

# INDEX GUIDELINE

*Solactive EUR Ultra-Short diversified Bond ESG  
Index*

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## INTRODUCTION

This document (the "GUIDELINE") is to be used as a guideline with regard to the composition, calculation and maintenance of the Solactive EUR Ultra-Short diversified Bond ESG Index (the "INDEX"). Any amendments to the rules made to the GUIDELINE are approved by the OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE as specified in the Bond Index Methodology. The INDEX is owned, calculated, administered and published by Solactive AG ("SOLACTIVE") assuming the role as administrator (the "INDEX ADMINISTRATOR") under the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the "BENCHMARK REGULATION" or "BMR"). The name "Solactive" is trademarked.

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## 1. INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

### 1.1. SCOPE OF THE INDEX

The index aims to track the performance of short-term high grade bonds in the Euro area meeting minimum ESG criteria. Relevant Sovereign, Supranational and Agency debt (Bonds, Bills, Commercial Papers and Certificate of Deposits) denominated in EUR with a maximum TIME TO MATURITY of 6 months is represented.

### 1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	RIC	BBG ticker
Solactive EUR Ultra-Short diversified Bond ESG Index	DE000SLODSM5	EUR	TR	.SOLEUESG	SOLEUESG

\*TR means that the INDEX is calculated as Total Return index as described in the Bond Index Methodology, which is available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/>



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Any publication in relation to the INDEX (e.g. notices, amendments to the GUIDELINE) will be available at the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR: <https://www.solactive.com/news/announcements/>.

### 1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on the LIVE DATE is 1000.

### 1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The INDEX is calculated and distributed once every BUSINESS DAY based on the PRICE CONVENTION of the INDEX COMPONENTS. Bonds added in a rebalancing are included in the INDEX at the LAST EVALUATED ASK PRICE on the relevant REBALANCE DAY. Bonds which are excluded from the INDEX in a rebalance are reflected in the calculation of the INDEX level for the REBALANCE DAY at the LAST EVALUATED BID PRICE on the relevant REBALANCE DAY. Index analytical values are calculated each BUSINESS DAY using the LAST EVALUATED MID PRICE based on FIXING TIME. Prices of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the WM Fixing by Reuters.

## 2. INDEX SELECTION

On each SELECTION DAY, all bonds which meet the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS are eligible for inclusion in the INDEX and will be added as INDEX COMPONENT on the REBALANCE DAY. Additionally, on each SELECTION DAY, it will be evaluated whether all current INDEX COMPONENTS still meet the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS. Each INDEX COMPONENT that does not meet the INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS will be removed from the INDEX on the next REBALANCE DAY.

### 2.1. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

The initial composition of each INDEX, as well as any selection for a rebalance (as specified in Section 3) is determined using the following rules:

- Sovereign, Supranational and Agency Bonds, Bills, Commercial Papers and Certificate of Deposits denominated in EUR.
- Country of risk should be the EMU member countries.



- The minimum amount outstanding should be at least EUR 100 Million.
- The maximum TIME TO MATURITY should be 6 months from the REBALANCE DATE.
- Pay in kind bonds, ABS, repackaged bonds, floating rate bonds, convertible bonds, MBS, inflation linked bonds, flat trading, hybrid and defaulted bonds are excluded.
- The index is divided into two starting universes.
  - Sovereign part.
    - Sovereign part is filled from the Solactive EMU Sovereign Bond TR Index (.SOLEMUS) index. Select the top 50% bonds by market value weights, ordered by best to worst country risk ratings for the Sovereign bonds.
  - Supranational and Agency part.
    - Issuers that rank within the highest 75 percentile based on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) risk ratings within the Supranational and Agency securities universe, their issues are included.
    - Newly issued securities will be considered from issuers already present in the index, as they are part of the top 80th percentile in terms of ESG risk ratings. Existing issuers' securities that no longer rank within the top 80th percentile based on ESG risk ratings will be omitted.
- For European Union, the risk rating is calculated as the weighted average of EU member countries budget contributions and their country risk ratings.
- Country Risk Ratings and ESG risk ratings must be available for the issuers.
- The Supranational and Agency bonds, Bills, Commercial Papers and Certificate of Deposits should be compliant as an assessment status based on Global Standards Screening for good governance screening.
- Exclude the issuers with only one bond.
- A price of the PRICING PROVIDER must be available on SELECTION DATE.

The determination of the INDEX COMPONENTS is fully rule-based and the Solactive has no discretion.

## 2.2. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each SELECTION DAY each INDEX COMPONENT is weighted as given below which is based on the PRICE CONVENTION FOR WEIGHTING and accrued interest as on the SELECTION DAY in order to achieve the aim of the INDEX.



- The sovereign bonds are market weighted (taken from the .SOLEMUS index as top 50% cumulative market weight) and scaled to 70% of the overall index.
- The Supranational and Agency component is equal weighted by the issuer which is scaled to 30% of the overall index.

### 3. ORDINARY REBALANCE

In order to reflect the new selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS determined on the SELECTION DAY (in accordance with Section 2.1) the INDEX is adjusted on the REBALANCE DAY after CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

For more information on the rebalance procedure please refer to the Bond Index Methodology, which is incorporated by reference and available on the SOLACTIVE website: <https://www.solactive.com/documents/bond-index-methodology/>.

SOLACTIVE will publish any changes made to the INDEX COMPONENTS with sufficient notice before the REBALANCE DAY on the SOLACTIVE webpage.

### 4. CORPORATE ACTIONS

As part of the INDEX maintenance SOLACTIVE will consider various events – also referred to as corporate actions – which result in an adjustment to the INDEX between two regular REBALANCE DAYS. Such events have a material impact on the price, weighting or overall integrity of INDEX COMPONENTS. Therefore, they need to be accounted for in the calculation of the INDEX. Adjustments to the INDEX to account for corporate actions will be made in compliance with the Bond Index Methodology.



## 5. DEFINITIONS

"BENCHMARK REGULATION" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"BMR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"BUSINESS DAY" is with respect to the INDEX each day Monday to Friday except the following common European banking and SIFMA holidays.

"CLOSE OF BUSINESS" is a time stamp when an INDEX is calculated.

"GUIDELINE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX ADMINISTRATOR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX CALCULATOR" is SOLACTIVE or any other appropriately appointed successor in this function.

"INDEX COMPONENT" is each bond reflected in the INDEX.

"INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.1.

"INDEX CURRENCY" is the currency specified in the column "Currency" in the table in Section 1.2.

"ISSUER" is the issuing entity of the respective bond.

"LIVE DATE" is 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

"OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" shall have the meaning as defined in the Bond Index Methodology.

"PRICING PROVIDER" is Intercontinental Exchange

"REBALANCE DAY" is last BUSINESS DAY of the month.

"SELECTION DAY" is 7 BUSINESS DAYS before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY, disregarding any potential change of the REBALANCE DAY

"SOLACTIVE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

Please note that the definitions included in the Bond Index Methodology apply to this guideline. In case of a discrepancy, the definition presented in the guidelines should prevail.



## 6. HISTORY OF INDEX CHANGES

Version	Date	Description
1.0	<i>06 December 2023</i>	Index Guideline creation ( <i>initial version</i> )
1.1	<i>10 January 2024</i>	Exclusion of Supranational and Agency issuers' with only one bond.
1.2	<i>12 January 2024</i>	Exclusion of government bonds' issuers with only one bond.
1.3	<i>13 February 2024</i>	Modify exclusion criteria for the new additions.
1.4	<i>24 April 2024</i>	Corrected and rephrased a point in the inclusion and exclusion criteria.



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