# **Negotiable Commercial Paper**

## (Negotiable European Commercial Paper - NEU CP)<sup>1</sup> Trade name of the notes defined in article D.213-1 of the French monetary and financial code

# Not guaranteed programme

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM	
Name of the programme	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA), NEU CP (ID Programme 1729)
Name of the issuer	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA)
Type of programme	NEU CP
Writing language	English
Programme size	6 000 000 000 EUR
Guarantor(s)	Not applicable
Rating(s) of the programme	Rated by FITCH RATINGS MOODY'S
Arranger(s)	Société Générale
Introduction advisor	None
Legal advisor	Allen & Overy LLP
Issuing and paying agent(s) (IPA)	SOCIETE GENERALE
Dealer(s)	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA) BNP PARIBAS CREDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK ING BANK (FRANCE) S.A. LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA) SOCIETE GENERALE
Date of the information memorandum (dd/mm/yyyy)	

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Information marked « Optional » may not be provided by the issuer because French regulations do not require it

### MIFID II product governance / Professional investors and Eligible Counterparties only target market

Solely for the purposes of the Issuer's product approval process in respect of a particular NEU CP issue, the target market assessment in respect of any of the NEU CP to be issued off this Programme has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the NEU CP is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the NEU CP to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the NEU CP (a "distributor") should take into consideration the Issuer's target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the NEU CP (by either adopting or refining the Issuer's target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

# Risks in connection with legal procedures and authorities under banking legislation in the event of a crisis of a credit institution

The banking supervisory authority is entitled, even before the institution of insolvency proceedings, to impose obligations on a credit institution that restrict its business operations and to take any other action (up to the closure of the credit institution for business operations) if the financial situation of this credit institution gives rise to doubts as to its compliance with capital and liquidity requirements on a permanent basis. The fact that any such measure is taken by the banking supervisory authority may result in material adverse consequences for the economic situation of the creditors of the credit institution concerned, in particular as a result of an adverse influence on the prices (quotations) of the financial instruments issued by this credit institution, or on the ability of the credit institution to refinance itself.

The resolution authority has further-reaching powers in particular if, in its opinion, the continued existence of the credit institution is jeopardized.

In relation to the Issuer, this inter alia means that the competent resolution authority may require in such a situation that claims for payments owed (including, but not limited to) under the NEU CP are converted into Tier 1 capital instruments of the Issuer or permanently reduced down to zero (so-called "Bail-in"). To offset any existing equity shortfall, it is possible in this connection that, first, instruments belonging to Tier 1 capital, thereafter instruments belonging to Tier 2 capital, will be used and permanently reduced down to zero or converted into Tier 1 instruments of the Issuer. In addition, to the extent that such instruments are not sufficient to offset any existing equity shortfall, NEU CP qualifying as eligible liabilities in accordance with the minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 (hereinafter referred to as "Eligible Liabilities") and, in addition, also any other NEU CP issued under the Information Memorandum may be permanently reduced down to zero or converted into Tier 1 instruments of the Issuer in line with their ranking in insolvency. In connection with such a Bail-in, the terms and conditions of the NEU CP may also be changed to the disadvantage of the holders (e.g. the maturity may be extended or any rights of termination may be excluded). In this case, the holders do not have any claim against the Issuer for payment in accordance with the original terms and conditions. The extent to which liabilities of the Issuer resulting from the NEU CP may become the subject of a Bail-in depends on a number of factors which cannot be influenced by the Issuer. Thus, the Bail-in may - outside of insolvency proceedings - result in material adverse effects on the rights of the holders, up to the loss of a predominant part or all of the capital invested.

## Insolvency risk

Investors are exposed to the risk of an insolvency of the Issuer. In the event of the institution of insolvency proceedings over the assets of the Issuer, investors may assert their claims only as unsecured creditors in accordance with the provisions of the German Insolvency Code (*Insolvenzordnung*) and the German Banking Act (*Kreditwesengesetz*). In such a situation, investors must expect that only part of their invested capital will be repaid. There is a risk of a total loss of the invested capital.

## **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUANCE PROGRAMME**

# Articles D. 213-9, 1° and D 213-11 of the French monetary and financial code and Article 6 of the Order of 30 May 2016 and subsequent amendments

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1.1	Name of the programme	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA), NEU CP (Programme ID 1729)
1.2	Type of programme	NEU CP
1.3	Name of the issuer	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA)
1.4	Type of issuer	Monetary financial Institution // Credit institution, investment firm and CDC under the conditions set out in art. L 213-3.1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code
1.5	Purpose of the programme	In order to meet the general funding needs of LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA) (the " <b>Issuer</b> " or the " <b>Bank</b> ") and its subsidiaries, the Issuer will issue NEU CP from time to time, in accordance with Articles L. 213-1 to L. 213-4-1 and D. 213-1 to D. 213-14 of the French monetary and financial code and all applicable regulations.
1.6	Programme size (maximum outstanding amount)	6 000 000 000 EUR six billion EUR or any other currency authorized by applicable laws and regulations in force in France at the time of the issue
1.7	Form of the notes	NEU CP are issued in bearer form and recorded in the books of authorized intermediaries (book entry system) in accordance with French laws and regulations.
1.8	Yield basis	<ul> <li>The remuneration is unrestricted.</li> <li>Benchmark indice(s) :</li> <li>The remuneration rates are indexed to the usual rates of the monetary markets.</li> <li>Compensation rules(s) :</li> <li>Remuneration is unrestricted.</li> <li>However, if the Issuer issues NEU CP with remuneration linked to an index or an index clause, the Issuer shall only issue NEU CP with remuneration linked to usual money market indexes, such as but not restricted to: EURIBOR, LIBOR or €ster.</li> <li>Such remuneration formulas shall not result in a below par capital redemption.</li> <li>NEU CP issues will be subject to unconditional at par redemption.</li> <li>The Issuer may not issue NEU CP with potentially variable principal payments.</li> <li>In the case of an issue of NEU CP embedding an option of repurchase, the conditions of remuneration of such NEU CP will be initially issued and shall not be further modified, including when such an embedded option of repurchase will be exercised.</li> </ul>
1.9	Currencies of issue	Euro or any other currency authorized by applicable laws and regulations in force in France at the time of the issue
1.10	Maturity	The NEU CP may be redeemed before maturity in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in France. The early repayment option, if any, shall be explicitly specified in the confirmation form of any relevant issuance of NEU CP. The Issuer reserves the right to repurchase the NEU CP subject to, and in compliance with, applicable French laws and regulations. The NEU CP issued under the Programme may also carry one or more embedded option(s) of repurchase before the

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		term (held by either the Issuer or the holder, or linked to one or several events not related to either the Issuer or the holder). An option of repurchase of NEU CP, if any, shall be explicitly specified in the confirmation form of any related issuance of NEU CP. In any case, the overall maturity of any NEU CP embedded with one or several of such clause, shall always – all options of repurchase included conform to laws and regulations in force in France at the time of the issue. The term (maturity date) of the NEU CP shall be determined in accordance with laws and regulations applicable in France, which imply that, at the date hereof, such term shall not be longer than one year (365 days or 366 days in a leap year), from the issue date.
1.11	Minimum issuance amount	200 000 EUR or any other amount above the stated value (or equivalent amount in the relevant foreign currency)
1.12	Minimum denomination of the notes	By virtue of regulation (Article D 213-11 of the French monetary and financial code), the legal minimum face value of the commercial paper within the framework of this program is 200 000 euros or the equivalent in the currencies selected at the time of issuance
1.13	Status of the notes	Senior Unsecured
		Information about the status of the notes : The NEU CP shall constitute direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, ranking at least <i>pari</i> <i>passu</i> with all other current and future direct, unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Issuer.
1.14	Governing law that applies to the programme	French law
1.15	Listing of the notes/Admission to trading on a regulated market	All, or part only, of the NEU CP issued under this Programme may be admitted to trading on Euronext Paris. Whether an issue of NEU CP is admitted to trading on Euronext Paris, it can be verified on the website of Euronext Paris at the following address: https://euronext.com/bondmatch/issuers.
1.16	Settlement system	The NEU CP will be issued through Euroclear France.
1.17	Rating(s) of the programme	FITCH RATINGS :         fitchratings.com/entity/landesbank-hessen-t         hueringen-girozentrale-81203656#securities-and         -obligations         MOODY'S :         moodys.com/credit-ratings/Landesbank-Hessen         -Thueringen-GZ-credit-rating-370500/ratings/vi         ew-by-debt         Ratings can be reviewed at any time by the rating agencies.         Investors are invited to refer to the websites of the agencies concerned for the current rating
1.18	Guarantor	Not applicable
1.19	Issuing and Paying Agent(s) (IPA) - exhaustive list -	SOCIETE GENERALE
1.20	Arranger	Société Générale
1.21	Placement method	Direct placement Dealer(s) : BNP PARIBAS CREDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK ING BANK (FRANCE) S.A.

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		The Issuer may subsequently elect to replace any dealer, insure the placement himself, or appoint other dealers; an updated list of such dealers shall be disclosed to investors upon request to the Issuer
1.22	Selling restrictions	General selling No action has been taken or will be taken by the Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber and any further holder of the NEU CP issued under the Programme that would or is intended to permit a public offering of the NEU CP or the possession or distribution of the Information Memorandum or any other document relating to the NEU CP in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber and any further holder of the NEU CP has undertaken, to the extent possible, to the best of its knowledge, to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any country or jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers or sells the NEU CP or possesses or distributes the Information Memorandum or any other document relating to the NEU CP and to obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer or sale of NEU CP under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it will make such purchases, offers or sales and neither the Issuer, nor any Dealer nor any initial subscriber nor any further holder shall have responsibility therefore. None of the Issuer, any NEU CP or distribute the Information Memorandum or any other document relating to the NEU CP in or from any country or jurisdiction except under circumstances that will result in the compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and which will not impose any obligations on the Issuer. France The Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber has represented and agreed, and any further holder of the NEU CP will be deemed to have represented and agreed on the date on which he purchases the NEU CP, to comply with applicable laws and regulations in force regarding the offer, the placement or the re-sale of the NEU CP or the distribution of the documents with respect thereto, in France. United Kingdom The Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber has represented and agreed and any further holder of the NEU CP will be
		any NEU CP in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and

		<ul> <li>(c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to such NEU CP in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.</li> <li><u>United States of America</u></li> <li>The NEU CP have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or any other laws or regulations of any state of the United States of America, and may not be offered or sold within the United States of America, or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act) except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.</li> <li>The Issuer, each Dealer, and any initial subscriber have represented and agreed, and any further holder of the NEU CP will be required to represent and agree, that they have not offered, sold or delivered, and will not offer, sell or deliver, whether directly or indirectly, any NEU CP within the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person</li> <li>(i) as part of their distribution at any time, and</li> <li>(ii) otherwise until the day immediately following 40 days after the later of (y) the day on which such NEU CP are offered and (z) the issue date of such NEU CP (the "Distribution Compliance Period"). In addition, until the conclusion of the Distribution Compliance Period, an offer or sale of NEU CP, whether or not participating in the offering, may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.</li> <li>The Issuer, each Dealer and any initial subscriber have also agreed, and any further holder of the NEU CP will be required to agree that they will send to each distributor, initial subscriber or person to which they sell the NEU CP will be required to agree that they will send to each distributor, initial subscriber or person to which they sell the NEU CP during the Distribution Compliance Period anotice setting out the seling</li></ul>
1.23	Taxation	Act). The Issuer is not bound to indemnify any holder of the NEU CP in case of taxes which are payable under French law or any other foreign law in respect of the principal of, or the interest on, the NEU CP, except for any stamp or registration taxes payable by the Issuer under French law.
1.24	Involvement of national authorities	Banque de France
1.25	Contact(s)	Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale Neue Mainzer Strasse 52-58 D-60311 Frankfurt am Main Email: VL312000Doku@helaba.de Tel : +49 69 91 32 – 2194 Fax : +49 69 91 32 – 3177
1.26	Additional information on the programme	The Issuer shall update in due time the Information Memorandum in accordance with the legal laws and regulations applicable for rated programmes of NEU CP. <u>Annual update</u> The Issuer shall update each year its Information Memorandum within 45 days following the shareholders' annual general meeting, or the equivalent body, voting on the accounts for the last financial year. <u>Permanent update</u> The Issuer shall immediately update its <i>information</i>

		<ul> <li>memorandum following any change to the NEU CP under this Programme relating to:</li> <li>the maximum amount of its outstanding NEU CP issues;</li> <li>the Issuing and Paying Agent;</li> <li>any new circumstance which may have a significant effect on the NEU CP or on the outcome of the issue programme.</li> </ul>
1.27	Language of the information memorandum which prevails	English

## **2 DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER**

# Article D. 213-9, 2° of the French monetary and financial code and Article 7, 3° of the Order of 30 May 2016 and subsequent amendments

2.1	Legal name	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE
2.2	Legal form/status, governing law of the issuer and competent courts	(HELABA) Legal form/status : Other
		Governing law of the issuer : Monetary financial Institution // Credit institution, investment firm and CDC under the conditions set out in art. L 213-3.1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code
		Additional information regarding the governing law :
		The Issuer, which is a credit institution, was founded in the Federal Republic of Germany as a public law institution. It is incorporated under German public law and is subject to the jurisdictions of the courts of the Federal Republic of Germany. Helaba is a legal entity under public law. Within the scope of the "Single Supervisory Mechanism" (SSM: uniform mechanism for banking supervision in the Eurozone, which other EU countries may join as members on a voluntary basis), Helaba has since November 4, 2014 been subject to direct regulation and supervision by the European Central Bank (" <b>ECB</b> "). The basis for the assumption of direct supervision by the ECB over Helaba is the classification of Helaba as a "significant" institution. In its supervisory function, the ECB is supported by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority ( <i>Bundesanstalt für</i> <i>Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht</i> , " <b>BaFin</b> "), an independent authority with supervisory powers that has granted the Issuer its licence, as well as by Deutsche Bundesbank. In addition, Helaba is subject to state supervision by the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia (Sections 2(1) and 12(1) of the State Treaty).
		Competent courts : Federal Republic of Germany
2.3	Date of incorporation	01/01/1953
2.4	Registered office or equivalent (legal address) and main administrative office	Registered office : Neue Mainzer Str. 52-58 60311 Frankfurt am Main GERMANY
2.5	Registration number, place of registration and LEI	Registration number : Commercial registers of Frankfurt am Main (HRA 29821) and Jena (HRA 102181)
		LEI : DIZES5CFO5K3I5R58746
2.6	Issuer's mission summary	Helaba is a regional bank. The Bank shall in particular perform the functions of a central institution for the savings banks in the Federal States of Hesse, Thuringia and North Rhine-Westphalia and the functions of a municipal bank and a state bank in the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia. The Bank may also assume the functions of a central institution for savings banks in other federal states of Germany. In its capacity as a central institution for savings banks, the Bank shall in particular manage the liquid funds of the savings banks in the federal states specified in sub-section 1 by means of an appropriate investment policy and shall extend appropriate liquidity facilities to the savings banks. It shall also be responsible, in cooperation with the savings banks, for business operations arising from its activities in the aforementioned capacity.

		In its capacity as a municipal bank and state bank, the Bank
		shall conduct the banking operations of local authorities and
		local authority associations, of the Federal States of Hesse and
		Thuringia, of other corporations, institutions and foundations
		under public law and of enterprises associated with them and shall assist them in the realisation of their functions by means of
		its business operations.
		The Bank may perform trustee and public development
		functions for the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia and
		other public authorities. In respect of public development
		schemes, particularly in the fields of housing and urban
		development, industry and commerce, agriculture and
		environmental protection, these functions shall be performed by
		divisions established within the Bank in Hesse and Thuringia in
		accordance with section 8 sub-section 4 of the Treaty on the Formation of a Joint Savings Banks Association Hesse-
		Thuringia.
		The Bank shall operate a Building and Loan Association
		(Bausparkasse), in particular in the Federal States of Hesse and
		Thuringia, in accordance with the provisions of the German Act
		on Building and Loan Associations (Gesetz über
		Bausparkassen). It shall be a legally dependent institution and
		shall be known as "Landesbausparkasse Hessen-Thüringen".
		Separate annual accounts and a management report are to be prepared for the Building and Loan Association.
		The Bank may conduct banking operations of all kinds and also
		perform other services and carry out other transactions
		customary in the banking industry insofar as such banking
		operations and other services and transactions are directly or
		indirectly conducive to achieving the Bank's purposes. Subject
		to this, the Bank may acquire equity holdings, create its own
		independent institutions and acquire and dispose of developed and undeveloped real property and equivalent titles.
		The Bank shall be entitled to issue <i>Pfandbriefe</i> in accordance
		with the German <i>Pfandbrief</i> Act ( <i>Pfandbriefgesetz</i> ) and other
		bonds.
		Within the scope of its functions the Bank may become a
		member of associations and other organisations.
		The Bank's business operations shall be conducted on the basis
		of good commercial practice taking into account general economic considerations and serving the needs of the savings
		banks and municipal authorities. In view of the public nature of
		the Bank's mission, generating profit shall not be the main object
		of its business operations.
		Deposit Protection and Investor Compensation Scheme
		Helaba is a member of the Deposit Protection and Investor
		Compensation Scheme of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (the
		"Scheme"). The aim of the Scheme is to ensure that the member
		institutions themselves are protected, in particular their liquidity and solvency. All savings banks, Landesbanks and home loan
		and solveney. All savings banks, Eandesbanks and home ball and savings associations ( <i>Landesbausparkassen</i> ) are members
		of this Scheme. In accordance with its memorandum and
		articles of association, the Scheme consists of a joint liability
	5	scheme of interconnected assets which are raised by the
		savings banks, the Landesbanks and Central Giro Institutions
		and Landesbausparkassen. In the event of a crisis, liquidity and
		solvency of an institution can be protected by relevant support measures. Institutions affected by the crisis can thus be enabled
		to continue performing their obligations without restrictions.
		In January 2020, the ECB and BaFin informed the German
		Savings Banks Association ( <i>Deutscher Sparkassen- und</i>
		Giroverband, "DSGV") of certain supervisory expectations
	1	regarding further enhancements of DSGV's Institutional
		Protection Scheme based on an audit of the Institutional
		Protection Scheme. At the end of August 2021, the general
		meeting of the members of the DSGV approved a resolution to
		upgrade the joint protection scheme. This implemented the requests of the ECB and BaFin, therefore making the protection
		scheme more efficient. The changes included decision-making
		structures designed to be more effective. In addition, the
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		members declared their willingness in principle to set up an additional fund, the payments into which would be accumulated between 2025 and 2032. It is planned to implement the approved measures in succession over a period of time. In addition, there is the Reserve Fund of the Savings Banks and Giro Association Hesse-Thuringia, of which Helaba has become a member. Supplementing these Reserve Funds, Rheinischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband - (RSGV) and Westfälisch- Lippischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband (SVWL) each have established an additional reserve fund in favour of Helaba within the scope of their share taken in the ordinary capital of Helaba (4.75% each) in 2012. <b>[To be confirmed by Helaba]</b>
2.7	Brief description of current activities	For comparative information on the results of the two last financial periods in the main business areas of Helaba: please refer to pages 95 and 99 to 101 of the 2021 Annual Report. <b>Business Overview</b> Helaba is authorized to perform any kind of banking operations and to render any kind of financial services, with the exception of operating a Multilateral Trading Facility. Helaba serves customers in Germany and other countries as a commercial bank. It works with companies, institutional
		customers, the public sector and municipal corporations. Helaba and the S-Group Sparkassen in Hesse and Thuringia together constitute the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe Hessen- Thüringen, which follows a business model based on economic unity and a joint S-Group rating. Comprehensive co-operation and business agreements have been entered into with the Sparkassen and their associations in North Rhine-Westphalia. In addition, there are sales co-operation agreements with the Sparkassen in Brandenburg. The agreements with the Sparkassen in North Rhine-Westphalia and Brandenburg complement the S-Group Concept of the Sparkassen- Finanzgruppe Hessen-Thüringen, which continues in its current form.
		Helaba administers public-sector development programmes through WIBank in its capacity as the central development institution of the State of Hesse. As legally dependent entity within Helaba, WIBank enjoys a direct statutory guarantee from the State of Hesse as permitted under EU law. WIBank's business activities are guided by the development objectives of the State of Hesse. Helaba also has stakes in a number of other development institutions in Hesse and Thuringia.
		Financing major commercial projects and existing properties is the Bank's particular speciality in the <b>Real Estate segment</b> : office buildings, retail outlets and residential portfolios make up the bulk of its business in this area, although it also provides finance for retail parks and logistics centres. Germany is Helaba's largest individual market in terms of both property location and customer head office. Outside Germany, Helaba provides finance for real estate in established cities/regional centres and for commercial customers. The New York, London, Paris and Stockholm branch offices are all staffed by people who have a thorough knowledge of their local market.
		The <b>Corporates &amp; Markets segment</b> structures and arranges bespoke corporate finance solutions to meet specific customer requirements through its constituent product groups Corporate Loans, Project Finance, Transport Finance, Foreign Trade Finance, Acquisition Finance, Asset Backed Finance, Investment and Leasing Finance and Tax Engineering. Its Public Sector division provides advice and products for municipal authorities and their corporations. The Bank also supports Sparkassen directly – and their customers as well – in the area of finance, including trade finance business. Helaba as well provides payment transactions business through its Cash

Management.

The Corporates & Markets segment additionally covers the range of services associated with the four capital-market-related core functions of risk management, warehousing (including market-making) (warehousing is the act or process of temporary storing particular securities holdings for customers of the Bank), primary market and money market activities. Helaba's sales units provide carefully tailored advice on risk and strategy in these areas to help customers make effective use of capital market products.

In the **Retail and Asset Management segment**, Frankfurter Sparkasse offers a full range of financial services products for private customers, the self-employed, small businesses, corporate customers and public authorities in the Rhine-Main area. As a wholly-owned and fully consolidated subsidiary of Helaba organized under public law, Frankfurter Sparkasse is an important retail bank in the Frankfurt region. Via 1822direkt, Frankfurter Sparkasse also has a presence in the nationwide direct banking market.

Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Schweiz) AG and its wholly owned subsidiary Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Deutschland) AG provide Helaba's products and services for Sparkassen in the Private Banking, Wealth Management and Asset Management segment. Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Deutschland) AG, which operates as the private bank of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe, acquires high-net-worth customers in Germany through Sparkassen in the S-Group with which it has a collaboration agreement. Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft's Family Office complements its range of professional advisory services in connection with all asset-related matters.

Through the legally dependent Landesbausparkasse Hessen-Thüringen (LBS), Helaba operates the home loans and savings business in both Hesse and Thuringia. LBS also helps the Sparkassen market real estate through Sparkassen-Immobilien-Vermittlungs-GmbH.

Helaba Invest Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH is a capital management company active in institutional asset management, administering and managing both securities and real estate. Its product range includes special funds for institutional investors and retail funds as a management and/or advisory portfolio, comprehensive fund management (including reporting and risk management), advice on strategy and support for indirect investments.

The GWH Group holds residential real estate portfolios in Hesse with almost 52,000 residential units under management. It is active in residential real estate project development as well as the management and optimization of residential property portfolios.

Another of the subsidiaries, the OFB Group, provides a full range of services for real estate project development, for land development and for high-value commercial real estate construction and project management with a particular focus on the Rhine-Main region.

The **WIBank segment** is home to the business transacted by Wirtschafts- und Infrastrukturbank Hessen (WIBank).

### Competitive environment

Even though 2021 was again dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, economic output in Germany rose by 2.9 %. Household consumption remained cautious, primarily in relation to services. Consumer spending stagnated following the COVID-19-related slump of 5.9 % in the previous year. Public-sector consumption stabilised, rising by approximately 3 % in 2021. Construction spending only went up marginally, held back by restricted capacity and the shortage of materials and other intermediate products. Supply chain disruption had a particular impact on industry, which was only able to deal with some of the boost in orders. Capital spending on equipment grew by more than 3 %. Foreign trade contributed 0.8 percentage points to the growth. In view of the renewed restrictions imposed in response to the wave of infections caused by the Omicron variant, the first quarter of 2022 is likely to be weak. A recovery is anticipated from the spring onwards, as a result of which economic growth in Germany for the whole of 2022 is projected to reach 3.6 % (with seasonal adjustments).

Overall, the lending portfolio for the narrow Helaba Group companies (comprising Helaba and its subsidiaries Frankfurter Sparkasse, Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Schweiz) AG and Helaba Asset Services Unlimited Company) proved to be stable for the most part in 2021. Heightened risk materialised as a result of rating deteriorations and, to a much lesser extent, default events. Helaba's loss allowances remained well within the budget. Despite government assistance and individual concessions to borrowers to cushion the adverse effects of COVID-19, it is possible 2022 will bring further COVID-19induced loan defaults, depending on how the pandemic evolves.. Appropriate loss allowances are recognised by the Helaba Group to cover default risk. The adequacy of the loss allowances is reviewed regularly and adjustments are made where necessary.

Online banks, high street banks and increasingly non-bank webbased businesses (termed fintech companies or fintechs) too have developed new communication and sales channels in private customer business, in some cases in competition and in other cases in co-operation with one another. To an ever greater extent, attention is now focusing on business with corporate clients, real estate customers and institutional investors as well. Around the globe, blockchain technology is being refined to find new, faster and more cost-effective methods of exchanging data.For some time, derivative platforms enabled currency hedges to be effected using standardised processes, lending portals arrange funding for small and medium-sized corporate customers through banks or directly through institutional investors and banks analyse their customer data in search of more effective ways of offering products. Around the globe. blockchain technology is being refined to find new, faster and more cost-effective methods of exchanging data. These developments are enabling transactions to be initiated and executed in automated processes in accordance with terms and conditions agreed in advance, thus generating associated efficiency gains.

Digitalisation offers advantages for all parties, especially where complex financing structures are involved. Such transactions frequently encompass multiple participants and the interaction between these participants can be simplified and made more efficient by digital solutions. For example, Helaba now processes promissory notes over their whole life cycles entirely by using the vc-trade digital platform. The products supported by this platform in the debt capital markets business are also expanding at pace. Alongside the option to arrange foreign trade finance on a digital basis via solutions such as SmaTiX (Small Ticket Express), there has recently been a greater focus on digital payments based on distributed ledger technology. This presents a huge range of opportunities and challenges, especially for Helaba in its role as one of the most significant payment transaction service providers in Germany and Europe. The latest available technology already enables providers to offer innovative and significantly more efficient payments solutions in B2B transactions by integrating these solutions directly into customer business processes (embedded finance).

In addition to the use of distributed ledger technology for programmable payments, it can also be applied in a huge number of ways in connection with the tokenisation of assets. This enables rights and obligations in respect of virtual and physical assets to be transferred faster and more easily, and simplifies the automated processing of associated contractual obligations. In this way, entities can enhance efficiency, tap into new investor and customer groups, and reduce potential settlement risk. Helaba is currently investigating opportunities across the group for new or extended business approaches. In general, it is fair to say that further sustainability-related opportunities could arise as a consequence of the possibilities afforded by digitalisation. One example is the use of digital sales channels to link investment products with sustainability scores.

Key changes in the regulatory framework were as follows:

# Prudential supervision by the ECB (Single Supervisory Mechanism, "SSM")

The Helaba Regulatory Group (within the meaning of the KWG and the CRR), together with its affiliated subsidiaries Frankfurter Sparkasse and Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Deutschland) AG, is among the banks classified as "significant" and therefore subject to direct supervision by the ECB.

The ECB sent the Helaba Regulatory Group a letter dated 2 February 2022 notifying it of the findings of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP). Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale must, on a consolidated basis, satisfy an SREP total capital requirement of 9.75 % at all times (including an additional capital requirement (Pillar 2) of 1.75 %, which must consist of at least 56.25 % CET1 capital and 75 % Tier 1 capital).

#### EU implementation of Basel IV

On 27 October 2021, the European Commission published its legislative proposals for the amendment of the EU capital requirements regulation (CRR III) and capital requirements directive (CRD VI), whereby the requirements of Basel IV (also known as the finalisation of Basel III) are to be implemented in the EU. Under the proposals, the new rules are scheduled to be applied from 1 January 2025, i.e. two years later than the date proposed by the Basel Committee. The European Commission plans to begin trilogue negotiations with the European Parliament and Council in 2022. As expected, the Commission would like to implement the output floor in the form of a singlestack approach. It aims to retain the five-year transition phase proposed by the Basel Committee for the introduction of the output floor, which means this phase would end on 31 December 2029. For banks that use internal approaches such as the IRB approach, the plan is to set an RWA floor of 72.5 % of the total eligible amount determined in accordance with the regulatory standardised approaches. The output floor will need to be applied only at the highest level of consolidation. The special EU features relating to the support factors for SMEs and infrastructure as well as the exemptions for non-financial counterparties from the CVA charge are retained. The drafts for CRR III and CRD VI now also include provisions relating to ESG risk, covering aspects such as definitions, reporting system, stress testing etc. Helaba regularly takes part in impact studies and factors the results from these studies into its medium-term planning on an ongoing basis. Improvements to the EU banking resolution regime have been published in a separate CRR draft.

### **German Risk Reduction Act**

The German Risk Reduction Act (**RiG**) is an omnibus act in which a total of 13 German acts are revised. The main additions and amendments are being applied to the German Banking Act (*Kreditwesengesetz*, KWG) and the German Recovery and

Resolution Act (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz, SAG).
Most of the RiG provisions came into force in December 2020
and on 28 June 2021; the effective date of the remaining
requirements is 1 January 2023. Any measures that are
necessary at Helaba are being implemented by the relevant
deadlines.

## EU "Action Plan: Financing Sustainable Growth"

June 2021 saw the publication of the final delegated act relating to the economic activities forming the subject matter of the Taxonomy Regulation. This delegated act establishes the technical screening criteria for determining the conditions under which an economic activity qualifies as contributing substantially to climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation (the first two environmental objectives). The delegated act intended to cover environmental objectives three to six is scheduled to appear in the first half of 2022. The final delegated act relating to the disclosure of indicators pursuant to Article 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation came into force in December 2021.

## ECB Guide on climate-related and environmental risks

		In the first half of 2021, the ECB called on banks to carry out a self-assessment based on its recommendations for handling climate -related and environmental risks. Physical and transitory effects of climate-related and environmental risks are also a key area of focus in the supervisory stress tests to be carried out in 2022. Helaba has analysed the need for action arising from the ECB guide and the EU action plan and addressed the requirements as part of its HelabaSustained programme. In 2022, the ECB will also continue to closely supervise the implementation of its expectations with regard to the handling of climate-related and environmental risks and has already announced a thematic review of the procedures and methods used to monitor and control these risks The climate risk stress test planned by the ECB for 2022 was started on 27 January 2022 and the macro-financial scenarios have been published. Banks are scheduled to deliver the first batches of data to the ECB on 7 March 2022 and the aggregated findings are expected to be published on 8 July2022. Minimum Requirements for Risk Management ("MaRisk") On 16 August 2021, the supervisor published the final sixth revision to MaRisk, which primarily implements three sets of EBA guidelines: Guidelines on management of non-performing and forborne exposures of 31 October 2018, Guidelines on outsourcing arrangements of 25 February 2019 and Guidelines on ICT and security risk management of 28 November 2019. Clarifications and further details relating to requirements already in existence had to be implemented immediately upon publication. In the case of new provisions, there was generally an implementation deadline of 31 December 2021 (but 31 December 2022 for outsourcing agreements already in existence or under negotiation). <b>[Section to be confirmed by Helaba]</b>
2.8	Capital	2 509 000 000,00 EUR Decomposition of the capital : As mentioned on pages 97 and 177 of the 2021 Annual Report of the Helaba Group (Appendix II), as at 31 December 2021 the Issuer has a subscribed and fully paid capital of Euro 2,509
		million. The subscribed capital of Euro 2,509 million comprises the share capital of Euro 589 million paid in by the owners in accordance with the Charter and the capital contributions of Euro 1,920 million paid by the Federal State of Hesse.
2.8.1	Amount of capital subscribed and fully paid	2 509 000 000,00 EUR

2.8.2	Amount of capital subscribed and not fully paid	0 EUR
2.9	List of main shareholders	References to the relevant pages of the annual report or reference document : As mentioned on page 178 of the 2021 Annual Report of the Helaba Group, as at 31 December 2021 the share capital of the Issuer was split as follows : Shareholders :
		Sparkassen-und Giroverband Hessen-Thüringen (68.85 %) State of Hesse (8.10 %)
2.10	Regulated markets on which the shares or debt securities of the issuer are listed	Not applicable
2.11	Composition of governing bodies and supervisory bodies	References to the relevant pages of the annual report where the composition of governing bodies and supervisory bodies is provided :
		The composition of the corporate bodies appear on pages 302 to 307 of the 2021 Annual Report of the Helaba Group
		Sven Ansorg, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Ursula Schmitt, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Jens Druyen, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Petra Barz, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Nicole Gerhold, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Hans-Jörg Heidtkamp, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Thomas Buchmayer, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Ute Opfer, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dr. Sascha Ahnert, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dr.Annette Beller, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Christian Blechschmidt, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Günter Högner, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Oliver Klink, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Uwe Schmidt, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Wolfgang Schuster, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dr. Heiko Wingenfeld, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Frank Lortz, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Michael Boddenberg, Second Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board
		Dr. Hartmut Schubert, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dr. Birgit Roos, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dr. Karl-Peter Schackmann-Fallis, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Arnd Zinnhardt, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Thorsten Derlitzki, Fourth Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory

Board
Frank Beck, Member of the Supervisory Board
Gerhard Grandke, Member of the Supervisory Board
Dr.Werner Henning, First Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board
Reinhard Faulstich, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Andreas Bausewein, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Jürgen Schüdde, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Wilhelm Bechtel, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Martin Bayer, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Stefan Hastrich, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Hans-Georg Dorst, Member of the Supervisory Board
Anita Schneider, Member of the Supervisory Board
Alexander Hetjes, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
André Schellenberg, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Tarek Al-Wazir, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Sigrid Erfurth, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Dr. Werner Pidde, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Karin-Brigitte Göbel, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Dr. h. c. Sven-Georg Adenauer, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Michael Bräuer, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Katja Elsner, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
Thorsten Kiwitz, Member of the Supervisory Board
Christiane Kutil-Bleibaum, Member of the Supervisory Board
Annette Langner, Member of the Supervisory Board
Susanne Noll, Member of the Supervisory Board
Jürgen Pilgenröther, Member of the Supervisory Board
Birgit Sahliger-Rasper, Member of the Supervisory Board
Thomas Sittner, Member of the Supervisory Board
Claus Kaminsky, Chairman of the Board of Public Owners
Michael Breuer, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Owners
Ingo Buchholz, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Owners
Dr. Karl-Peter Schackmann-Fallis, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Owners
Heike Taubert, Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Public Owners
Dieter Bauhaus, Member of the Board of Public Owners

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		Michael Bott, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Volker Bouffier, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Guido Braun, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Prof. Dr. Liane Buchholz, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Martina Feldmayer, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Gerhard Grandke, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Ulrich Krebs, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Thomas Müller, Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Stefan Reuß, Chairman of the Supervisory Board and Member of the Board of Public Owners
		Klaus Moßmeier, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dr. Hagen Pfeiffer, Member of the Supervisory Board
		Frank Matiaske, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Annette Theil-Deininger, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Winfried Becker, Deputy Member of the Supervisory Board
		Dieter Zimmermann, Member of the Board of Public Owners
2.12	Accounting method for consolidated accounts (or failing that, for the annual accounts)	Accounting method for consolidated accounts : IFRS
		Accounting method for annual accounts : German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB)
2.13	Accounting year	Starting on 01/01 ending on 31/12
2.13.1	Date of the last general annual meeting of shareholders (or equivalent thereof) which has ruled on the last financial year accounts	25/03/2022
2.14	Fiscal year	Starting on 01/01 ending on 31/12
2.15	Auditors of the issuer, who have audited the issuer's annual accounts	
2.15.1	Auditors	Holder(s) : Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart, Office Eschborn/Frankfurt am Main, Mergenthalerallee 3-5 65760 Eschborn
2.15.2	Auditors report on the accuracy of the accounting and financial information	The Auditor's opinions appear on: •Page 290 of the 2021 Annual Report of the Helaba Group •Page 133 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report of Helaba •Page 296 of the 2020 Annual Report of the Helaba Group •Page 129 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report of Helaba
2.16	Other equivalent programmes of the issuer	The Issuer has a EUR 10 billion – Commercial Paper, Certificate of Deposit Programme and a USD 5 billion – Commercial Paper Programme. [To be confirmed by Helaba]
2.17	Rating of the issuer	MOODY'S :
		STANDARD AND POOR'S INTERNATIONAL :
		FITCH RATINGS :
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2.18		As mentioned on page 104 of the 2021 Annual Report of the Helaba Group (Appendix II), the consolidated financial statements of the Helaba Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 have been prepared pursuant to Section 315a (1) of the German Commercial Code ( <i>Handelsgesetzbuch</i> , HGB) and Regulation (EC) No. 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 July 2002 (IAS Regulation) in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and adopted by the European Union (EU).
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# 3. CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION

Articles D. 213-5 et D. 213-9, 4° of the French monetary and financial code and subsequent amendments

Certification of information of the issuer LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA)		
3.1	Person(s) responsible for the information memorandum concerning the programme of LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA), NEU CP for the issuer	Mr Andreas Möller, Middle Office Clerk , LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA)
3.2	Declaration of the person(s) responsible for the information memorandum concerning the programme of LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE (HELABA), NEU CP for the issuer	To the best of my knowledge, the information provided by the issuer in the financial documentation, including the French summary (if relevant) is accurate, precise and does not contain any omissions likely to affect its scope or any false or misleading information
3.3	Date (dd/mm/yyyy), place of signature, signature	

### 4. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S REQUEST OF THE STEP LABEL

An application for a STEP label for this Programme will be made to the STEP Secretariat in relation to the Notes eligible under the STEP Market Convention. Information as to whether the STEP label has been granted for this Programme in relation to such Notes may be made available on the STEP market website (initially www.stepmarket.org). This website is not sponsored by the Issuer and the Issuer is not responsible for its content or availability. Unless otherwise specified in this Information Memorandum, the expressions "STEP", "STEP Market Convention", "STEP label", "STEP Secretariat", and "STEP market website" shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Market Convention on Short-Term European Paper dated 19 May 2015 and adopted by the European Money Markets Institute and Euribor-ACI (as amended from time to time).

APPENDICES Further to articles D.213-9 of the French monetary and financial code and L.232-23 of the French commercial code, financial information mentioned in Article D213-9 of the French monetary and financial code should be made available to any person upon request				
Appendice 1	Documents available to the shareholders annual general meeting or the equivalent <sup>2</sup>	Annual general meeting 2022 Annual report for the financial year ended 31/12/2021 Social accounts for the financial year ended 31/12/2021		
		Annual general meeting 2021 Social accounts for the financial year ended 31/12/2020 Annual report for the financial year ended 31/12/2020		
Appendice 2	Annual report Year 2022	https://www.helaba.com/media/docs/int/investor-relations/ publications/annual-reports/annual-reports-2021/annual-re port-2021.pdf		
Appendice 3	Annual report Year 2021	https://www.helaba.com/media/docs/int/informations-for/in vestors/publications/annual-reports/annual-reports-2020/a nnual-report-2020-under-ifrs.pdf		
Appendice 4	Social accounts Year 2022	https://www.helaba.com/media/docs/int/investor-relations/ publications/annual-reports/annual-reports-2021/annual-fi nancial-report-2021.pdf		
Appendice 5	Social accounts Year 2021	https://www.helaba.com/media/docs/int/informations-for/in vestors/publications/annual-reports/annual-reports-2020/a nnual-financial-report-2020-under-hgb.pdf		