Green Bonds Certification

The Carbon Trust can help you assess the environmental impact of green projects so you can comply with recognised green bond standards. We can provide an impact assessment and report and can advise on the use of appropriate standards such as the Green Bond Principles or the Climate Bonds Initiative.

Green bonds are typically issued to fund projects that have positive environmental benefits, offering a solution for investors that either need or want to invest in bonds that address climate change and environmental issues.

The majority of green bonds issued are “use of proceeds”, where the proceeds are earmarked for general application in the areas of renewable energy, low carbon buildings, industrial energy efficiency, waste management, transport improvements or water management.

Green bond market is increasingly under scrutiny, with a growing demand for independent assessments of green bonds by a recognised leader in the field of carbon reduction and environmental sustainability. This demand is led by the need to provide credibility and confidence that investments in green bonds have a genuine environmental benefit.

The Carbon Trust is the leading expert in assessing green projects and can provide a credible independent view to help inform decision-making in connection with green bonds. We can help you develop a framework for assessing the environmental impact of green projects and provide a comprehensive assessment and report on the green credentials and impact of projects.

Benefits of green bonds

Green Bonds offer a range of benefits: at a high level they advance the adoption of innovative new technologies, finance projects that provide green jobs, and promote economic and climate resiliency across regions. In addition:

- Green bonds help meet the increasing investor demand for socially responsible investment opportunities and have attracted new investors and new types of investors
- Green bonds can secure large amounts of capital to support environmental investments and are well suited for large-scale sustainability over a longer investment horizon
- Issuing a green bond demonstrates leadership in a developing market and a public declaration of sustainability credentials

“The global transition to a low carbon economy is going to require very significant amounts of capital. To make this money available it is going to be critical to engage with the financial sector and develop investment products that have a genuine impact on climate change. Independent verification of bonds to external standards is a real step forward in this process, so we are pleased to be working with the Climate Bonds Initiative to help advance this important new area.”

Morgan Jones, Associate Director of Certification, Carbon Trust
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An independent and trusted partner

The Carbon Trust is acknowledged as a leading provider of independent advice and analysis, with over a decade of experience in analysing the environmental impact of technologies, projects and investments. We are ideally placed to assist in reviewing the environmental benefit of green bonds.

“To address climate change, we need to ensure capital flows to green projects at scale and speed. The rapid growth of the green bond market has proven that there is strong investor demand for investment in climate change related assets.

Now we need to generate more investment opportunities that can address climate change and meet investor demand, which will mean green bond issuance in the $ trillions.

The Carbon Trust has a fantastic reputation for its work in sustainable assets. Now, as a licensed verifier under the Climate Bonds Standard, I am delighted that it is bringing that expertise to this urgent and growing market.”

We can help you

- Review your sustainability strategy and the “green” nature of investments
- Analyse green projects and help you define suitable green investments
- Develop a methodology to analyse the green impact against suitable KPIs
- Ensure you have the right tools to develop or analyse the green elements of bonds and track their environmental performance
- Provide opinions in connection with recognised green bond standards

Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative