credit loss allowance	(105,809)	(155,335)
Net carrying amount	619,208,545	985,668,939
Treasury Bills		
Nominal value	475,000,000	-
Unamortized discount	(9,516,963)	-
Expected credit loss allowance	(972,174)	
Net carrying amount	464,510,863	<u>-</u> _
Total net amount	1,083,719,408	985,668,939

Debt securities mandatorily classified as at amortised cost by the Bank represent securities held in a "held to collect" business model. Investments in debt securities represent short-term certificates issued by the National Bank of Moldova and Treasury Bills issued by the Ministry of Finance of Moldova. For the presentation purposes, the Bank has classified the investments in debt securities at Stage 1 (Note 31). The interest rate on short-term certificates issued by the National Bank of Moldova during the year was 17.00%, 14.00%, 10.00%, 6.00%, 4.75%, 4.25% and at the end of the year 2023 was 3.75%. The interest rate on Treasury Bills issued by the Ministry of Finance during the year was 5.97% - 11.00%.

For financial assets with a maturity of less than 12 months, the PD will reflect the remaining maturity and the certificates issued by the NBM have a maturity of only 14 days, and Treasury Bills issued by the Ministry of Finance have a maturity of 182 - 364 days.

As of August 2023, the sovereign rating assigned to the Republic of Moldova by Moody's was "B3" with a stable outlook.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 there were no debt securities pledged as collateral.

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# 18 INVESTMENTS IN EQUITY SECURITIES

	Fair value at 31 December 2023	Dividend income recognised for the year 2023
Investment in equity shares of non-OCDE		
countries	1,200,000	347,634
Total investments in equity securities	1,200,000	347,634
	Fair value at 31 December 2022	Dividend income recognised for the year 2022
Investment in equity shares of non-OCDE		
countries	1,200,000	236,568
Total investments in equity securities	1,200,000	236,568

Equity investments represent 9.12% of shares owned in "Biroul istoriilor de credit" SRL in the amount of MDL 1,200,000. The Bank measures these investments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The Bank classified those investments at Level 3 (Note 33).

As at 31 December 2023 equity investments have not been pledged.

# 19 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Loans and advances to customers Expected credit loss allowance	3,376,671,419 (126,986,884)	3,597,087,794 (156,865,699)
Total loans and advances to customers	3,249,684,535	3,440,222,095

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# 19 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

Loans and advances to customers can be analysed as follows:

In thousands MDL

31 Dec 2023

31 Dec 2022

_	Gross amount	ECL Allowance	Carrying amount	Gross amount	ECL Allowance	Carrying amount
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Individuals						
Consumer loans	27,413	(2,403)	25,010	15,134	(1,483)	13,651
Mortgage	259,798	(17,866)	241,932	174,419	(23,314)	151,105
Legal entities						
Loans to agriculture	850,805	(67,166)	783,639	925,747	(74,063)	851,684
Loans to the food industry	183,860	(4,148)	179,712	245,006	(6,847)	238,159
Loans to the productive industry	382,306	(5,554)	376,752	350,699	(4,931)	345,768
Trade credits	1,221,363	(15,235)	1,206,128	1,426,458	(29,897)	1,396,561
Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity	19,071	(794)	18,277	34,875	(2,040)	32,835
Loans for transport, telecommunications						
and network development	231,522	(10,335)	221,187	201,387	(7,297)	194,090
Loans for services	186,837	(3,307)	183,530	198,043	(6,730)	191,313
Other loans	13,697	(179)	13,518	25,320	(264)	25,056
Total	3,376,672	(126,987)	3,249,685	3,597,088	(156,866)	3,440,222

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#### 20 LEASING

The Bank rents a number of offices for the bank's branches. Leases are usually for a period of 1 to 7

### I. Right-of-use assets

	2023	2022
Balance at 1 January	17,895,594	25,009,100
Depreciation charge for the year	(10,816,861)	(10,218,941)
Additions	5,501,373	3,105,434
Disposals	(471,124)	
Balance at 31 December	12,108,982	17,895,593
Maturity analysis of undiscounted lease liability		
Less than one year	10,611,383	10,141,541
Between one and two years	9,171,890	11,085,787
Between two and three years	1,732,433	7,802,612
Between three and four years	1,450,475	-
Between four and five years		
Total gross lease liability, 31 December	22,966,180	29,029,940
II. Amounts recognized in profit or loss		
Leases according IFRS 16	2023	2022
Interest on lease liabilities	612,396	1,012,949
Depreciation expenses	10,816,861	10,218,941
III. Amount recognized in statement of Cash Flows	2023	2022
Total cash outflow for leases	11,209,103	11,179,066

#### 21 OTHER ASSETS

Other assets are as follows:

Other financial assets	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Transit and suspended accounts Other receivables Expected credit loss allowance	123,308 3,508,847 (71,545)	233,976 3,009,465 (40,041)
Total financial assets	3,560,610	3,203,400

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#### **OTHER ASSETS (CONTINUED)** 21

Other non-financial assets	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Prepaid expenses	2,879,585	2,766,103
Spare parts and consumables	191,437	234,886
Settlements with third parties*	4,713,233	531,884
Prepaid taxes	199	199
Total non-financial assets	7,784,454	3,533,072
Total other assets	11,345,064	6,736,472

<sup>\*</sup> On December 31, 2023, settlements with third parties include the deposit in the amount of MDL 4,543,923 submitted by the Bank to the bailiff in connection with the decision of the Court of Appeal.

#### 22 DEFERRED TAX ASSET

The reconciliation of the income tax expense is presented in the table below, as follows:

# a. Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	2023	2022
Current tax expense		
Current year	19,214,838	16,556,900
Changes in estimates related to prior years	(418,186)	(230,421)
	18,796,652	16,326,479
Deferred tax expense / (savings) Origination and reversal of temporary differences Derecognition of temporary differences	157,294 (79,577)	45,505 (69,060)
	77,717	(23,555)
Total	18,874,369	16,302,924

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# **DEFERRED TAX ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

Deferred income tax is calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using an effective tax rate of 12 % (2022: 12%).

### **b.** Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2023		2022	
Profit before tax		154,263,895		127,769,773
Income tax calculated at 12% tax rate (2022: 12%)	12%	18,511,667	12%	15,332,373
Tax effect of:				
Tax-exempt income	0.0%	(43,738)	0.0%	(19,044)
Non-deductible expenses				
Accelerated depreciation rate	-0.1%	(145,462)	-0.1%	(104,523)
Provisions and commitments	0.0%	26,225	0.0%	51,621
Expenses from revaluation of fixed assets and other assets	0.0%	36,530	0.0%	50,066
Loss on disposal of fixed assets Costs associated with payments to employees that cannot qualify for salary	0.0%	-	0.0%	72
payments	0.0%	-	0.0%	-
Other non-deductible expenses	0.6%	829,616	1.0%	1,246,335
Changes in estimates relating to prior years	-0.3%	(418,186)	-0.2%	(230,421)
Total income tax expense	12.2%	18,796,652	12.8%	16,326,479

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# 22 DEFERRED TAX ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### **Deferred tax assets**

	1 January 2023	Recognised in profit or loss	31 December 2023
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	1,122,427	(157,294)	965,133
Deferred tax assets	1,122,427	(157,294)	965,133
Liabilities			
Other liabilities	762,915	25,579	788,494
Accrual for unpaid vacations	223,858	53,998	277,856
Deferred tax assets	986,773	79,577	1,066,350
Deferred tax assets	2,109,200	(77,717)	2,031,483
	1 January 2022	Recognised in profit or loss	31 December 2022
<b>Assets</b> Property, plant and equipment / investment property	1,167,932	(45,505)	1,122,427
Deferred tax assets	1,167,932	(45,505)	1,122,427
Liabilities			
Other liabilities	723,078	39,837	762,915
Accruals for unpaid vacations	194,635	29,223	223,858
Deferred tax assets	917,713	69,060	986,773
Deferred tax assets	2,085,645	23,555	2,109,200

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# 23 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

See accounting policy in Note 4.12

	Land and		IT			<b>Assets under</b>	
	buildings	Equipment	equipment	Vehicles	Other assets	construction	Total
Gross carrying amount Balance at 1 January							
2022	42,682,586	27,841,980	22,592,703	4,688,565	9,658,219	-	107,464,053
Additions	3,105,434	-	-	-	-	14,878,008	17,983,442
Transfers	4,681,521	1,056,646	2,896,413	-	1,045,387	(9,679,967)	-
Disposals	421,164	641,817	1,598,726	630,974	1,407,914	-	4,700,595
Balance at 31 December							
2022	50,048,377	28,256,809	23,890,390	4,057,591	9,295,692	5,198,041	120,746,900
Balance at 1 January							
2023	50,048,377	28,256,809	23,890,390	4,057,591	9,295,692	5,198,041	120,746,900
Additions	5,501,373	-	-	-	-	6,184,900	11,686,273
Transfers	519,813	2,917,441	4,984,704	-	1,085,975	(9,507,933)	-
Disposals	5,661,211	33,107	-	-	336,412	215,196	6,245,926
Balance at 31 December							
2023	50,408,352	31,141,143	28,875,094	4,057,592	10,045,255	1,659,812	126,187,247

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# 23 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

	Land and		IT		Other	Assets under	
	buildings	Equipment	equipment	Vehicles	assets	construction	Total
Accumulated depreciation and in	n <mark>pairment loss</mark> e	es					
Balance at 1 January 2022	17,673,486	26,362,611	18,050,645	4,530,816	8,359,403	-	74,976,961
Depreciation for the year	10,230,761	1,254,448	1,486,579	116,772	469,685	-	13,558,245
Disposals	421,164	641,817	1,597,468	630,974	1,407,914	-	4,699,337
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	27,483,083	26,975,242	17,939,756	4,016,614	7,421,174	-	83,835,869
Balance at 1 January 2023	27,483,083	26,975,242	17,939,756	4,016,614	7,421,174		83,835,869
Depreciation for the year	11,827,667	1,169,404	2,287,342	40,977	739,972	-	16,065,362
Disposals	5,190,087	33,107	-	_	336,412	-	5,559,606
Balance at 31 December 2023	34,120,663	28,111,539	20,227,098	4,057,591	7,824,734	-	94,341,625
Net carrying amount							
Balance at 1 January 2022	25,009,100	1,479,370	4,542,058	157,750	1,298,816	-	32,487,092
Balance at 31 December 2022	22,565,294	1,281,567	5,950,634	40,977	1,874,518	5,198,041	36,911,031
Balance at 31 December 2023	16,287,689	3,029,604	8,647,996	-	2,220,521	1,659,812	31,845,622

As at December 31, 2023, the cost of tangible fixed assets fully depreciated but still used by the Bank amounted to 59,925,135 MDL (December 31, 2022: 48,254,546 MDL).

As at December 31, 2023, the amount of MDL 12,108,981 represents the right to use the branches and leased premises (see Note 20), and the amount of MDL 4,178,708 represents the costs of improvement (repair) of the leased headquarters (1.88 million lei) and of three subdivisions (2.30 million lei).

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# **24 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	Software	Other Intangible Assets	Intangible Assets in process	Total
Net carrying amount				
Balance at 1 January 2022	9,091,322	158,932	_	9,250,254
Acquisitions	2,619	-	87,598	90,217
Transfers	64,562	23,036	(87,598)	-
Disposals	367,541	18,077	_	385,618
Balance at 31 December 2022	8,790,962	163,891	-	8,954,853
Balance at 1 January 2023	8,790,962	163,891	-	8,954,853
Acquisitions	1,327,592	-	39,300	1,366,892
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Disposals	_	-	_	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	10,118,554	163,891	39,300	10,321,745
Accumulated amortization				
Balance at 1 January 2022	7,829,431	89,052	-	7,918,483
Amortisation for the year	425,448	25,331	-	450,779
Disposals	367,541	18,077	-	385,618
Balance at 31 December 2022	7,887,338	96,306	-	7,983,644
Balance at 1 January 2023	7,887,338	96,306		7,983,644
Amortisation for the year Disposals	606,342	24,379		630,721
Balance at 31 December 2023	8,493,680	120,685	-	8,614,365
Net carrying amount				
Balance at 1 January 2022	1,261,891	69,880	-	1,331,771
Balance at 31 December 2022	903,624	67,585	-	971,209
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,624,874	43,206	39,300	1,707,380

As at December 31, 2023, the cost of intangible assets fully amortized but still used by the Bank amounted to 7,318,187 MDL (December 31, 2022: : 6,911,587 MDL).

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### 25 DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS

Deposits from customers consist of sight deposits, savings deposits and term deposits. The following table shows a breakdown by customer groups:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
Current accounts -private individuals	1,075,025,763	922,467,240	
-private individuals	186,839,549	122,478,147	
-legal entities	888,186,214	799,989,093	
Saving accounts -private individuals	1,479,817,656	1,454,618,504	
	616,107,619	714,779,726	
-legal entities	863,710,037	739,838,778	
Term deposit accounts	1,229,619,855	958,437,142	
-private individuals	1,091,017,944	842,379,153	
-legal entities	138,601,911	116,057,989	
Total	3,784,463,274	3,335,522,886	

Savings accounts are sight deposit accounts opened for an indefinite period and are intended to accumulate and save money. The holder may fund or withdraw cash from the savings account at any time in accordance with the Bank's fees and commissions conditions. The interest on the savings account is floating.

Term deposits are open for a certain period during which the account holders of the deposit account may not make operations of depositing or withdrawing cash, or receiving and transferring, benefiting from an interest for placing funds in the Bank. The interest is set at the time of concluding the deposit contract and is fixed.

#### **26 BORROWED FUNDS**

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Borrowings from International Financial Institutions	662,172,142	826,480,311
Borrowings from OGP AE	352,835,446	446,364,826
Borrowings from related parties	512,839,789	563,335,267
Total	1,527,847,377	1,836,180,404

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#### **26 BORROWED FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

#### Liabilities to International Financial Institutions (IFIs) 26.1

Liabilities to International Financial Institutions (IFIs) are an important source of financing for the Bank. Medium to long-term loans from IFIs are reported under this position. The following table gives a detailed breakdown for liabilities to IFIs.

			31 December	31 December
	<u> Maturity</u>	Currency	2023	2022
European Investment Bank	24 May 2023	USD	-	10,832,319
European Investment Bank	7 December 2028	EUR	64,734,462	81,695,967
European Investment Bank	28 November 2029	EUR	77,783,028	95,383,799
Council of Europe Development Bank	25 June 2024	EUR	11,575,797	39,544,253
Council of Europe Development Bank	25 June 2024	USD	-	11,556,756
Council of Europe Development Bank	02 August 2027	EUR	127,488,647	173,910,010
European Investment Bank	o8 October 2028	EUR	88,516,475	101,718,990
European Investment Bank	23 April 2029	USD	123,433,063	135,588,352
European Investment Bank	17 September 2029	EUR	168,640,670	176,249,865
Total			662,172,142	826,480,311

The Bank is required by its borrowing agreements to comply with certain financial ratios. As of the balance sheet date of these financial statements, and during 2023 and 2022 financial years, the Bank complied with all the covenants required by the creditors.

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# **26** BORROWED FUNDS (CONTINUED)

### 26.2 Borrowed Funds from OGP AE

Financing projects	Currency	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Inclusive Rural Economic & Climate Resilience Programme ("IFAD")	EUR	3,513,081	7,000,524
	MDL	84,332,797	124,709,276
	USD	1,949,068	2,501,597
Rural Investment and Services Project ("RISP")	MDL	11,632,348	15,287,595
Competitiveness enhancement project (CEP)	EUR	24,061,789	33,306,141
	MDL	24,019,285	35,542,933
Livada Moldovei	EUR	167,352,033	193,659,151
	MDL	35,975,045	34,357,609
Total		352,835,446	446,364,826

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# **26** BORROWED FUNDS (CONTINUED)

# 26.3 Loans from related parties

				Original	31 December	31 December
		Maturity	Currency	Value	2023	2022
<b>ProCredit Holding AG</b>	Loan	27 October 2023	EUR	7,000,000		144,092,832
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ProCredit Holding AG	Warranty commission		EUR		1,050,947	1,191,438
	Warranty commission		USD		227,441	277,465
European Bank of						
Reconstruction and						
Development (DCFTA)	Loan	15 November 2023	EUR	10,000,000	-	22,983,392
<b>European Bank of</b>						
Reconstruction and						
Development (DCFTA)	Loan	15 May 2025	EUR	10,000,000	50,116,371	87,731,794
European Bank of						
Reconstruction and						
Development (DCFTA)	Loan	10 August 2027	EUR	15,000,000	266,718,684	305,966,728
<b>European Bank of</b>						
Reconstruction and		_				
Development (DCFTA)	Loan	30 March 2028	USD	10,000,000	193,660,174	-
European Bank of						
Reconstruction and						
Development (DCFTA)	Front-end fee		EUR		1,066,172	1,091,618
Total					512,839,789	563,335,267

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#### 27 PROVISIONS FOR OTHER RISKS AND LOAN COMMITMENTS

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
At the beginning of the period	9,653,878	10,011,645
Additions	3,738,910	2,391,962
Uses	-	-
Releases	(2,854,172)	(2,749,729)
At as 31 December	10,538,616	9,653,878

The provisions consist of provisions for off-balance sheet items, e.g. guarantees, loan commitments in the amount of MDL 5,463,787 (2022: MDL 4,347,608) and provisions for imminent losses from ongoing transactions in the amount of MDL 5,074,830 (2022: MDL 5,306,270).

#### 28 OTHER LIABILITIES

	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
Other financial liabilities		
Lease liabilities	12,354,798	18,888,400
Transit accounts	5,101,829	2,265,587
Liabilities for support programs	-	280,008
Liabilities for goods and services	9,199,658	5,816,353
Accruals for unused vacation	2,315,470	1,865,490
Other financial liabilities	549,600	170,624
Total other financial liabilities	29,521,355	29,286,462
Other non-financial liabilities		
Non-income tax liabilities	1,070,844	796,361
Liabilities to social fund on employees' contributions	131,320	88,475
Liabilities to employees	852	6,869
Total other non-financial liabilities	1,203,016	891,705
Total other liabilities	30,724,371	30,178,167

Non-income tax liabilities are liabilities related to value-added tax.

Liabilities for support programs are related to amounts received from sources obtained from the OGP AE under the Ministry of Finance as a part of Refinancing Agreements, such as Inclusive Rural Economic & Climate Resilience Programme ("IFAD") and Rural Investment and Services Project ("RISP").

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### 28 OTHER LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

As at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 liabilities for support programs have the following structure:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Liabilities for support programs		
European Investment Bank	-	-
OGP AE	-	280,008
Total liabilities for support programs		280,008
29 SUBORDINATED DEBT		
	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
Subordinated debt	127,033,413	133,691,451
Total	127,033,413	133,691,451

Subordinated borrowings from ProCredit Holding AG are with floating interest rate and have a maturity of more than 5 years.

Subordinated debts mature in 2026.

### 30 CAPITAL AND RESERVES

### a. Share capital

As at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 the shareholder structure was as follows:

		31 D	ecember 2023		31 D	ecember 2022
	Size of			Size of		
	stake in	Number of	Amount in	stake in	Number of	<b>Amount in</b>
Shareholder	%	shares	MDL	%	shares	MDL
ProCredit Holding	100%	406,550	406,550,000	100%	406,550	406,550,000
With voting rights Non-voting rights	100%	406,550 -	406,550,000	100%	406,550	406,550,000
Total	100%	406,550	406,550,000	100%	406,550	406,550,000

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#### 30 CAPITAL AND RESERVES (CONTINUED)

During 2023 the Bank did not issue shares (2022: similar). The total number of ordinary shares authorised and issued at the end of the year constituted 406,550 shares with a nominal value of MDL 1,000 per share.

#### b. General reserve for bank risks

According to the regulations of the National Bank of Moldova, starting from 2012, banks shall allocate to reserves from the retained earnings an amount representing the difference between the adjustment on impairment of assets calculated under prudential requirements of the National Bank of Moldova and ECL allowance calculated in accordance with IFRS. Thus, as at 31 December 2023 the balance of the general reserve for bank risks amounts to 24,545,378 MDL(as at 31 December 2022: MDL o). These reserves are non-distributable.

#### c. Statutory reserve

In accordance with the local legislation, 5% of the net profit of the Bank is required to be transferred to a non-distributable statutory reserve until such time as this reserve represents at least 10% of the share capital of the Bank. According to Bank's statute it can only be used to absorb losses and/or to increase its share capital. In 2023, the Bank formed statutory reserves in the amount of 5% of the profit of previous years amounting to MDL 5,573,342. The balance of statutory reserves as of 31 December 2023 amounted to MDL 22,466,033 (31 December 2022: MDL 16,892,691).

#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT

#### 31.1 Risk strategy and general risk profile of the bank

The core component of the Bank's socially responsible business model is the informed and transparent approach to risk management. This is also reflected in its risk culture, which results in well-balanced decision-making processes. The Bank aims to maintain a sustainable and adequate level of liquidity and capital at all times, and to achieve consistent sustainable financial and business results. Fully understanding the economic and geopolitical environment in which Bank operates and the risk profile of Bank's clients is a central part of this approach.

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# 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.1 Risk strategy and general risk profile of the bank (continued)

The Bank's risk management principles and risk strategy have not changed significantly compared to the previous year.

The objectives of the Bank's risk strategy are as follows:

- a) Maintaining a medium-low risk profile, a comfortable level of capital and liquidity in accordance with the established business model and risk appetite.
- b) Strengthen and further improve risk management as the business develops and expands, in a context marked by the war in Ukraine and generally increased geopolitical uncertainties/tensions.
- c) Ensuring the continuity of the Bank's activity, which includes sustainable and adequate capital allocation (ICAAP) and liquidity management (ILAAP).
- d) Establishing a risk management and monitoring system to ensure that risks are managed consistently.
- e) Reconciliation of the independence of the risk management system from the business lines.
- f) Improving monitoring and increasing controls in the areas of Compliance, prevention of money laundering (AML) and combating terrorist financing (CTF).

The bank 's risk management strategy is based on several basic principles that contribute to effective risk management. Consistent application of these principles reduces the risks to which the institution is exposed.

#### a) Concentration on core activities

In its operations, the bank focuses on core business, focusing on serving small and medium business customers as well as individuals. The Bank emphasizes the green lending of the Bank's clients' projects, directly promotes ecological investments within the target group of clients (SMEs and PF) and supports clients who want to improve business processes in an ecological way. Environmental impact and awareness is an important topic for the Bank. The bank offers services to PF customers through the concept of Direct Banking, which is based on the provision of remote banking services through ProBanking/ Mobile Banking applications, Contact Center and ATMs. The bank applies strict selection criteria and a holistic assessment of its clients. Income is primarily generated from interest on loans and commissions for account operations and payments. All other operations are carried out in support of basic activities. The rest of the bank's operations are carried out to support the core business. The main risks assumed by the bank in its day-to-day operations are: credit and counterparty risk, residual risk, concentration risk, market risk, interest rate risk from activities outside the trading portfolio, operational risk, which also includes the risk of distorting the security and integrity of information systems, liquidity risk and risk excessive leverage. At the same time, ProCredit Bank takes steps to avoid or limit other associated risks associated with banking operations.

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- 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)
- 31.1 Risk strategy and general risk profile of the bank (continued)

#### b) Diversification and transparent services

The Bank's concept of providing responsible banking services involves a high degree of diversification both on credit and on deposits. In terms of customer groups, diversification is done by economic sectors, customer groups and revenue groups. Credit portfolio diversification is a central pillar of the Credit Risk Management Policy. Another distinctive feature of the Bank's approach is the strategy of providing services that are as simple as possible for everyone to understand. This fact contributes to maintaining a high degree of transparency not only in customer relations, but also from the perspective of risk management. The high degree of diversification and the simple and transparent banking services lead to the reduction of the general risk profile of the bank.

#### c) Prudent staff selection and continuous training

The provision of responsible banking services is characterized by a long-term relationship not only with customers but also with employees. Therefore, the Bank has set strict standards for staff selection and training; they are based on mutual respect, personal responsibility and long-term commitment and loyalty. The bank has invested intensively and continues to invest in staff training. Training efforts not only produce professional skills, but also, above all, promote a culture of open and transparent communication. From a risk perspective, well-trained employees who are accustomed to thinking critically and expressing their opinions openly are an important factor in managing and reducing risks. Thus, the intensive training of the staff represents a premise not only for the development of the bank's activity in the future, but also for the successful implementation of the risk management framework, and serves as a foundation for the risk management approach in general.

#### d) The Bank's general risk profile

The Bank carries out its activities, including providing services and performing operations in fully compliance with the management framework of its business. The Bank's activity is carried out in full compliance with the principle that the institution must not assume more risks than it can tolerate. Consequently, risk management considerations must prevail over business considerations when the Bank's capital cannot cover potential losses. Therefore, the Board of the Bank defines the risk profile of the Bank, including the level of capital required to cover the various risks, the appetite and tolerance for significant risks that together express the Bank's appetite and risk tolerance. The risk profile is distributed over each significant risk, and the Bank's Board establishes a risk appetite for significant risks (viewed individually).

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 31.1 Risk strategy and general risk profile of the bank (continued)

The risk management process includes the identification and ongoing assessment of risk positions, the monitoring and control of risks, and the reporting of the level of risk of the Bank to the Governing Body (the Board of the Bank and the Management Committee) through the Risk Committee and the Committees at Executive Committee level. The assessment of individual risk profiles is performed through risk profile indicators. The risk profile for each significant risk contains a number of indicators that have associated a certain weight depending on the importance of each in the overall assessment of exposure to that risk.

In accordance with the General Risk Management Policy, which establishes the general principles used within ProCredit Bank S.A. for the general risk management, appetite is set at the "medium" level, and the general risk tolerance - at the "medium-high" level. A level of risk appetite and tolerance is also established for each individual risk, as follows:

- a) credit risk: risk appetite level "medium", risk tolerance level "medium-high";
- b) counterparty risk: risk appetite level "low", risk tolerance level "medium";
- c) liquidity risk: risk appetite level "medium", risk tolerance level "medium-high";
- d) currency risk: risk appetite level "low", risk tolerance level "medium";
- e) interest rate risk: risk appetite level "medium", risk tolerance level "medium-high";
- f) operational risk: risk appetite level "medium-low", risk tolerance level "medium";
- business risk (including strategic risk): risk appetite level "medium", risk tolerance level "medium-high";
- h) excessive leverage risk "low", risk tolerance level "medium".

Risk appetite provides the framework for risk management. This is a conscious decision on the extent to which the Bank is prepared to take risks to achieve its strategic objectives. The key elements of risk management in the Bank are presented below:

- The Risk Management Strategy addresses all significant risks arising from the implementation of the Business Strategy and defines the risk management objectives and measures. The strategies are reviewed annually by the Bank's Management Body.
- The annual risk inventory ensures that all material and non-material risks are identified and, if necessary, considered in the risk management strategy and processes.
  - All risks taken are managed to ensure an adequate level of capital and liquidity.
- Risk management policies and standards are updated and approved at least annually. They specify responsibilities at bank and group level and set minimum management, monitoring and reporting requirements.
- Monitoring and control of material risks and possible risk concentrations is carried out with the help of comprehensive analysis tools. For all significant risks, early warning indicators (reporting thresholds) and limits are established and appropriate use is monitored. The effectiveness of the measures, limits and methods chosen is continuously checked.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.2 Organization of the risk management function (continued)

- Crisis simulations are performed periodically for significant risks.
- The Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department reports periodically and ad hoc on the Bank's risk profile.
- Adequate processes and procedures have been established for an effective internal control system. It is built around the principles of segregation of duties, dual control and, for all risk-relevant operations, the separation of front office and back office functions down to the Management Committee level.
- All new or significantly changed products/services, business processes, tools, IT systems or organizational structures undergo a thorough review (new risk approval process) before being implemented or used for the first time. This also applies to activities in new markets and through new distribution channels. This ensures that new risks are assessed and that all necessary preparations and tests are completed before a new or significantly modified product is introduced for the first time.

#### 31.2 Organization of the risk management function

The Bank has established an adequate and effective internal control mechanism at all levels, involving both the members of the Management Board and the other employees of the institution. Thus, each employee has the responsibility to manage the risks in order to prevent procedural errors and irregularities. It is very important to have an efficient internal control system to ensure the proper functioning of the institution.

The Bank's governing body (the Board of Directors and the Management Committee) is responsible for risk management throughout the bank. The risk management function and the compliance function are performed by the Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department, which is responsible for managing credit and counterparty risks, residual risk, concentration risk, market risk, interest rate risk from activities outside the trading portfolio, liquidity risk and operational risk, which also includes the risk of distorting the security and integrity of information systems, liquidity risk and the excessive leverage risk, as well as the risk of money laundering and terrorism financing.

At the Executive Board level, several specialized internal committees are established to address individual risks, such as market and liquidity risks (ALCO), financial risks (Financial Risk Committee), operational risks (Operational Risk Committee), information security risk (Information Security Committee), compliance risk (Compliance Committee), money laundering risk and terrorist financing (AML Committee).

The committees monitor the risk profile of the institution and propose / take decisions on limiting and minimizing certain risks.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.2 Organization of the risk management function (continued)

The Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department ensures the identification, assessment, monitoring and control of all significant risks to which the bank is exposed: credit risk, including concentration risk and risks arising from foreign currency lending of borrowers exposed to foreign exchange risk, risk counterparty, liquidity risk, interest rate and currency risk, strategic risk, residual risk, excessive leverage risk, operational risks (which also include information security risk and ICT risk), reputational risk, compliance risk, regulatory and economic risk, model risk, AML risk. Additionally, the Department of Risk Management, Compliance and AML is responsible for internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP), as well as the internal liquidity adequacy assessment process (ILAAP). Moreover, the AML function within the Department is responsible for implementing the principles of identifying customers / suspicious transactions and preventing and combating money laundering and terrorism financing.

The Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department within the Bank is an autonomous unit, separate from the operations performed with customers (the activity related to granting loans or attracting deposits) or the trading operations. The head of the department reports regularly to the Bank's Board, through the Bank Board's Risk Committee. In addition, the Head of Department and Specialists report to the appropriate risk departments within ProCredit Holding AG (PCH), which is located in Frankfurt, Germany.

The Bank's risk policies address all significant risk categories and set standards that allow risks to be identified in a timely manner and managed appropriately. The Risk Management Department, Compliance and AML conducts regular monitoring to ensure that the total risk exposure does not exceed the established limits.

#### 31.3 Management of individual risks

The Bank places a special emphasis on understanding the risk factors and a continuous review and discussion about possible developments / scenarios and their potential negative impact. The main objectives of risk management include ensuring that all significant risks are recognized at the time they are fully understood and properly described.

# 31.4 Credit risk

Credit risk is defined as the probability that the party to a credit transaction will not be able, or will only partially be able, to meet its contractually agreed obligations towards the Bank. Credit risk arises from customer credit exposures (classic credit risk), credit exposure from interbank placements and issuer risk. It is further divided into credit default risk and credit portfolio risk in order to facilitate focused risk management. Credit risk is one of most significant risk faced by the Bank.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The main factors that affected credit risk in 2023 were the effects of the conflict in the region, the drought and the price instability on the cereals market that affected agricultural producers. As a result, further efforts were made during this time to assess the potential impact on the Bank's loan portfolio and risk reduction strategy. In 2023 we focused our efforts on the sectors of the portfolio that had been impacted by the abovementioned risks. In the case of agricultural producers, at the end of 2023 we proactively took measures to identify potential deterioration of the client's payment capacity and came up with sustainable and flexible solutions in terms of additional financing or modifications of current payment conditions. Still at the end of 2023, the share of restructured loans in total loan portfolio was lower compared to the same period of 2022 year, it decreased mainly due to the payment of loans according to the modified payment schedules and due to a less number of restructured loans in 2023 year. The instability in the region and the nearby military conflict led to rising energy and commodity prises, supply chains disruptions and uncertainty in the overall economic environment. Despite all the abovementioned events, the Bank managed to keep the quality of the loan portfolio on a quite good level, which emphasizes our ability to perform granular and thorough financial monitoring at the initial stage.

The following table shows the maximum exposure to credit risk as at 31 December:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,298,441,556	1,256,158,585
Loans and advances to banks	590,931,906	260,745,466
Investments in debt securities	1,083,719,408	985,668,939
Loans and advances to customers	3,249,684,535	3,440,222,095
Other financial assets	3,560,610	3,203,400
Total	6,226,338,015	5,945,998,485

Credit risk exposures relating to off-balance sheet items are as follows:

	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
Financial guarantees	228,433,091	212,700,451
Loan commitments	663,135,722	509,103,939
Total	891,568,813	721,804,390

The Bank uses indicators for the early identification of risks based on quantitative and qualitative risk features. These include, but are not limited to, declining account turnover or volume, high usage of granted credit lines and overdrafts over a longer period of time, and arrears. Regular recording and analysis of these early warning indicators helps to manage the portfolio, identify potential default risks at an early stage and take the required measures to avoid a SICR.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

In addition, asset quality indicators have been introduced, on the basis of which the loan portfolio is divided into the categories: performing, underperforming and defaulted. The process of assigning exposures to these categories is based on an exposure being past due, a risk classification system, and on additional risk characteristics; these include the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings or similar court procedures, as well as restructurings. In addition, other factors which indicate a significant deterioration of the economic situation of the client can also play a role. The portfolio indicators allow for a clear overview of the portfolio quality, and represent one of the most important tools for the credit risk management process.

#### Loss allowances

The expected credit loss (ECL) model pursuant to IFRS 9 is the central element of the approach to quantifying loss allowances for both on- and off-balance sheet financial instruments and is continually optimised. The calculated loss allowances are determined based on the expected credit losses for several future default scenarios. This represents the combined sum of the probability-weighted results from the scenarios. ECL estimates are based on reliable information about past events, current conditions and projections of future economic conditions. A detailed description of the model specifications is provided below

#### Three-stage approach

Loans and advances to customers are broken down into the three stages described below, based on the development of credit risk since initial recognition. A specific methodology is applied for each stage in order to determine impairment. During the term of an exposure, movement is possible between the stages.

- **Stage 1** comprises exposures for which credit risk has not significantly increased since initial recognition, and for which there is thus no indication of a trigger for allocation to Stage 2 or Stage 3.

Generally, all exposures are allocated to Stage 1 upon initial recognition. For Stage 1 exposures, the expected credit losses arising from possible default events within a period of up to 12 months following the reporting date are recognised in expenses. For exposures with a remaining term of less than 12 months, the shorter contractual maturity is applied.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

- **Stage 2** comprises exposures for which credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition, but for which there are no objective indications of impairment. Loss allowances are established in an amount equivalent to the expected credit losses over the entire remaining maturity. Qualitative and quantitative information is used to determine whether there is a significant increase in credit risk:
- Comparing PD to maturity "remaining lifetime PD" of an exposure at each reporting date with "remaining lifetime PD" at the origin of the asset. A significant increase in credit risk is considered to exist if the difference between the two PDs exceeds a certain limit. with a factor of 2.5. In this case, the asset is transferred from Stage 1 to Stage 2. A transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1 is possible when the associated credit risk is significantly reduced.
- When one of the following events is detected:
- contractual payments are overdue by more than 30 days but not by more than 90 days.
- standard or restructured events under observation.
- **Stage 3** includes all exposures, i.e. as of the reporting date, there is both a significant increase in credit risk and objective indications of impairment. The respective calculation of loss allowances is performed based on the expected credit losses over the entire remaining maturity considering 100% probability of default.

Stage 3 credit exposures are those exposures for which at least one of the following events occurs:

- Contract payments are more than 90 days late;
- Indices of significant financial difficulties of the debtor, reflected in the insufficient repayment capacity;
- Repayment of the loan is not possible without the guarantee;
- Initiation of bankruptcy proceedings;
- Trial or fraud;
- The bank initiated legal enforcement proceedings against the client;
- Credit fraud events;
- Impaired restructuring events;
- **POCI** (Purchased or Originated Credit Impaired) are impaired exposures but are recorded separately and differ from other Stage 3 exposures in recognizing credit loss reductions.

Restructuring a credit exposure is generally driven by the economic problems facing the customer, which adversely affect the ability to pay, largely due to the significantly changed macroeconomic environment in which the Bank's customers currently operate. Restructuring follows a thorough and careful individual analysis of the client's modified ability to pay. The decision to restructure a credit exposure is always taken by a credit committee and is aimed at fully recovering the credit exposure. If a credit exposure is restructured, credit parameters are changed.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Restructured loans are loans whose conditions have changed due to the deterioration of the debtor's financial position and in which case the Bank has made concessions that it would not have made in other situations. The gross value of restructured loans, as defined above, amounted to 65,285 thousand lei (ECL of 25,567 thousand lei), representing 1.93% of the total loan portfolio as of December 31, 2023 compared to 87,679 thousand lei (ECL of 41,087 thousand lei), representing 2.44% of the total portfolio as of December 31, 2022.

### Calculation of expected credit loss (ECL)

The following parameters are used in the calculation of expected credit loss:

## Exposure at Default (EAD)

EAD is the expected exposure amount at the time of a loan default; it is derived from the currently outstanding receivable from the customer and possible future changes under the applicable contractual conditions. Thus, the EAD consists of the gross carrying amount at the time of entry in a state of non-reimbursement. For exposures with regular repayment plans, the modelled EAD is adjusted for the expected possibility of early repayment based on historical observations and on scenarios for the development of the economic environment and associated future forecasts. Based on historical data, estimates are made of the potential exposures that may arise in the future from the utilisation of existing credit commitments, such as credit lines or overdraft facilities. For financial guarantees, the EAD corresponds to the guaranteed amount.

#### - <u>Probability of default (PD)</u>

The probability of a loan default within a certain period of time is derived from historical default events. These data include the time, type and amount of exposure as well as information about the characteristics of the customer from our internal risk classification system. The parameters differentiate the risk levels of exposures according to the customer. There are used statistical models to analyse the collected data and make forecasts for the expected PD based on scenarios for the development of the economic environment. In addition, the PDs over the remaining lifetime of an exposure are estimated.

#### - <u>Loss Given Default (LGD)</u>

The expected LGD is based on historical data about recoveries obtained from defaulted customers. LGDs are calculated as discounted cash flows, taking into account the cost of recovery and the size of the exposure. Estimated LGDs are modelled as forward-looking forecasts that account for the assumed scenarios about the development of the economic environment.

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Data used for the assessment of credit risk parameters are based on multi-year data histories for our debtors. The influence of risk characteristics and macroeconomic factors on the selected parameters is determined through regression analysis. The relevant macroeconomic factors (GDP growth, inflation rate and unemployment rate) are selected on the basis of their statistical significance and economic relevance. For PDs and LGDs, a probability-weighted average value is calculated based on the various scenarios for the macroeconomic factors in the forecast year.

Establishing reductions in credit losses for the financial year 2023 has been impacted by the conflict in the region and energy crisis, manifested by rising energy prices, possible supply disruptions and rising inflation. The parameters are calculated by weighting the three scenarios in the table below:

Scenarios	Weight	GDP, %		
		2022	2023	
Mean	50%	1.60%	2.00%	
Pessimistic	40%	-2.87%	-2.46%	
Optimistic	10%	6.35%	6.76%	

In anticipation of the continuing uncertainty caused by the above points, including in the long term, additional adjustments were made to the macroeconomic factors used in determining the parameters of the ECL model (those forecast by the IMF). These adjustments were based on the latest forecasts (GDP) of the IMF World Economic Outlook Database and Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), taking into account long-term forecasts. In addition, adjustments have been made to the PDs to ensure that existing and future macroeconomic turmoil is considered appropriate.

The **risk classification** system for very small, small and medium clients comprises an important part of the process for determining an increase in credit risk and, consequently, the classification of the loan portfolio. Prior to initial disbursement, each credit exposure is assigned one of the risk classes -1 to 8 (1 being the best and 8 the worst). Assigning a risk class implies an extensive analysis of multiple qualitative and quantitative criteria at client level, which are assessed in regular basis to identify the increase in credit risk through the classes.

ProCredit Bank grants new loan exposures to performing clients. Additional exposures for clients with risk classification 6, 7 or 8 are not allowed.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

# Analysis of assets quality exposed to credit risk

The following tables provides an overview of the respective gross and net amounts of allowances for expected credit losses on financial assets 12 month

	12 month				
31 December 2023	PD ranges	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
					_
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1.19%	1,306,260,180	_	_	1,306,260,180
Gross carrying amount		1,306,260,180	-	-	1,306,260,180
Expected credit loss allowance		(7,818,624)	-	-	(7,818,624)
Net carrying amount		1,298,441,556	-	-	1,298,441,556
Loans and advances to banks	0.06%-0.99%	590,946,024	-		590,946,024
Gross carrying amount		590,946,024	-	-	590,946,024
Expected credit loss allowance		(14,118)	-		(14,118)
Net carrying amount		590,931,906	-	-	590,931,906
					-
Investments in debt securities	1.19%	1,084,797,391	-		1,084,797,391
Gross carrying amount		1,084,797,391	-	-	1,084,797,391
Expected credit loss allowance		(1,077,983)	-	_	(1,077,983)
Carrying amount		1,083,719,408	-	-	1,083,719,408

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# 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

# 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of assets quality exposed to credit risk (continued)

31 December 2022	12 month PD ranges	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1.19%	1,264,468,673	-	-	1,264,468,673
Gross carrying amount		1,264,468,673	-	-	1,264,468,673
Expected credit loss allowance		(8,310,088)	-	-	(8,310,088)
Net carrying amount		1,256,158,585	-	-	1,256,158,585
Loans and advances to banks	0.06%-0.99%	260,745,770	-	-	260,745,770
Gross carrying amount		260,745,770	-	-	260,745,770
Expected credit loss allowance		(304)	-	-	(304)
Net carrying amount		260,745,466	-	-	260,745,466
Investments in debt securities	1,19%	985,824,274	-		- 985,824,274
Gross carrying amount		985,824,274	-	-	985,824,274
Expected credit loss allowance		(155,335)	-	-	(155,335)
Net carrying amount		985,668,939	-	-	985,668,939

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of assets quality exposed to credit risk (continued)

	12 month PD	<b>~</b> -	~-	<b>~</b> -	
31 December 2023	ranges	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans and advances to customers, net					
Risk Grade 1	-	-	-	-	-
Risk Grade 2	0.38-5.26	641,943,115	2,130,668	-	644,073,783
Risk Grade 3	1.57-5.26	1,051,866,901	13,873,418	-	1,065,740,319
Risk Grade 4	2.16-5.26	761,630,104	3,558,479	-	765,188,583
Risk Grade 5	5.26-7.52	306,191,549	7,440,250	-	313,631,799
Risk Grade 6	2.6-5.26	702,419	1,452,474	-	2,154,893
Risk Grade 6	8.94-33.53	-	113,259,336	-	113,259,336
Risk Grade 7	14.51-61.75	-	40,512,031	-	40,512,031
Risk Grade 8	100.00	-	-	98,043,552	98,043,552
No risk classification	0.02-100	316,797,078	7,903,088	9,366,958	334,067,124
Gross carrying amount		3,079,131,166	190,129,744	107,410,509	3,376,671,419
Expected credit loss allowance		(41,383,535)	(19,095,401)	(66,507,948)	(126,986,884)
Net carrying amount		3,037,747,631	171,034,343	40,902,561	3,249,684,535

<sup>&</sup>quot;No risk classification" exposures represent the exposures under EUR 100,000 (calculated based on on-balance and off-balance sheet exposure), which are not eligible for small and medium categorisation. "No risk classification" exposures do not include loans and advances to customers in Stage 3 which are assigned risk class, but whose exposure has decreased below EUR 100,000 as at 31 December 2023.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

# 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of assets quality exposed to credit risk (continued)

12 month PD **31 December 2022** Stage 2 Stage 3 Total ranges Stage 1 Loans and advances to customers, net Risk Grade 1 Risk Grade 2 689,775,734 689,775,734 0.53 Risk Grade 3 1,054,611,232 1,054,611,232 0.59 Risk Grade 4 910,146,460 910,146,460 3.44 Risk Grade 5 11.18 395,604,572 395,604,572 Risk Grade 5 5,237,011 11.18-32.23 5,237,011 Risk Grade 6 32.23 92,335,549 92,335,549 Risk Grade 6 19.51-38.57 62,928,564 62,928,564 Risk Grade 7 89.45 53,686,132 4,091,199 49,594,933 Risk Grade 8 82,088,071 100.00 82,088,071 No risk classification 250,674,469 0.31-100.00 232,450,924 7,011,440 11,212,105 Gross carrying amount 3,379,015,670 124,771,948 93,300,176 3,597,087,794 Expected credit loss allowance (26,328,910)(156,865,699)(75,063,109) (55,473,680)Carrying amount 3,440,222,095 3,303,952,561 98,443,038 37,826,496

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# 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

# 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

# Analysis of credit commitments and guarantees

31 Dec 2023	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Credit commitments				
Risk Grade 1	-	-	-	-
Risk Grade 2	125,198,475	47,495	-	125,245,970
Risk Grade 3	347,914,179	-	-	347,914,179
Risk Grade 4	103,709,931	-	-	103,709,931
Risk Grade 5	19,464,464	-	-	19,464,464
Risk Grade 6	300,000	13,473,426	-	13,773,426
Risk Grade 7	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Risk Grade 8	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
No risk classification	48,032,752	1,845,000	150,000	50,027,752
Total	644,619,801	17,365,921	1,150,000	663,135,722
Guarantees				
Risk Grade 1	-	-	-	-
Risk Grade 2	149,452,850	-	-	149,452,850
Risk Grade 3	38,934,564	3,406,505	-	42,341,069
Risk Grade 4	29,405,800	-	-	29,405,800
Risk Grade 5	4,226,101	-	-	4,226,101
Risk Grade 6	- · · · -	-	-	-
Risk Grade 7	779,250	-	-	779,250
Risk Grade 8	-	-	-	-
No risk classification	2,228,021	-	-	2,228,021
Total	225,026,586	3,406,505	-	228,433,091

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# 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

# 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

31 Dec 2022	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<b>Credit commitments</b>				
Risk Grade 1	-	-	-	-
Risk Grade 2	127,396,184	-	-	127,396,184
Risk Grade 3	182,353,020	-	-	182,353,020
Risk Grade 4	120,813,259	-	-	120,813,259
Risk Grade 5	15,189,773	-	-	15,189,773
Risk Grade 6	9,646,115	1,923,213	-	11,569,328
Risk Grade 7	60,000	950,000	-	1,010,000
Risk Grade 8	-	-	-	-
No risk classification	46,846,949	2,775,426	1,150,000	50,772,375
Total	502,305,300	5,648,639	1,150,000	509,103,939
Guarantees				
Risk Grade 1	-	-	-	-
Risk Grade 2	93,242,304	-	-	93,242,304
Risk Grade 3	62,389,249	-	-	62,389,249
Risk Grade 4	45,188,024	-	-	45,188,024
Risk Grade 5	7,706,740	-	-	7,706,740
Risk Grade 6	-	220,095	-	220,095
Risk Grade 7	-	-	-	-
Risk Grade 8	-	-	-	-
No risk classification	3,954,039	<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	3,954,039
Total	212,480,356	220,095	-	212,700,451

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

# 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

# Analysis of assets quality exposed to credit risk (continued)

The following table discloses the exposure by loan type and stage:

In thousands lei Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3 **Expected credit Expected credit Expected credit 31 December 2023: Exposure** loss allowance **Exposure** loss allowance loss allowance **Exposure Individuals** 279,268 17,417 3,933 361 4,010 2,491 Consumer loans 26,688 2,364 725 39 Mortgage 252,580 15,053 3,208 322 4,010 2,491 Legal entities 2,799,863 23,967 186,197 64,017 18,734 103,401 Loans to agriculture 664,300 7,222 104,312 8,461 82,193 51,483 Loans to the food industry 1,869 172,641 9,730 1,003 1,489 1,276 Loans to the productive industry 370,558 2,687 11,748 2,867 Trade credits 1,180,604 7,864 31,070 2,390 9,689 4,981 Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity 6,844 26 12,195 171 597 32 Loans for transport, telecommunications and network development 212,230 2,686 12,643 2,585 6,649 5,064 Loans for services 8,855 174,633 1,357 763 3,349 1,187 Other loans 68 12,702 111 995 41,384 **Total** 3,079,131 190,130 19,095 107,411 66,508

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# 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

# 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

In thousands lei

		Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3
31 December 2022:	Exposure	Expected credit loss allowance	Exposure	Expected credit loss allowance	Exposure	Expected credit loss allowance
Individuals	182,313	22,123	2,916	193	4,324	2,481
Consumer loans	13,842	1,426	1,292	57	-	-
Mortgage	168,471	20,697	1,624	136	4,324	2,481
Legal entities	3,196,703	52,940	121,856	26,136	88,976	52,993
Loans to agriculture	790,270	16,330	67,714	17,429	67,763	40,304
Loans to the food industry	233,927	4,685	9,256	1,200	1,823	962
Loans to the productive industry Trade credits	346,630 1,394,533	4,458 17,938	4,069 20,863	473 4,737	- 11,062	- 7,222
Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity	33,702	1,713	720	4,737	453	280
Loans for transport, telecommunications and network development	183,069	3,836	14,631	1,487	3,687	1,974
Loans for services	189,242	3,716	4,613	763	4,188	2,251
Other loans	25,330	264	(10)	-	-	-
Total	3,379,016	75,063	124,772	26,329	93,300	55,474

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Current

274,383

26,674

247,709

706,301

173,612

2,810,622

### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

31 Dec 2023

**Individuals** 

Mortgage

Consumer loans

Legal entities

Loans to agriculture

Loans to the food industry

Loans to the productive

Breakdown of loan portfolio by days in arrears:

Other impairment **Impairment** Net loan 31 up to 60 61 up to 90 91 up to 180 1 up to 30 days days days days > 180 days indicators Total allowance amount 12,827 287,211 20,269 266,942 1 738 1 27,413 2,403 25,010 12,089 259,798 17,866 241,932 172,919 26,588 6,720 12,813 48,540 3,089,461 106,718 2,982,743 11,259 67,041 18,123 8,868 850,805 67,166 783,639 4,936 45,536 1,489 183,860 8,759 4,148 179,712

In thousands lei

industry 381,225 1,081 382,306 5,554 376,752 Trade credits 1,151,326 61,563 1,206,128 7,369 794 311 1,221,363 15,235 Loans granted to natural 18,277 persons practicing activity 19,040 31 19,071 794 Loans for transport, telecommunications and 221,187 network development 186,093 30,314 8,465 3,859 1,587 1,204 231,522 10,335 Loans for services 1,784 183,530 186,837 3,307 179,528 3,961 1,564 Other loans 13,497 200 13,697 179 13,518 26,588 12,814 126,987 Total 3,085,005 185,746 6,720 11,259 48,540 3,376,672 3,249,685

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

In thousands lei Other 1 up to 30 31 up to 60 61 up to 90 91 up to 180 impairment Net loan **Impairmen** days > 180 days indicators Total tallowance 31 Dec 2022 Current days days davs amount **Individuals** 183,781 189,553 24,797 164,756 5,772 Consumer loans 1,482 14,979 154 15,133 13,651 Mortgage 168,802 5,618 174,420 23,315 151,105 Legal entities 18,877 3,133,921 213,937 7,534 2,164 31,102 3,407,535 132,069 3,275,466 Loans to agriculture 5,689 784,596 851,684 97,333 10,948 27,182 925,748 74,064 Loans to the food industry 238,159 6,847 240,023 3,227 1,756 245,006 Loans to the productive industry 348,515 2,183 350,698 345,768 4,930 Trade credits 1,313,748 102,464 2,164 6,853 1,230 1,426,459 29,898 1,396,561 Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity 34,875 32,835 31,205 3,216 95 359 2,040 Loans for transport, telecommunications and network development 196,659 1,076 201,387 3,077 575 7,297 194,090 Loans for services 193,855 2,437 1,750 198,042 6,729 191,313 Other loans 264 25,320 25,320 25,056 18,877 156,866 3,440,222 **7,534** 31,102 3,597,088 **Total** 3,317,702 219,709 2,164

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# 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Loans and advances to customers movement:

2023	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross outstanding amount as of 1 January	3,379,015,670	124,771,948	93,300,176	3,597,087,794
New financial assets originated	1,374,365,511	-	-	1,374,365,511
Variations due to changes without derecognition (net)	-	-	-	-
Derecognitions	(429,380,582)	(27,938,219)	(26,217,268)	(483,536,069)
Decrease due to write- offs	-	-	(6,673,396)	(6,673,396)
Changes in interest accrual	5,374,255	(1,042,305)	2,316,519	6,648,469
Changes in the principal and disbursement fee amount	(861,618,521)	(98,453,649)	(22,146,477)	(982,218,647)
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 2	(408,689,900)	408,689,900	-	-
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 3	(38,238,828)	-	38,238,828	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 1	180,579,429	(180,579,429)	-	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(38,184,185)	38,184,185	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 2	-	6,449,850	(6,449,850)	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Net modifications due to foreign exchange fluctuations	(122,275,868)	(3,584,167)	(3,142,208)	(129,002,243)
Gross outstanding amount as of 31 December	3,079,131,166	190,129,744	107,410,509	3,376,671,419

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Loans and advances to customers movement:

2022	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross outstanding amount	3,190,836,056	150,749,961	95,899,111	3,437,485,128
Increases due to origination and acquisition	1,206,476,212	-	-	1,206,476,212
Variations due to changes without derecognition (net)	-	-	_	-
Decrease due to derecognitions	(349,290,665)	(13,624,591)	(4,700,197)	(367,615,453)
Decrease in the allowance account due to write-offs outside the statement of financial position	-	-	(8,324,904)	(8,324,904)
Changes in interest accrual	2,346,800	(894,178)	273,258	1,725,880
Changes in the principal and disbursement fee amount	(631,836,298)	(71,372,321)	(26,917,597)	(730,126,216)
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 2	(230,944,634)	230,944,634	-	-
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 3	(21,078,571)	-	21,078,571	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 1	150,047,156	(150,047,156)	-	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(19,935,452)	19,935,452	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 1	5,030,651	-	(5,030,651)	-
Net modifications due to foreign exchange fluctuations	57,428,963	(1,048,949)	1,087,133	57,467,147
Gross outstanding amount as of 31 December	3,379,015,670	124,771,948	93,300,176	3,597,087,794

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The following table shows the movement in allowances for expected credit losses for loans and advances to customers:

2023	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Opening balance as of 1 January	(75,063,109)	(26,328,910)	(55,473,680)	(156,865,699)
New financial assets originated	(29,339,134)	-	-	(29,339,134)
Derecognitions	7,646,785	2,665,276	11,674,879	21,986,940
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 2	20,354,375	(20,354,375)	-	-
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 3	1,847,275	-	(1,847,275)	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 1	(4,505,553)	4,505,553	-	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 3	-	9,984,669	(9,984,669)	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 2	-	(2,464,637)	2,464,637	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Increase in credit risk	(34,894,916)	(33,284,579)	(43,840,427)	(112,019,922)
Decrease in credit risk	69,973,936	45,671,494	22,101,717	137,747,147
Decrease in the allowance account due to write-offs outside the statement of financial position	-	-	6,673,396	6,673,396
Increases due to changes without derecognition	-	-	-	-
Decreases due to changes without derecognition	-	-	-	-
Net modifications due to foreign exchange fluctuations	2,596,806	510,108	1,723,474	4,830,388
Closing balance as of 31 December	(41,383,535)	(19,095,401)	(66,507,948)	(126,986,884)

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The following table shows the movement in allowances for expected credit losses for loans and advances to customers:

2022	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Opening balance as of 1 January	(47,078,341)	(17,301,456)	(50,237,124)	(114,616,921)
New financial assets originated	(16,830,146)	-	-	(16,830,146)
Derecognitions	2,878,467	977,472	3,267,125	7,123,064
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 2	7,425,331	(7,425,331)	-	-
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 3	1,544,105	-	(1,544,105)	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 1	(6,155,641)	6,155,641	-	-
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 3	-	4,471,073	(4,471,073)	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 1	(40,587)	-	40,587	-
Increase in credit risk	(58,847,185)	(35,973,046)	(26,854,052)	(121,674,283)
Decrease in credit risk	43,886,876	22,918,881	17,030,344	83,836,101
Decrease in the allowance account due to write-offs outside the statement of financial position	-	-	8,324,904	8,324,904
Increases due to changes without derecognition	-	-	-	-
Decreases due to changes without derecognition	-	-	-	-
Net modifications due to foreign exchange fluctuations	(1,845,988)	(152,144)	(1,030,286)	(3,028,418)
Closing balance as of 31 December	(75,063,109)	(26,328,910)	(55,473,680)	(156,865,699)

Depreciation expenses differ from the amount presented in the profit or loss statement as a result of the recovery of amounts previously written off as irrecoverable in a total amount of MDL 7,982,659 (2022: MDL 11,913,738). The recovery value was credited directly to the resumption of depreciation in the profit or loss account for the current year.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Movement of expected credit loss allowance for credit commitments

	2023					2022	
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
Opening Balance	3,875,893	471,715	-	3,354,352	234,691	1,302,982	
New financial assets originated	1,513,794	38,295	-	1,080,948	77,075	-	
Derecognitions	(246,836)	(22,653)	(106,205)	(119,114)	(28,274)	(204,913)	
Increase in credit risk	5,905,922	2,134,384	157,268	5,984,418	1,497,246	1,590	
Decrease in credit risk	(6,006,630)	(2,065,438)	(132,211)	(6,402,971)	(1,348,455)	(1,098,069)	
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,047,061)	1,047,061	-	(333,740)	333,740	-	
Transfer from stage 1 to Stage 3	(7,343)	-	7,343	-	-	-	
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 1	79,718	(79,718)	-	293,832	(293,832)	-	
Transfer from stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(73,681)	73,681	-	-	-	
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfer from stage 3 to Stage 1	-	-	-	1,590	-	(1,590)	
Net modifications due to foreign exchange fluctuations	(45,517)	(8,118)	124	16,578	(476)		
Closing balance	4,021,940	1,441,847	-	3,875,893	471,715	-	

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

## Movement of expected credit loss allowance for certificates issued by NBM and Treasury Bills

_	2023	2022
<del>-</del>	Stage 1	Stage 1
Balance at 1 January	(155,335)	(92,717)
New financial assets originated	(2,336,955)	(4,358,037)
Release due to derecognition	1,414,307	4,295,419
Variations due to the actualization of estimation methodology	-	-
Balance at 31 December	(1,077,983)	(155,335)

## Disclosure on movement of expected credit loss allowance for mandatory reserves with NBM

	2023	2022
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Balance at 1 January	(8,310,088)	(3,349,848)
New financial assets originated	(1,987,855)	(6,235,522)
Release due to derecognitions	2,233,745	1,389,853
Net modifications due to foreign exchange fluctuations	245,574	(114,571)
Balance at 31 December	(7,818,624)	(8,310,088)

## Disclosure on movement of expected credit loss allowance for cash balances at NBM:

	2023	2022	
	Stage 1	Stage 1	
Balance at 1 January	-	(100)	
New financial assets originated	(17,159)	(7,486)	
Release due to derecognition	17,159	7,586	
Balance at 31 December			

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The credit loss allowance for loans and advances to customers recognised in the period is impacted by a variety of factors. Below are described the main movements in the tables above:

- Transfers between Stage 1, 2 and 3 due to balances experiencing significant increases (or decreases) of credit risk or becoming credit-impaired in the period, and the consequent "step up" (or "step down") between 12-month and Lifetime ECL;
- Additional allowances for new financial instruments recognised during the period, as well as releases for financial instruments derecognised in the period;
- Unwinding of discount due to the passage of time because ECL is measured on a present value basis;
- Foreign exchange translations of assets denominated in foreign currencies and other movements;
   and
- write-offs of allowances related to assets that were written off during the period.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Amounts arising from Expected Credit Losses (ECL):

The following table shows the reconciliation between:

- the amounts presented in the above tables that reconcile the opening and closing balances of the ECL allowances by class of financial instruments; and
- the heading "Net impairment (loss) / release on financial instruments" in the statement of profit or loss.

	Investments	D 1 '.1	Loans and	Loans and	Other	
2023	in debt securities	Balances with the NBM	advances to banks	advances to customers	financial assets	Total
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	(1,987,855)	178	25,727,225	(304,420)	23,435,128
New financial assets originated or purchased	(2,336,955)	-	(9,792)	(29,339,134)	-	(31,685,881)
Decrease due to recognition	1,414,307	2,233,745	3,106	21,986,940	-	25,638,098
Total	(922,648)	245,890	(6,508)	18,375,031	(304,420)	17,387,345
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	-	-	-	7,982,659	-	7,982,659
Discounting effect	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(922,648)	245,890	(6,508)	26,357,690	(304,420)	25,370,004

2022	Investments in debt securities	Balances with the NBM	Loans and advances to banks	Loans and advances to customers	Other financial assets	Total
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	(4,847,148)	2,390	(38,119,575)	(417,220)	(43,381,553)
New financial assets originated or purchased	(4,358,037)	-	(8,845)	(16,830,146)	-	(21,197,028)
Decrease due to recognition	4,295,418	-	14,190	7,123,064	_	11,432,672
Total	(62,619)	(4,847,148)	7,735	(47,826,657)	(417,220)	(53,145,909)
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	-	-	-	11,913,737	-	11,913,737
Discounting effect	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	(62,619)	(4,847,148)	7,735	(35,912,920)	(417,220)	(41,232,172)

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

#### **Collateral**

According to credit policy, only very small credit exposures and / or credit exposures on short term can be released without being fully guaranteed.

Credit exposures with a higher risk profile are always covered by strong collateral, usually through mortgages. The collateral can be classified into the following categories:

		Cash	Other
	Mortgage	collateral	(collateral)
31 December 2023	49.7%	8.4%	41.9%
31 December 2022	45.4%	11.9%	42.7%

Cash collateral includes deposits and, starting from 2016, financial guarantee facility.

At the beginning of March 2016, BC "ProCredit Bank" SA announced the launch of the new InnovFin guarantee program, granted by the European Investment Fund and intended to support projects to modernize the production sector, thus supporting its clients in increasing their competitive advantage by implementing innovations in their businesses. Customers benefiting from credits under the InnovFin program will offer a pledge of 50% of the bank's standard requirements, offering a flexible approach to pledges. The difference in amount is guaranteed by the European Investment Fund. In 2020, EIF and BC "ProCredit Bank" SA signed an agreement whereby, to mitigate the effects caused by COVID-19, EIF guaranteed 80% of investments in working capital. At the end of 2023, the Bank had financed 418 loans with InnovFin guarantee. The portfolio of loans financed with InnovFin guarantee, including COVID-19, being the equivalent of EUR 72,361,222.62.

By means of the DCFTA Agreement, EU4Business Initiative East, the European Investment Bank offered BC "ProCredit Bank" SA clients a unique guarantee facility on the banking market of the Republic of Moldova, which involves access by eligible clients to credit services under more advantageous financing conditions: lower interest and lower collateral requirements offered by customers (up to 70% off standard collateral requirements). The contract was concluded in 2017 in the amount of 28 million euros. At the end of 2023, the Bank had financed 122 loans with the DCFTA guarantee. At the end of 2023, the portfolio of loans financed with DCFTA guarantee, being the equivalent of EUR 27,765,299.80.

Also, in 2022 and 2023, the Bank signed a collaboration contract with the Organization for the Development of Entrepreneurship (ODA). The maximum guarantee rate varying between 40-80% of the loan amount, and the maximum guaranteed amount does not exceed 7,000,000 MDL.

Other guarantees are commitments and guarantees from legal entities and individuals.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The category "Mortgage" includes land, residential and commercial buildings, "Other pledges", includes pledges on movable assets (cars, equipment, stocks, etc.). Information about collateral (based on primary guarantee) for each loan category as at 31 December is as follows:

			Loans collate	Loans collateralised by:			
	Unsecured loans	real estate (mortgage)	deposits	financial guarantee facility	other		
As at 31 December 2023:							
Individuals	15,255,110	253,321,961	2,218,014	-	16,415,872		
Consumer loans	9,043,239	4,479,431	1,084,497	-	12,805,821		
Mortgage	6,211,871	248,842,530	1,133,517	-	3,610,051		
Legal entities	24,074,464	1,403,627,221	13,642,040	265,102,485	1,383,014,252		
Loans to agriculture	17,216,090	245,265,188	_	16,775,755	571,548,372		
Loans to the food industry	1,091,779	85,311,073	-	6,156,707	91,300,314		
Loans to the productive industry	625,137	263,182,914	8,792,638	14,955,436	94,749,440		
Trade credits	333,829	588,256,413	28,375	209,810,419	422,934,141		
Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity	-	19,039,531	-	-	31,775		
Loans for transport, telecommunications and network development	3,271,638	45,167,577	4,821,027	14,979,394	163,280,121		
Loans for services	739,332	153,754,449	-	1,398,276	30,944,694		
Other loans	796,659	3,650,076	_	1,026,498	8,225,395		
Total	39,329,574	1,656,949,182	15,860,054	265,102,485	1,399,430,124		

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

			Loans collateralised by:			
	Unsecured loans	real estate (mortgage)	deposits	financial guarantee facility	other	
As at 31 December 2022:				_		
Individuals	10,627,069	167,692,211	911,620	-	10,321,942	
Consumer loans	3,669,893	4,808,541	-	-	6,655,224	
Mortgage	6,957,176	162,883,670	911,620	-	3,666,718	
Legal entities	3,116,253	1,461,432,134	12,374,801	412,084,989	1,518,526,775	
Loans to agriculture	224,471	328,634,109	-	31,903,796	564,984,726	
Loans to the food industry	-	81,115,136	-	11,626,284	152,264,929	
Loans to the productive industry	190,255	166,537,847	7,731,069	10,843,346	165,396,323	
Trade credits	1,738,757	643,850,678	90,511	331,890,282	448,888,079	
Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity	-	29,515,302	4,550,403	-	809,121	
Loans for transport, telecommunications and network development	394,650	45,720,609	-	12,124,730	143,147,261	
Loans for services	-	162,767,900	2,818	510,097	34,758,782	
Other loans	568,120	3,290,553	-	13,186,454	8,277,554	
Total	13,743,322	1,629,124,345	13,286,421	412,084,989	1,528,848,717	

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

Presentation of the collateral amounts based on exposure by type and principal collateral for each exposure:

In thousands lei Individuals Legal entities **Total** Loans for transport, telecommu Loans nications granted to Loans to natural and Loans to the persons network Consumer Loans to the food productive Trade practicing developme Loans for loans Mortgage agriculture industry industry credits activity services Other loans **Total** 31 Dec. 2023: Unsecured loans Loans collateralised by: real estate (mortgage) 12,393 411,177 527,615 169,442 491,489 1,071,997 45,022 83,685 419,662 80,815 3,313,297 deposits 1,696 5,488 1,116 79 5,651 305 14,335 financial guarantee 188,732 facility 10,720 4,946 10,536 153,342 7,667 700 821 688,520 262,981 54,418 other 23,670 9,143 783,457 250,654 172,525 306 94,357 2,340,031 421,436 1,913,938 45,328 359,984 474,780 176,298 5,856,395 **Total** 680,038 37,759 1,321,792 425,042

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

In thousands lei Individuals Legal entities **Total** Loans Loans for granted to transport, natural telecommunica Loans to Loans to the tions and persons Consumer Loans to the food productive Trade practicing network Loans for Other agriculture industry industry credits activity development services Total loans Mortgage loans 31 Dec. 2022: Unsecured loans Loans collateralised by: real estate 158,809 1,098,897 66,705 456,346 3,803,008 (mortgage) 12,447 949,165 550,544 341,687 91,650 76,758 deposits 6,008 78 5,698 387 18,490 1.019 5,300 financial guarantee facility 19,725 7,926 8,177 247,758 9,185 7,089 300,270 410 other 8,307 876,203 278,438 268,760 2,600,829 12,642 244,118 743,181 1,622 55,522 112,036 25,089 958,491 196,270 6,722,597 Total 1,446,472 445,173 599,990 2,089,914 73,627 369,595 517,976

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The effect of collateral at 31 December 2023:

	Over-colla	teralised assets	<b>Under-collateralised assets</b>		<b>Total Carrying</b>	г <b>Э</b>	
	Carrying value	Fair value of	Carrying value	Fair value of	value of the	<b>Total Fair value</b>	
	of the assets	collateral	of the assets	collateral	assets, net	of collateral	
Individuals							
Consumer loans	15,527,392	36,531,611	9,482,998	1,329,098	25,010,390	37,860,709	
Mortgage	235,881,128	431,195,688	6,051,298	148,393	241,932,426	431,344,081	
Legal entities							
Loans to agriculture	698,672,344	1,690,054,634	84,966,839	39,922,139	783,639,183	1,729,976,773	
Loans to the food industry	178,430,873	573,410,252	1,281,280	1,047,578	179,712,153	574,457,830	
Loans to the productive industry	376,151,333	867,044,886	600,647	-	376,751,980	867,044,886	
Trade credits	1,143,102,503	2,558,805,230	63,025,262	58,776,357	1,206,127,765	2,617,581,587	
Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity	18,277,459	49,022,971	-	-	18,277,459	49,022,971	
Loans for transport,							
telecommunications and	190,739,818	406,508,300	30,447,274	13,928,341	221,187,092	420,436,641	
network development							
Loans for services	181,440,057	526,101,953	2,089,610	700,000	183,529,667	526,801,953	
Other loans	12,085,814	216,603,928	1,430,606	242,032	13,516,420	216,845,960	
Total	3,050,308,721	7,355,279,453	199,375,814	116,093,938	3,249,684,535	7,471,373,391	

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The effect of collateral at 31 December 2022:

	Over-colla	ateralised assets	<b>Under-collateralised assets</b>		<b>Total Carrying</b>	
	Carrying value	Fair value of	Carrying value of	Fair value of	value of the	<b>Total Fair value</b>
	of the assets	collateral	the assets	collateral	assets, net	of collateral
Individuals						
Consumer loans	10,260,448	26,172,536	3,390,313	-	13,650,761	26,172,536
Mortgage	139,900,478	971,316,905	11,204,319	5,455,213	151,104,797	976,772,118
Legal entities						
Loans to agriculture	839,628,579	1,892,232,572	12,055,284	9,158,005	851,683,863	1,901,390,577
Loans to the food industry	235,266,914	607,780,090	2,892,432	1,460,337	238,159,346	609,240,427
Loans to the productive industry	344,986,291	780,782,574	781,648	466,676	345,767,939	781,249,250
Trade credits	1,261,713,236	2,694,131,403	134,847,914	124,645,447	1,396,561,150	2,818,776,850
Loans granted to natural persons practicing activity	32,834,904	79,395,782	-	-	32,834,904	79,395,782
Loans for transport,						
telecommunications and	193,717,939	435,610,988	372,552	-	194,090,491	435,610,988
network development						
Loans for services	191,312,679	563,628,711	-	-	191,312,679	563,628,711
Other loans	24,507,443	241,834,042	548,722	-	25,056,165	241,834,042
Total	3,274,128,911	8,292,885,603	166,093,184	141,185,678	3,440,222,095	8,434,071,281

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

The following table represents the sum of the exposure by stages and the level of their coverage with collateral:

		G	ross exposure		Fair val	ue of collateral
As at 31 December 2023:	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Unsecured loans	39,214,533	115,041	-	-	-	-
Loans collateralised by:						
- mortgage	1,523,908,707	88,893,223	44,147,251	2,930,766,572	250,438,486	132,091,696
- deposits	15,831,679	28,375	-	14,257,000	78,000	-
- financial guarantee	255,031,038	5,475,223	4,596,224	182,126,086	2,934,546	3,671,627
- other assets	1,245,145,209	95,617,882	58,667,034	2,052,616,408	204,997,362	82,417,013
Total	3,079,131,166	190,129,744	107,410,509	5,179,766,066	458,448,394	218,180,336

		Gı	ross exposure		Fair val	ue of collateral
As at 31 December 2022:	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Unsecured loans	12,653,568	1,089,753	-	-	-	-
Loans collateralised by:						
- mortgage	1,517,111,765	50,618,191	61,394,390	3,499,475,102	145,008,661	158,523,983
- deposits	11,343,264	1,943,156	-	16,598,618	1,891,305	-
- financial guarantee	407,496,082	2,832,462	1,756,445	297,115,075	2,273,084	881,537
- other assets	1,430,410,990	68,288,386	30,149,342	2,390,653,659	148,700,139	61,475,546
Total	3,379,015,669	124,771,948	93,300,177	6,203,842,454	297,873,189	220,881,066

The fair value of residential real estate collateral at the end of the reporting period was estimated by indexing the values determined by the Bank's internal appraisal staff at the time of loan inception for the average changes in residential real estate prices by city and region.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.4 Credit risk (continued)

## Credit portfolio risk from customer lending

Diversifying the portfolio of credit exposure is a very effective tool in reducing credit risk. The core business of the Bank, lending to small (exposures up to EUR 750,000) and medium enterprises (exposures more than EUR 750,000), necessitated a high degree of standardisation in lending processes and ultimately, led to a high degree of diversification of these exposures in terms of geographic distribution and economic sectors.

Most of these clients are dynamically growing enterprises that have been working with the Bank for many years. Nonetheless, the higher complexity of these businesses requires an appropriate analysis of the business, the project that is to be financed and any related entity. A strict division of front and back office functions is applied and requirements for both documentation and collateral are typically more stringent.

Portfolio structure is reviewed regularly by the Credit Department in order to identify potential events which could have an impact on large areas of the loan portfolio (common risk factors) and, if necessary, the exposure to certain sectors is limited.

The Bank follows a rule that limits concentration risk in its loan portfolio by ensuring that large exposures (greater than 10% of eligible capital) require the approval of the Supervisory Board. No large credit exposure may exceed 15% of the Bank's eligible capital.

Larger credit exposures are particularly well analysed and monitored, both by the responsible employees through regular monitoring activities enabling early detection of risks, and through the regular reviews carried out by the Loan Portfolio Management Committee of the Bank.

#### 31.5 Counterparty risk, including issuer risk

The Bank defines counterparty risk, including issuer risk, as the risk that a counterparty/issuer cannot fulfil its contractual obligations at all, not in full or not on time. Counterparty and issuer risks evolve especially from the Bank's need to keep liquid assets to reduce liquidity risk, i.e. to make a liquidity reserve for possible stress periods. The liquidity reserve is usually placed with highly rated OECD banks with short maturities. Furthermore, the Bank has a structural exposure towards the National Bank of Moldova in the form of mandatory reserve, which size depends on the amount of deposits taken from customers or other funds used to fund the bank's operations.

The counterparty and issuer risks are managed according to the Bank's Counterparty Risk Management Policy (including Issuer Risk), which describes the counterparty/issuer selection and the limit setting process, as well as by the Treasury Policy, which specifies the set of permissible transactions and rules for their processing. Counterparty risk is managed in accordance with the principle that liquidity should be placed securely and, to the extent possible, in a diversified manner.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.5 Counterparty risk, including issuer risk (continued)

Exposures to counterparties are managed on the basis of a system of limits. The Bank only concludes transactions with counterparties that have been previously analyzed and for which limits have been approved.

During 2023, the risk management function has closely monitored the credit quality of its counterparties, following the ratings given by rating agencies, news and other available information. In 2023, no counterparty of the Bank, with which the Bank has exposures, was demoted, and the counterparty risk remained stable.

The following table provides an overview of the types of Bank counterparties:

	31 December 2023	%	31 December 2022	%
Loans and advances to banks, including:	590,931,906	9.50%	260,745,466	4.39%
- OECD banks	589,436,741	9.48%	260,129,920	4.38%
- non-OECD banks <b>Exposure with NBM</b> ,	1,495,165	0.02%	615,546	0.01%
including:	1,917,650,101	30.82%	2,241,827,524	37.72%
- Mandatory reserves	1,298,441,556	20.87%	1,256,158,585	21.14%
- Nostro account at NBM	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
- Certificates of NBM <b>Exposures with MoF</b> ,	619,208,546	9.95%	985,668,939	16.59%
including:	464,510,863	<b>7.46%</b>	-	0.00%
- Treasury Bills <b>Loans and advances to</b>	464,510,863	7.46%	-	0.00%
customers	3,249,684,535	52.22%	3,440,222,095	57.89%
Total	6,222,777,405	100.00%	5,942,795,085	100.00%

The total exposure to banks increased in 2023 compared to the end of 2022, amounting to MDL 590.9 million (2022: MDL 260.7 million). Exposure towards the NBM decreased compared to the previous year, amounting to MDL 1,917.6 million (2022: MDL 2,241.8 million), as a result of the diversifying the investment portfolio with treasury bills issued by the Ministry of Finance and the increase in mandatory reserve norms. The total amount of required reserves increased from 1,256.2 million lei in December 2022 to 1,298.4 million lei on December 31, 2023. Thus, at the end of 2023 the Bank's exposure to banking groups accounted for 9.5% of the total exposures, and to the NBM – 30.8% (2022: 4.4% and 37.7% respectively).

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.5 Counterparty risk, including issuer risk (continued)

The exposure is distributed across three OECD and one non-OECD banking groups. The exposure to the National Bank of Moldova is primarily related to the mandatory reserve requirement. Other exposures to the National Bank of Moldova relate to a Nostro account, overnight placements and NBM certificates with a maturity up to 14 days. As at the end of 2023 the Bank had NBM certificates in the statement of financial position amounting to MDL 620 million (2022: 990 million). Also, in 2023, the Bank invested in state securities, and at the end of the year it had MDL 475 million in its portfolio.

#### 31.6 Foreign Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the Bank will suffer losses due to fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate. Currency risk may have adverse effects on revenue and may lead to lower own funds rates. When the Bank's assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currency and the bank maintains an open foreign currency position the Bank's results may be negatively affected in case of exchange rates unfavourably move.

Currency risk management is guided by the Foreign Currency Risk Management Policy, which established limits for open foreign currency positions.

The Bank's Treasury Unit is responsible for continuous monitoring the developments of exchange rates and foreign currency markets. The Treasury Unit also manages the currency positions of the Bank on a daily basis. As a general principle, all currency positions should be closed at the end of the day; long or short open positions for speculative purposes are not permitted.

According to group-wide policy, derivatives may only be used for hedging purposes to close positions of the Bank as well as for liquidity purposes. Permissible FX derivatives are currency forwards and currency swaps. The Bank's foreign currency exposures are monitored and controlled on a daily basis by the Bank's risk controlling function.

The following table shows the distribution of the Bank's balance sheet positions of significant operating currencies, which are EUR and USD.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.6 Foreign Currency Risk (continued)

			Other		
As at 31 December 2023	EUR	USD	currencies	MDL	Total
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	30,917,930	9,228,976	-	79,348,398	119,495,304
Balances with National Bank of Moldova	402,910,798	169,615,329	-	725,915,429	1,298,441,556
Loans and advances to banks	378,549,317	209,706,968	2,675,621	-	590,931,906
Loans and advances to customers	1,702,911,113	246,744,038	-	1,300,029,384	3,249,684,535
Investments in debt securities	-	-	-	1,083,719,408	1,083,719,408
Investments in equity securities	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other financial assets	2,125,322	250,063	619	1,184,606	3,560,610
Total assets	2,517,414,480	635,545,374	2,676,240	3,191,397,225	6,347,033,319
Liabilities					
Due to customers	1,127,764,987	527,858,238	1,616,249	2,127,223,800	3,784,463,274
Borrowed funds	1,246,278,330	125,609,573	-	155,959,474	1,527,847,377
Subordinated debt	127,033,413	-	-	-	127,033,413
Provisions	551,262	2,475,356	10,802	7,501,196	10,538,616
Other financial liabilities	19,931,636	2,550,675	-	7,039,044	29,521,355
Total liabilities	2,521,559,628	658,493,842	1,627,051	2,297,723,515	5,479,404,035
Derivatives net position SWAPs		-	-	-	-
Net position	(4,145,148)	(22,948,468)	1,049,189	893,673,711	867,629,284
Off-balance sheet exposures	212,007,687	73,944,964	2,226,600	603,389,562	891,568,813

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.6 Foreign Currency Risk (continued)

As at 31 December 2022	EUR	USD	Other currencies	MDL	Total
Assets	EUK	CSD	currencies	MDL	Total
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Cash and cash equivalents	38,456,773	34,364,828	-	57,968,936	130,790,537
Balances with National Bank of Moldova	467,853,970	190,668,228	-	597,636,387	1,256,158,585
Loans and advances to banks	147,653,125	105,911,579	7,180,762	-	260,745,466
Loans and advances to customers	2,004,456,308	329,014,132	-	1,106,751,655	3,440,222,095
Investments in debt securities	-	-	-	985,668,939	985,668,939
Investments in equity securities	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other financial assets	1,470,073	177,281	38,596	1,517,450	3,203,400
Total assets	2,659,890,249	660,136,048	7,219,358	2,750,743,367	6,077,989,022
Liabilities					
Due to customers	1,040,082,495	477,756,515	6,251,200	1,811,432,676	3,335,522,886
Borrowings	1,465,526,501	160,756,490	-	209,897,413	1,836,180,404
Subordinated debt	133,691,451	-	-	-	133,691,451
Provisions	522,252	2,678,585	3,715	6,449,326	9,653,878
Other financial liabilities	23,487,652	2,036,542	-	3,762,268	29,286,462
Total liabilities	2,663,310,351	643,228,132	6,254,915	2,031,541,683	5,344,335,081
Derivatives net position SWAPs		_		-	
Net position	(3,420,102)	16,907,916	964,443	719,201,684	733,653,941
Off-balance sheet exposures	178,284,440	91,451,230	2,304,020	449,764,700	721,804,390

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.6 Foreign Currency Risk (continued)

To assess the Bank's currency risk for for the calculation of the economic capital, a Value at Risk (VaR) analysis is performed on a monthly basis. The holding period is determined to be one year and the look-back period is ten years. Correlation effects are included in the analysis by taking into account the historical parallel movements of each currency in which the Bank has significant currency positions. As of December 31, 2023, the maximum loss (VAR) at a 95% confidence level is MDL 3,222,434 (2022: 1,988,380 MDL).

Overall, in 2023 currency risk was low as the Bank managed to keep its currency positions within the limits set in the Foreign Currency Risk Management Policy. The table below shows the impact on the Bank's profit of changes in foreign exchange rates against local currency, assuming that all other market variables remain constant:

Estimated change of exchange rates, (%)	Currency	31 <u>December 2023</u> Impact, Profit/(Loss), MDL'000	31 December 2022  Impact, Profit/ (Loss), MDL'000
<b>5</b> /	USD	(5,737)	4,227
+25	EUR	(1,036)	(855)
	USD	5,737	(4,227)
-25	EUR	1,036	855

## 31.7 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the current or future risk of earnings and capital being affected by adverse changes in market interest rates and arises largely from structural differences between the repricing maturities of assets and liabilities. The purpose of managing interest rate risk is to keep these differences as small as possible in all currencies.

To manage interest rate risk, the Bank primarily issues variable-rate loans. In this way, the repricing maturities of assets can be better matched to the repricing maturity of liabilities, even when liabilities have shorter maturities than loans to customers.

The key risk indicators for the management of interest rate risk are the economic value impact and interest income impact. The risk is measured regularly, at least quarterly. Assets and liabilities are distributed on interest rate bands according to the terms of the contract, thus aggregating individual contracts into homogeneous groups. Interest-bearing spot deposits and savings accounts with unspecified contractual interest are included in the risk-measurement model based on analyzes of currency-specific historical data. In addition, regularly updated assumptions about planned business developments are used to calculate the impact on interest income.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.7 Interest rate risk (continued)

The impact on the economic value analyzes the potential losses incurred by the Bank under certain changes in the interest rates on assets and liabilities. Economic value impact indicator is based on various parallel changes in interest rate curves. The magnitude of the interest rate shock is essentially determined on the basis of a historical analysis of the corresponding yield curves. For each currency, the indicator only includes the parallel change scenario that results in a loss. Limits are set in relation to the regulated capital for the impact of economic value and in relation to the planned net interest income for the effect on interest income.

Starting from 2023, the Bank monitors and reports quarterly to the NBM the indicator of the change in the bank's economic value as a result of the change in interest rate levels.

During 2023, the Bank regularly monitored the evolution of market rates. As a result of the NBM's monetary policy decisions regarding the decrease of the base rate in several stages during 2023 (from 20.00% at the beginning of 2023 to 4.75% at the end of the management year), interest rates on the market increased significantly both to loans as well as to deposits. The evolution of interest rates on loans and deposits was analyzed within the ALCO committees and, if necessary, the rates on the products offered by the Bank were adjusted, in order to reduce the interest rate risk.

The tables below show the Bank's exposure to interest rate risk as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The table includes the Bank's financial assets and liabilities at their carrying amounts, classified according to the nearest date between the date of the contractual change in interest and due date.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.7 Interest rate risk (continued)

31 December 2023	Carrying amount	Less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	More than 5 years
Assets	unount	months	3 0 months	O 12 months	1 5 years	yeurs
Cash and cash equivalents	119,495,304	119,495,304	_	_	_	_
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,298,441,556	1,298,441,556	_	_	_	_
Loans and advances to banks	590,931,906	590,931,906	_	_	_	_
Loans and advances to banks  Loans and advances to customers	3,249,684,535	1,327,529,265	1 100 547 466	604 475 100	140 050 800	20,872,842
			1,133,547,466	624,475,132	143,259,829	20,0/2,042
Investments in debt securities	1,083,719,408	713,868,251	369,851,157	-	-	-
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Other financial assets	3,560,610	3,560,610	-	-	-	
Total financial assets	6,347,033,319	4,053,826,892	1,503,398,623	624,475,132	143,259,829	22,072,843
Liabilities						
Deposits from customers	3,784,463,274	2,521,045,447	376,560,910	430,404,113	444,811,805	11,641,000
Borrowed funds	1,527,847,377	982,450,673	447,181,978	20,280,662	64,749,378	13,184,685
Subordinated debt	127,033,413	111,532	126,921,881	-	-	-
Provisions	10,538,616	167,329	5,293,047	1,088,738	2,708,906	1,280,596
Other financial liabilities	29,521,355	18,978,734	2,404,195	4,252,835	2,435,116	1,450,475
Total financial liabilities	5,479,404,035	3,522,753,715	958,362,012	456,026,347	514,705,205	27,556,756
Net exposure to interest rate	867,629,284	531,073,177	545,036,611	168,448,785	(371,445,376)	(5,483,913)

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.7 Interest rate risk (continued)

_	Carrying	Less than 3	_	_		More than 5
31 December 2022	amount	months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	years
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	130,790,537	130,790,537	-	-	-	-
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,256,158,585	1,256,158,585	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to banks	260,745,466	260,745,466	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	3,440,222,095	1,518,614,209	974,749,808	726,869,279	193,874,135	26,114,664
Finance lease receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities	985,668,939	985,668,939	-	-	-	-
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	1,200,000
Other financial assets	3,203,400	3,203,400				
<b>Total financial assets</b>	6,077,989,022	4,155,181,136	974,749,808	726,869,279	193,874,135	27,314,664
Liabilities						
Deposits from customers	3,335,522,886	2,200,383,973	382,627,784	631,215,755	113,882,550	7,412,824
Borrowed funds	1,836,180,404	1,302,627,543	309,451,689	52,579,696	149,295,687	22,225,789
Subordinated debt	133,691,451	69,870	133,621,581	-	-	_
Provisions	9,653,878	61,550	5,486,750	657,113	2,314,667	1,133,798
Other financial liabilities	29,286,462	12,219,649	2,757,829	5,575,869	8,733,115	
Total financial liabilities	5,344,335,081	3,515,362,585	833,945,633	690,028,433	274,226,019	30,772,411
Net exposure to interest rate	733,653,941	639,818,551	140,804,175	36,840,846	(80,351,884)	(3,457,747)

At the end of the year, the Bank's interest rate risk is assessed as low.

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2022

### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.7 Interest rate risk (continued)

The table below shows the impact indicator on economic value and interest income in the baseline scenario: *(thousand MDL)* 

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>			
	Impact on economic value	Impact on profit or loss	Impact on economic value	Impact on profit or loss		
MDL	(43,122)	(28,572)	(31,570)	(54,992)		
EUR	(2,064)	-	(9,122)	(2,789)		
USD	(2,333)	(1,616)	(744)	-		
Total	(47,519)	(30,188)	(41,436)	(57,781)		

On December 31, 2023, the Bank recorded a significant decrease in the impact on interest income (30.2 million MDL) compared to the end of 2022 (57.9 million MDL). This decrease is the result of the NBM's relaxing monetary policy which led to an decrease in interest rates on deposits and loans but also to the fact that the Bank invested in VMS which had a positive impact on covering the revaluation gaps. The excess liquidity in MDL, formed by the attraction of deposits, was placed in NBM certificates, which have a short revaluation period (14 days) and in State securities with a maturity of 6 months and 12 months .

At the end of 2023, the Bank's interest rate risk is assessed as medium-low.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.8 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk in the narrowest sense (risk of insolvency) is the danger that the Bank will no longer be able to meet its current and future payment obligations in full, or in a timely manner. Liquidity risk in a broader sense (funding risk) is the danger that additional funding can no longer be obtained, or can only be obtained at an interest rates higher than the market one.

The Bank's ALCO determines the liquidity strategy of the Bank and sets the liquidity risk limits. The Treasury Unit manages the Bank's liquidity on a daily basis and is responsible for the execution of the ALCO decisions. Compliance with strategies, policies and limits is constantly monitored by the Risk Management Department, Compliance and AML functions.

In addition to the requirements set by the National Bank of Moldova, the Bank applies other tools for assessment of this risk established in the Policy regarding the internal liquidity adequacy evaluation process. Limit breaches and exceptions to these policies are subject to decisions of the Supervisory Board.

Treasury Unit manages liquidity on a daily level using daily cash flow report. This tool is designed to provide a realistic picture of the future liquidity situation. It includes assumptions about deposit and loan developments and helps to forecast liquidity risk indicators.

The key instrument for measuring liquidity risk is a forward-looking liquidity gap analysis, which shows the contractual maturity structure of the assets and liabilities and estimates future funding needs based on certain assumptions. Starting with the estimation of the future liquidity in a normal financial environment, the assumptions are increasingly tightened in order to analyse the Bank's liquidity situation in a risk scenario (stress test).

Based on the gap analysis, a set of key liquidity risk indicators and early warning indicators are calculated and are closely monitored.

The main indicator of short-term liquidity is the sufficient liquidity indicator (SLI- Sufficient Liquidity Indicator), which estimates if the Bank has sufficient liquidity in relation to the liquidity inflows and outflows due within the next 30 days. It must not fall below 1. This implies that the Bank always has sufficient funds to be able to repay the liabilities simulated to be due within the next 30 days. As of 31.12.2023 the Sufficient Liquidity Indicator of the Bank was equal to 4.6 (31.12.2022: 4.0).

Another key liquidity risk indicator is the "survival period". The survival period is the period during which the Bank can fulfill all its payment obligations without the need to generate additional (still uncontracted) funds, i.e. the period in which the Bank has no negative liquidity gaps in any of the maturity bands. The defined limit for minimum survival period is at least 90 days for the level of

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.8 Liquidity risk (continued)

aggregated currencies, as well as for the foreign currencies and the national currency separately. At the end of 2023, survival period for all currencies was over 90 days.

The Bank also minimizes its dependence on the interbank market. The ILAAP Policy stipulates that the total amount of interbank loans may not exceed 4% of its available funding lines and overnight funds must not exceed 3% of total liabilities. Throughout 2023 these indicators registered 0%, as the Bank did not use either interbank credit lines or overnight loans for liquidity management.

The regulatory liquidity indicators (Principle I, principle III and LCR) were also complied with. The liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) represents the coverage of net liquidity outflows with high-quality liquid assets over a 30-day time horizon under a crisis scenario. The following limits were established for the respective indicator: 60% starting from October 1, 2020; 70% starting January 1, 2021; 80% starting January 1, 2022; 100% starting January 1, 2023. On December 31, 2023, the LCR indicator was 535% (December 31, 2022: 257%).

The indicators mentioned above are complemented by the early warning indicators.

In order to protect the liquidity of the Bank even in stress situations, the potential liquidity needs in different scenarios are determined. The result is analysed and on this basis the Bank's liquidity reserve target is determined by the ALCO.

## Facts and figures concerning liquidity risk

The following table shows the liquidity gap analysis, i.e. the (undiscounted) cash flows of the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Bank according to their remaining contractual maturities. The remaining contractual maturity is defined as the period between the balance sheet date and the contractually agreed due date of the asset or liability, or the due date of a partial payment under the contract for an asset or liability.

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.8 Liquidity risk (continued)

	Carrying						More than 5	
As at 31 December 2023	amount U	Jp to 1 month	1 – 3 months	3 – 6 months	6 – 12 months	1-5 years	years	Total
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	119,495,304	119,495,304	-	-	-	-	-	119,495,304
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,298,441,556	1,298,441,556	-	-	-	-	-	1,298,441,556
Loans and advances to banks	590,931,906	590,931,906	-	-	12,001,588	-	-	602,933,494
Loans and advances to customers	3,249,684,535	161,038,179	278,534,082	316,049,547	730,969,592	1,987,467,102	561,324,765	4,035,383,267
Finance lease receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities	1,083,719,408	715,000,000	-	380,000,000	-	-	-	1,095,000,000
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other financial assets	3,560,610	3,632,155	-	-	-	-	-	3,632,155
<b>Total financial assets</b>	6,347,033,319	2,888,539,100	278,534,082	696,049,547	742,971,180	1,987,467,102	562,524,765	7,156,085,776
Liabilities								
Deposits from customers	3,784,463,274	2,674,248,547	124,828,656	143,609,330	345,872,356	558,845,556	-	3,847,404,445
Borrowed funds	1,527,847,377	6,451,968	46,833,686	128,122,776	185,066,250	1,189,743,861	89,011,557	1,645,230,098
Subordinated debt	127,033,413	-	-	4,258,229	4,258,229	139,650,030	-	148,166,488
Provisions	10,538,616	8,968	158,361	5,293,047	1,088,738	2,708,906	1,280,596	10,538,616
Other financial liabilities	29,521,355	18,070,841	907,893	2,404,195	4,252,835	2,435,116	1,450,475	29,521,355
Total financial liabilities	5,479,404,035	2,698,780,324	172,728,596	283,687,577	540,538,408	1,893,383,469	91,742,628	5,680,861,002
Financial guarantees	228,433,091	6,331,353	14,181,870	48,571,266	106,027,956	53,320,646	_	228,433,091
Loan commitments	663,135,722	13,323,478	40,346,598	60,969,489	124,771,551	346,400,384	77,324,222	663,135,722
Net liquidity gap	867,629,284	189,758,776	105,805,486	412,361,970	202,432,772	94,083,633	470,782,137	1,475,224,774

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## 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.8 Liquidity risk (continued)

	Carrying						More than 5	
As at 31 December 2022	amount	Up to 1 month	1 – 3 months	3 – 6 months	6 – 12 months	1-5 years	years	Total
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	130,790,537	130,790,537	-	-	-	-	-	130,790,537
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,256,158,585	1,256,158,585	-	-	-	-	-	1,256,158,585
Loans and advances to banks Loans and advances to	260,745,466	260,745,466	-	-	-	-	-	260,745,466
customers	3,440,222,095	151,947,012	331,726,617	358,436,442	635,182,121	2,172,814,647	446,065,717	4,096,172,556
Finance lease receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments in debt securities Investments in equity	985,668,939	990,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	990,000,000
securities	1,200,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other financial assets	3,203,400	3,243,441	-	-	-	-	-	3,243,441
Total financial assets	6,077,989,022	2,792,885,041	331,726,617	358,436,442	635,182,121	2,172,814,647	447,265,717	6,738,310,585
Liabilities								
Deposits from customers	3,335,522,886	2,436,051,289	61,017,530	118,600,872	616,566,334	171,241,666	-	3,403,477,691
Borrowed funds	1,836,180,404	10,867,826	43,570,354	150,466,566	310,993,729	1,219,633,187	216,198,749	1,951,730,411
Subordinated debt	133,691,451	-	-	4,458,507	4,483,004	155,987,607	-	164,929,118
Provisions	9,653,878	12,482	49,068	5,486,750	657,113	2,314,667	1,133,798	9,653,878
Other financial liabilities	29,286,462	11,307,168	912,481	2,757,829	5,575,869	8,733,115	_	29,286,462
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	5,344,335,081	2,458,238,765	105,549,433	281,770,524	938,276,049	1,557,910,242	217,332,547	5,559,077,560
Financial guarantees	212,700,451	7,681,971	20,837,402	15,595,234	79,271,003	89,314,841	-	212,700,451
Loan commitments	509,103,939	15,017,566	37,411,376	67,476,111	54,780,286	259,707,344	74,711,256	509,103,939
Net liquidity gap	733,653,941	334,646,276	226,177,184	76,665,918	(303,093,928)	614,904,405	229,933,170	1,179,233,025

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.8 Liquidity risk (continued)

Due to the fact that not all cash flows will occur in the future as specified within the contracts, the Bank applies assumptions, especially regarding deposit withdrawals. Assumptions regarding deposit withdrawals are calculated based on the historical behavior of deposits. That output rate is used as the basis for calculating liquidity indicators.

The goal is to always have sufficient liquidity in order to serve all expected liabilities within the next month. From a technical point of view this implies that the available assets of the Bank should always exceed the expected debts, as calculated by applying the abovementioned assumptions.

The expected liquidity gap quantifies the potential liquidity needs within a certain time period if it has a negative value, and it shows a potential excess liquidity if it has a positive one. This calculation includes positive excess values from the previous time buckets.

For stress situations the Bank approved a contingency funding plan, where all the steps to be taken in case of liquidity problems are described and the responsible persons. At the end of 2023 the Bank had a contracted stand-by credit line with ProCredit Holding AG in amount EUR 3.0 million, which may be withdrawn anytime if necessary. Moreover, the Bank has set at ALCO the values of the minimum liquidity reserve in all significant currencies, for stressful situations. Additional liquidity reserves approved by the Bank still contains two credit lines offered by ProCredit Holding AG amounted to USD 5.0 million and EUR 5.0 million respectively.

The Bank aims to rely primarily on customer deposits for its funding. This source is supplemented by funding received from international financial institutions (IFIs), such as European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB), Council of Europe Bank (CEB), European Fund for South-Eastern Europe (EFSE) which provide funding under targeted financing programmes (e.g. for lending to SMEs, lending within the energy efficiency program). In addition, ProCredit Holding provides short- and long-term funding.

During 2023, the bank had sufficient liquidity available to meet all its financial obligations in a timely manner.

#### 31.9 Business environment

After the period of economic recession, during 2023 the economy of the Republic of Moldova resumed its growth trend, although at a rather slow pace, still feeling the effect of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which generated crises in the energy sector and exacerbated refugee problems. Despite concerted efforts to mitigate these crises through a robust budget, quick monetary measures and policies, the purchasing power of the population has remained low due to declining incomes and uncertain financial conditions.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

## 31.9 Business environment (continued)

During the year, there were signs of the impact of monetary policy relaxation. In the context of decreasing interest rates, the demand for loans entered a positive trajectory, thus new loans increased by 8% compared to the corresponding period of 2022. At the same time, the relatively high interest rates determined the increase in new deposits attracted by the banking system.

During 2023, the evolution of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Moldova was marked by a series of influencing factors. The main sectors of the economy that contributed to GDP growth were agriculture, HoReCa, social assistance services, the energy sector as well as the IT and communications industry. Foreign investment has also had a positive impact, supporting economic diversification and stimulating innovation in various fields.

According to the data provided by the National Bureau of Statistics, in 2023, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) registered a positive growth. According to preliminary estimates, this was 0.7% in real terms compared to the year 2022. According to the same source, activities such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, health and social assistance had a positive influence on GDP growth. In contrast, the decline in GDP over the same period was driven by manufacturing, construction, wholesale and retail trade, motor vehicle maintenance and repair, and transportation and storage.

During 2023, the Republic of Moldova experienced a complex evolution of the inflation rate, reflecting multiple influences and changes in economic dynamics. Despite the efforts made by the National Bank of Moldova to maintain economic stability, the annual inflation rate showed significant variations, reaching 4.2 percent in December 2023.

A crucial factor in this development was modest domestic demand, having a disinflationary effect on the economy. In addition, reductions in external demand and adaptation to new logistics chains contributed to lower international prices for energy resources, food products and raw materials, thus influencing the level of domestic inflation. This complexity in the evolution of inflation underlines the need to continue careful monitoring of internal and external factors in order to implement effective economic policies and maintain financial stability in the Republic of Moldova.

During 2023, the national currency of the Republic of Moldova, the Moldovan leu, recorded a constant increase in value compared to December 2022. The Moldovan leu appreciated against the US dollar and the Euro. In January-December 2023, the national currency marked a 9% appreciation against the US dollar in nominal terms (from 19.1579 lei for 1 US dollar on 31.12.2022 to 17.4062 lei on 31.12.2023). Against the Euro, the Moldovan leu appreciated by 5% (from 20.3791 lei for 1 Euro on 31.12.2022 to 19.3574 lei on 31.12.2023).

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### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.10 Operational risk

The Bank defines operational risks as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes (eg failure of data processing systems, embezzlement, human error, faulty processes, structural weaknesses, insufficient monitoring) and/or external events (eg criminal activities, natural disasters). This definition also takes into account fraud risk, ICT risk, legal risk, reputational risk, and outsourcing risk. The operational risk management aims at identifying, analyzing and evaluating all material risks at an early stage and avoiding their recurrence. One of the key components of operational risk management is the detailed recording of risk events resulting from operational risks. In this context, a risk event database (RED) has been developed to ensure that all risk events identified in the bank with realized or potential losses from operational risks are recorded, analyzed and communicated effectively. This uniform structure, predefined for documenting risk events, ensures that adequate attention is paid to the implementation of corrective and / or preventive measures necessary to reduce or avoid operational and fraud risk.

The table below provides an overview of gross and net losses due to operating losses from 2023.

Key operational risk figures for 2023

Gross losses, in EUR	760,345.98		
Net current losses, in EUR	9,595.48		
Number of risk events	138		

Additionally, the bank performs an annual Risk Assessment. Unlike the ex-post analysis of risk events, which have been recorded in the risk event database, these risk assessments are carried out systematically to identify and assess key risks and to assess the adequacy of control processes. For areas/ processes identified as high risk, risk mitigation measures are defined. These two control components complement each other and provide an overview of the operational risk profile for the bank.

The Bank has established a set of key operational risk indicators (KRIs) that are intended to determine the level of exposure to operational risk. As an effective tool for detecting deviations from the norm and which could indicate the existence an operational risk, these indicators are calculated and analyzed monthly and reported quarterly to the Operational Risk Committee and the Risk Committee.

In addition, key risk indicators have been defined through which the Bank monitors the Bank's exposure to fraud risk (KRI Fraud). These indicators are reviewed on a quarterly basis and, where necessary, preventive measures are agreed.

In order to strengthen operational risk management, all new products and / or activities, as well as outsourcing activities, are analyzed to identify and manage potential risks prior to implementation, through the New Risk Approval (NRA) process.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.10 Operational risk (continued)

Considering that the war on the territory of Ukraine was accompanied by a high risk of cyber attacks in the region, the Bank's IT service provider paid maximum attention to protecting the Bank's infrastructure from cyber attack risks.

At the same time, the outsourcing of IT services and infrastructure to a German company significantly contributed to mitigating the physical security risk of the Bank's IT infrastructure.

#### 31.11 Reputational Risk

Reputational risk is the current or future risk of impairment of profits and capital or liquidity, as determined by the adverse perception of the Bank's image by counterparties, shareholders, investors or supervisory authorities.

Reputational risk is managed within the Bank in accordance with the Reputational Risks Management Policy within BC "ProCredit Bank" SA. Managing reputational risk within the Bank, first and foremost, is preventive. Thus, in order to avoid the losses generated by the interruption of activities due to uncontrollable external factors, the Bank has defined emergency response plans (business continuity plans) to allow the activity to continue even in exceptional situations.

The internal culture ensures that all Bank employees know and understand that they must carry out their activity in a responsible and transparent manner, respecting the Code of Conduct and minimizing the Bank's reputational risk.

Responsible for monitoring the appearance of the Bank's name in the local media is the responsible person from Marketing Department. Any extraordinary mentions (both positive and negative) are reported to the Bank's Management Board and the Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department, which analyzes the respective reputational risk. In addition, the responsible person from Marketing Department immediately informs the Legal Unit about any extraordinary mention of the Bank in the media, so that the Legal Unit can provide an ad hoc legal consultation to the Management Board, if necessary.

The Risk Management Department, Compliance and AML function submits a quarterly report to the Risk Committee. In case of a negative scenario regarding the reputational risk, the Marketing Department in collaboration with the Management Board, the Legal Unit and the Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department, will develop a communication strategy to manage the reputational risk in a proper way.

In 2023 reputational risk was monitored and managed as a whole with operational risk. No significant reputational risk events were identified, including no increase in the level of reputational risk.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.12 Compliance risk

Compliance risk refers to the current or future risk of impairment of profits and capital, which may result in fines, damages and / or termination of contracts, or that may affect the bank's reputation as a result of violations or non-compliance with the legal framework, normative acts, agreements, recommended practices or ethical standards. The level of compliance risk is determined according to the impact of a legislative change and / or the lack of compliance with a certain existing, new or modified normative act. When assessing the level of risk, consideration is given to not only the potential financial impact, but also the non-financial impact (legal, operational or reputational).

The Risk Management Department, Compliance and AML function is responsible for providing consultations on the Bank's compliance on the regulatory framework, its own standards, as well as codes of conduct established by markets or industry, and by providing information on developments in this area.

Regular compliance checks are part of existing processes and procedures. The Bank conducts the annual compliance risk assessment. The Bank monitors performance indicators to assess the effectiveness of the compliance function. The analysis of the indicators is carried out quarterly and reported within the Risk Committee.

The Risk Management Department, Compliance and AML presents a quarterly report on compliance risk to the Risk Committee. Considering that compliance is a part of the Bank's core values and corporate culture, it is crucial to ensure that all staff of the bank understand each other's role in conducting transparent and compliance-oriented activities. This is the responsibility of the Human Resources Unit, as well as the Governing Bodies. The Bank has approved the Compliance Policy within the BC "ProCredit Bank" S.A.

In 2023 compliance risk has been effectively monitored and managed. No significant compliance risk events were identified, including no increase in the level of compliance risk.

## 31.13 The risk of money laundering and terrorism financing

Responsible behavior is an integral part of our business model. This is reflected in the Code of Conduct for the Bank's employees, as well as in the content of the introductory courses for new staff and in the programs of ProCredit academies. Preventing money laundering and terrorist financing is a key component of our self-perception. This is reflected in the criteria used to select customers.

The Bank fully complies with all regulatory requirements regarding the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing. The reviews carried out by supervisors and external auditors do not reveal structural deficiencies in this area. Furthermore, the Bank does not apply simplified precautions in customer relations and / or monitoring of their transactions. This approach is a stricter approach than the requirements of national law.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.13 The risk of money laundering and terrorism financing (continued)

Our ethical responsibility is documented in the form of our Code of Conduct and the exclusion list, which contains the basic rules and regulations that all employees of the Bank are required to comply with. AML's policy and the Bank's internal procedures specify how these basic rules should be implemented in practice.

In addition to identifying all contracting parties and clarifying the purpose of the business relationship, collecting customer data always involves identifying the beneficial owner of all funds that are managed in customer accounts. Beneficiary owners are individuals who benefit substantially from a business structure, even if they are not in personal records during our business relationship with a customer.

The Bank uses specialized software to identify payments that may cause suspicion of money laundering and / or terrorist financing. The Bank works closely with law enforcement agencies in preventing and combating money laundering and terrorist financing.

In 2023 the risk of money laundering and terrorism financing was effectively monitored and managed.

#### 31.14 Business Risk (including Strategic Risk)

The risk related to the conduct of business is the risk of losses resulting from unexpected changes in the volume of activity and / or margins. Depending on the definition, this may include the risk of declining business volume, rising prices (with staff, information technology, etc.) and declining revenues (due to factors such as competition). The strategic risk is the current or future risk of affecting profits and capital caused by changes in the business environment or by adverse business decisions, by improper implementation of decisions or by the lack of reaction to changes in the business environment.

Business risk (including Strategic Risk) is minimized through a structured process regarding business planning, implementation, evaluation and adjustment of the Bank's business strategy and risk administration strategy. Additionally, a business risk profile is established in order to control exposure to this risk.

The business risk is regularly monitored by the ALCO Committee, by analyzing the results obtained in relation to the planned ones, but also within the Risk Committee.

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#### 31 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 31.15 Excessive leverage risk

Excessive leverage risk can arise when the bank is faced with a high degree of indebtedness in relation to its ability to meet its financial obligations. This risk results from the bank's vulnerability to leverage or contingent leverage that may require unplanned actions to correct its business plan, including the sale of assets in an emergency, which could result in losses or revaluations of remaining assets.

The bank has established an appetite and tolerance for this risk, as it falls under the category of significant risks. During 2023 the excessive leverage risk was regularly monitored within the Financial Risk Committee and the Risk Committee.

#### 31.16 Regulatory and economic risk

Regulatory and economic risk is included in the category of significant risks due to uncertainties related to the regulatory framework and macroeconomic developments in the country. That risk cannot be quantified and that no risk appetite and no limits will be set to control the risk exposure. Instead, the Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department is constantly monitoring policy, macroeconomic developments and legislative changes in order to take any measures to mitigate the impact of that risk on the Bank.

#### 32 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

In managing capital, the Bank is guided by the principle that it cannot take higher risks than it is able to bear. In this context the Bank has the following objectives:

- compliance with regulatory capital requirements;
- ensuring the adequacy of internal capital;
- ensuring that the Bank has an adequate level of capital to withstand even crisis conditions;
- ensuring that the Bank implements its ongoing growth plans while pursuing its business strategy.

The Bank's capital management is governed by the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Policy. Capital adequacy indicators (internal and regulatory) are monitored monthly within the Financial Risk Committee and Risk Committee.

Additionally, the Risk Management, Compliance and AML Department makes forecasts to ensure compliance with capital requirements not only for the current moment, but also in future in normal but also crisis conditions.

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#### 32 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

During 2023, the Bank maintained a sufficient level of capital adequacy and as at 31 December 2023 it recorded a rate of total equity of 23.63% (December 2022: 23.66%).

In the tables below are the regulated capital adequacy indicators and equity value as at 31 December:

	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
Basic level I own funds	749,372,316	663,198,121
Level I own funds	749,372,316	663,198,121
Level II own funds	63,391,432	93,447,294
Total own funds	812,763,748	756,645,415

	Limit	31 December	31 December
	Limit	2023	2022
Basic level I own funds rate	5.50%	21.78%	20.74%
Level I own funds rate	7.50%	21.78%	20.74%
Total own funds rate	10.00%	23.63%	23.66%

In addition to complying with the regulatory capital requirements, within Pillar 1 (for credit, market and operational risk), the Bank calculates internal capital requirements within Pillar II for risks not covered by Pillar 1 in accordance with the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) Policy.

The Bank continuously monitored the evolution of its own funds rates and the adequacy of internal capital, as well as carried out crisis forecasts and simulations, in order to detect vulnerabilities and risks to which it is exposed in a timely manner.

#### 33 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Please see Note 4.10 on Bank's Accounting Policy on fair value assessment. The table below summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of those financial assets and liabilities not presented in the Bank's statement of financial position at their fair value as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022:

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## 33 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

					Fair Value
31 December 2023	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents and with NBM	119,495,304	119,495,304	-	-	119,495,304
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,298,441,556	-	1,298,441,556	-	1,298,441,556
Loans and advances to banks	590,931,906	-	590,931,906	-	590,931,906
Loans and advances to customers	3,249,684,535	-	-	3,381,218,643	3,381,218,643
Investments in debt securities	1,083,719,408	-	1,083,719,408	-	1,083,719,408
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other financial assets	3,560,610	-	-	3,560,610	3,560,610
Total Financial Assets	6,347,033,319	119,495,304	2,973,092,870	3,385,979,253	6,478,567,427
Financial Liabilities					
Deposits from customers	3,784,463,274	-	-	3,774,593,680	3,774,593,680
Borrowed funds	1,527,847,377	-	-	1,511,106,813	1,511,106,813
Subordinated debt	127,033,413	-			126,921,881
Other financial liabilities	29,521,355	-	-	29,521,355	29,521,355
<b>Total Financial Liabilities</b>	5,468,865,419	-	-	5,442,143,729	5,442,143,729

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# 33 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

					<b>Fair Value</b>
31 December 2022	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents and with NBM	130,790,537	130,790,537	-	-	130,790,537
Mandatory reserves with NBM	1,256,158,585	-	1,256,158,585	-	1,256,158,585
Loans and advances to banks	260,745,466	-	260,745,466	-	260,745,466
Loans and advances to customers	3,440,222,095	-	-	3,625,135,142	3,625,135,142
Investments in debt securities	985,668,939	-	985,668,939	-	985,668,939
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
Other financial assets	3,203,400	-	-	3,203,400	3,203,400
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	6,077,989,022	130,790,537	2,502,572,990	3,629,538,542	6,262,902,069
Financial Liabilities					
Deposits from customers	3,335,522,886	-	-	3,340,227,866	3,340,227,866
Borrowed funds	1,836,180,404	-	-	1,824,666,773	1,824,666,773
Subordinated debt	133,691,451	-	-	164,929,118	164,929,118
Other financial liabilities	29,286,462	<u>-</u>		29,286,462	29,286,462
Total Financial Liabilities	5,334,681,203	-	-	5,359,110,219	5,359,110,219

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## 33 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

The description of valuation technique and description of inputs used in the fair value measurement for levels 2 and 3 measurements:

31 December 2023	Fair value	Valuation technique	Inputs used
Financial Assets			
Loans and advances to customers	3,381,218,643	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Finance lease receivables	-	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Other financial assets	3,560,610	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Financial Liabilities		Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Deposits from customers	3,774,593,680	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Borrowed funds	1,511,106,813	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Subordinated debt	126,921,881	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Other financial liabilities	29,521,355	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
31 December 2022			
Financial Assets			
Loans and advances to customers	3,625,135,142	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Finance lease receivables	-	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Investments in equity securities	1,200,000	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Other financial assets	3,203,400	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Financial Liabilities	0/ -0/1	,	8
Deposits from customers	3,340,227,866	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Borrowed funds	1,824,666,773	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Subordinated debt	164,929,118	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate
Other financial liabilities	29,286,462	Discounted cash flows ("DCF")	Incremental borrowing rate

There were no changes in the valuation technique for level 2 recurring fair value measurements during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: similar). Market rates were extracted from the reports published by the National Bank of Moldova for December 2023 and December 2022 on term loans, term deposits and interbank loans.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (All amounts in Moldovan Leu (MDL) unless otherwise stated)

#### 34 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

Both on December 31, 2023 and on December 31, 2022, the Bank had no significant capital commitments.

#### Tax contingencies

Moldovan tax legislation which was enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period, is subject to varying interpretations when being applied to the transactions and activities of the Bank. Consequently, tax positions taken by management and the formal documentation supporting the tax positions may be challenged by tax authorities.

#### **Loan related commitments**

Commitments to extend loans represent unused portions of authorisations to extend loans to customers. With respect to credit risk on commitments to extend credit, the Bank is potentially exposed to loss in an amount equal to the total unused commitments, if the unused amounts were to be drawn down. However, the likely amount of loss is less than the total unused commitments since most commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards. The Bank monitors the term to maturity of credit related commitments, because longer-term commitments generally have a greater degree of credit risk than shorter-term commitments. Outstanding credit related commitments are as follows:

	31 December	31 December
_	2023	2022
Guarantees	228,433,091	212,700,451
Expected credit loss allowance	(823,385)	(896,954)
	227,609,706	211,803,497
Commitments to extend credit: - Revocable commitments to extend credit	624,761,267	473,090,695
- Irrevocable commitments to extend credit	38,374,455	36,013,244
Expected credit loss allowance	(4,640,401)	(3,450,654)
-	658,495,321	505,653,285
Total	886,105,027	717,456,782

The above table presents the nominal principal amounts of liabilities and contingent commitments and guarantees, i.e. the amounts at risk, whether contracts are fully drawn upon and clients default. The Bank expects that a significant portion of guarantees and commitments will expire without being drawn upon; therefore the total of the contractual amounts is not representative of future liquidity requirements. An estimate of amount and timing of outflow is not practicable.

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#### 34 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Compliance with law

The Bank is subject to certain covenants primarily relating to its borrowings. Non-compliance with such covenants may result in negative consequences for the Bank including growth in the cost of borrowings and declaration of default. No breach of financial covenants was reported as at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: similar).

#### Legal proceedings

Periodically and in the normal course of business, claims against the Bank may be received. On the basis of its own estimates and both internal and external professional advice, management is of the opinion that no material losses will be incurred in respect of claims, and accordingly no provision has been made in these financial statements.

#### 35 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As of December 31, 2023, the Bank does not have any derivative financial instruments recorded in its financial statements (31 December 2022: similar).

#### 36 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The ultimate parent company of the Bank is ProCredit Holding AG. The parties affiliated to the Bank are the Parent Bank, other companies from the ProCredit group and other persons recognized as such, according to the affiliation criteria described in the Law on the activity of banks no. 202 of 06.10.2017.

#### Transactions of the Bank with group companies

According to the group's strategy, the Parent Bank acts as an additional provider of funds (including subordinated debt) for its subsidiaries.

All transactions with group companies are performed on the same terms, including interest rates and securities, as for transactions of a similar nature with third parties.

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#### 36 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

2023	ProCredit Holding	ProCredit Bank AG	ProCredit Bank A.D. Belgrade (Serbia)	ProCredit Academy GmbH	ProCredit Regional Academy Eastern Europe Ltd.	QUIPU GMBH	EBRD	Core leadership and their affiliates
Nature of Affiliation	the parent financial holding company	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Credit institution	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Credit institution	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Training academy	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Training academy	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company IT and software	shareholder of the parent financial holding company, 3.64% International financial	
Nature of activity Share of the financial holding company ProCredit Holding AG in the entity's capital and its voting rights, %		with banking license	with banking license	100	acture my	consulting company	institution	
Interest income		1,562,387						1,227,317
Interest expense Fees and commissions income	18,830,995						18,250,027	317,780 105,422
Fees and commissions expense	11,136,932						1,676,039	
Personnel expenses								6,364,262
General and administrative expenses	10,042,463					51,425,773		
Training related fees			1,134,793	4,535,688	29,399			

The table above discloses all income and expenses items derived from transactions with ProCredit Bank's Group companies including Quipu GmbH Germany (the group's IT provider), and ProCredit Holding AG under common control of the Supervisory Board chairman of the Parent Bank.

Expenses related to other related parties include mainly fees paid to ProCredit Academy, in the amount of MDL 5,699,880 (2022: MDL 4,211,369) and Quipu MDL 51,425,773 (2022: MDL 45,416,304).

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## 36 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

2023	ProCredit Holding	ProCredit Bank AG	ProCredit Bank JSC (Georgia)	ProCredit Bank SH.A. (Kosovo)	QUIPU GMBH	EBRD	Core leadership and their affiliates
Nature of Affiliation	the parent financial holding company	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Credit institution	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Credit institution	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company Credit institution	subsidiary of the parent financial holding company IT and software	shareholder of the parent financial holding company, 3.64% International	
Nature of activity Share of the financial holding company ProCredit Holding AG in the entity's capital and its voting rights, %		with banking license	with banking license	with banking license	consulting company	financial institution	
Assets Cash and cash equivalents and accounts		64,994,825					
Loans and advances to customers	62,952				101,619		3,401,071
Liabilities							
Due to banks							
Borrowed funds	2,210,941					511,561,401	
Subordinated debt	127,033,413						
Deposits from customers	419						9,407,921
Other liabilities	243,903	9,402	339,421	0.2	4,958,552		
Off-balance sheet items							
Guarantees	1,535,786,484						21,000

The transactions were made in the ordinary course of business and on the same terms as for comparable transactions with third party entities or individuals. The transactions did not involve more than the normal risk of non-repayment.

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## 36 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

			ProCredit Bank A.D.	ProCredit			Core leadership
	ProCredit	ProCredit	Belgrade	Academy	QUIPU		and their
2022	Holding	Bank AG	(Serbia)	GmbH	GMBH	EBRD	affiliates
	_	subsidiary of the	subsidiary of the	subsidiary of the	subsidiary of the	shareholder of	
	the parent	parent financial	parent financial	parent financial	parent financial	the parent	
Nature of Affiliation	financial holding	holding company	holding company	holding	holding company	financial holding company, 3.64%	
Nature of Affiliation	company	Credit institution	Credit institution	company Training	IT and software	International	
		with banking	with banking	academy	consulting	financial	
Nature of activity		license	license	J	company	institution	
Share of the financial holding company							
ProCredit Holding AG in the entity's capital and its voting rights, %		100	100	100	100		
0 0 ,			100	100	100		1 170 545
Interest income		276,522					1,178,545
Interest expense	11,315,924	105,248				4,701,024	184,025
Fees and commissions income							85,829
Fees and commissions expense	10,971,217					1,064,241	
Personnel expenses							4,405,812
General and administrative expenses	11,027,724				45,416,304		
Training related fees			474,326	3,737,043			

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2022	ProCredit Holding	ProCredit Bank AG	ProCredit Bank JSC (Georgia)	ProCredit Bank SH.A. (Kosovo)	QUIPU GMBH	Quipu Shpk - Kosova	EBRD	Core leadership and their affiliates
		subsidiary of	subsidiary of	subsidiary of	subsidiary of the parent	structural subdivision	shareholder of the parent	
	the parent financial	the parent financial	the parent financial	the parent financial	financial holding	Quipu GmbH	financial holding	
CACCII II	holding	holding	holding	holding	company		company,	
Nature of Affiliation	company	company Credit	company Credit	company Credit	IT and	IT and	3.64% International	
		institution with banking	institution with banking	institution with banking	software consulting	software consulting	financial institution	
Nature of activity Share of the financial holding company		license	license	license	company	company		
ProCredit Holding AG in the entity's								
capital and its voting rights, %		100	100	100	100			
Assets Cash and cash equivalents and accounts		59,658,153						
Loans and advances to customers								16,576,792
Liabilities								
Due to banks								
Borrowed funds	146,636,372						417,773,532	
Subordinated debt	133,691,451							
Deposits from customers	419							17,973,139
Other liabilities			239,474	39,980	2,400,136	5,907		
Off-balance sheet items								
Guarantees	1,822,367,032							21,000

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#### 36 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Subordinated borrowings from ProCredit Holding AG are with floating interest rate and have a maturity of more than 5 years.

As of 31st of December 2023 the balance of loans to related parties was MDL 3,401,071, and the balance of expected credit loss allowance for mentioned loans was MDL 85,904 (31 December 2022: balance MDL 16,576,792, loss allowance – 453,627 MDL).

#### 37 MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

During the reporting period, total compensation paid to the management of the Bank was MDL6,233,386 (2022: MDL 3,540,896).

During 2023, total compensation from ProCredit Bank paid to the Bank Board (supervisory body) was MDL 177,079 (2022: MDL 158,449).

#### 38 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On 19.02.2024, by the Decision of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank's Shareholders, the composition of the Bank's Council was updated, with subsequent approval by the National Bank of Moldova.

Other significant subsequent events up to the date of issuance of these financial statements have not occurred.

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## **39 ABBREVIATIONS**

The list of the abbreviations used in these financial statements is provided below:

Abbreviation	Full name						
AC	Amortised Cost						
ALCO	Asset-Liability Committee						
NBM	National Bank of Moldova						
EAD	Exposure at Default						
ECL	Expected Credit Loss						
FVOCI	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income						
FVTPL	Fair Value Through Profit or Loss						
FX, Forex	Foreign Exchange						
HTM	Held To Maturity						
ICAAP	Internal Capital Adequacy and Assessment Process						
IFI	International Financial Institutions						
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standard						
IRB system	Internal Risk-Based system						
LGD	Loss Given Default						
OCI	Other comprehensive income						
OGP AE	External Assistance Program Management Office						
PD	Probability of Default						
<b>POCI financial assets</b>	Purchased or Originated Credit-Impaired financial assets						
SICR	Significant Increase in Credit Risk						
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises						
SPPI	Solely Payments of Principal and Interest						
	Assessment whether the financial instruments' cash flows						
SPPI test	represent Solely Payments of Principal and Interest						

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the sole shareholder of BC "ProCredit Bank" S.A.

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BC "ProCredit Bank" S.A. (the Bank), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (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 are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Moldova, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Management 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 and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information 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. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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 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 to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank'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 skepticism 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 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 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 to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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.



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, related safeguards.

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