

## SECOND PARTY OPINION (SPO)





Sustainability Quality of the Issuer and Green Financing Framework as of May 10, 2024

## ČEZ GROUP GREEN FINANCING INSTRUMENTS



### PRINCIPLES ALIGNMENT

#### ALIGNMENT WITH ICMA GREEN BOND PRINCIPLES & LMA GREEN LOAN PRINCIPLES

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| 1. Use of Proceeds                              |  |
| 2. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection |  |
| 3. Management of Proceeds                       |  |
| 4. Reporting                                    |  |

**ALIGNED**



### SDG CONTRIBUTION & ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

#### CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND ESG RISK MANAGEMENT

**Obstruction**

**No Net Impact**

**Contribution**



**POSITIVE**

The environmental and social risks associated with the use of proceeds categories are managed.



### EU TAXONOMY

#### ALIGNMENT WITH EU TAXONOMY

- Aligned with the Transition to a Circular Economy Criteria (3.3)
- Aligned with the Climate Change Mitigation Criteria (4.28,4.29,4.30,4.31)
- Aligned with the Do No Significant Harm Criteria (3.3,4.28,4.29,4.30,4.31)
- Aligned with the Minimum Social Safeguards requirements (3.3,4.28,4.29,4.30,4.31)



### CONSISTENCY WITH ISSUER'S SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

#### SUSTAINABILITY PROFILE & STRATEGY

ČEZ's issuance of sustainability financing instruments directly supports the Group's targets to decarbonize its operations. The expenditures financed through ČEZ's Framework support ČEZ's initiatives such as increasing the capacity of installed renewable energy sources, increasing the energy efficiency of its operations, and reducing the emissions intensity of its operations through divesting from existing coal power plants.

**CONSISTENT**

We find that the key sustainability objectives and the rationale for issuing green financing instruments are clearly described by ČEZ. All the project categories financed are in line with the sustainability objectives of the Issuer.

Our SPOs provide Green, Social, and Sustainability bond issuers with a credible and independent assessment of the sustainability quality of their bonds.

Our evaluation is valid as long as there is no material change to the framework. We have not identified any severe controversy in which the Issuer would be involved.