

China Construction Bank (CCB) lists its first green bond at LuxSE

- EUR 500 million green bond to finance projects linked to clean transportation, renewable energy and pollution prevention and control
- CCB representatives visited the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE) for a “ring the bell” ceremony

The green bond marks the first issuance dedicated to green projects by the China Construction Bank (CCB). It also marks the first issuance by the CCB out of its newly established Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Framework. The Chinese bank adopted best-in-class practices in structuring its bond framework, in alignment with international and Chinese standards.

The EUR 500 million green bond is now listed on LuxSE’s Euro MTF market and displayed on the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX). Raised proceeds will finance projects linked to clean transportation, renewable energy and pollution prevention and control. The Climate Bonds Initiative has verified the issuance and has attributed the Climate Bonds Certification Mark.

“I want to commend CCB for aligning their bond with international green bond standards. This issuance will help attract foreign investors to participate in the construction of China’s green financial system and promote the development of green industries in China. I am proud that LuxSE/LGX participates to CCB’s strategy of becoming a leading green and socially responsible bank”, comments **Robert Scharfe, CEO of LuxSE**.

CCB has made the transformation into a “green bank” a priority in its medium and long-term business plan. “Our bank has carefully selected the eligible projects to ensure that they will have a positive impact on the environment. We are committed to promoting the growth of green finance, supporting the low-carbon economy and developing a harmonised society. Tapping the international green capital market gives us a new channel to fund projects with environmental benefits. Displaying our green bond on the world’s leading green finance platform comes, therefore, as a natural step to take”, said **Di Huiqing, the Deputy General Manager of CCB’s Asset and Liability Management Department**.

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CCB is the second largest bank in China. In 2017, the bank's green loan balance grew at a rate of 12.74%, significantly higher than the average growth of business loans, providing financing support to over 2,100 clients engaged in green industries.

The Luxembourg Green Exchange displays over 200 green, social and sustainability securities worth more than EUR 100 billion, two years after its launch.

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We have been involved in the development of the sustainable finance market since the European Investment Bank issued its first climate awareness bond 10 years ago and listed it in Luxembourg. In 2016, LuxSE launched the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX) and built it based on the fundamental need for transparency. The platform is dedicated exclusively to green, social and sustainable securities and funds. LGX has become a meeting place for sustainability-focused issuers and investors, displaying half of the world's listed green bonds.

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