

Report of the Supervisory Board

In compliance with the tasks imposed on it by the law, the Statutes and the Public Corporate Governance Code, the Supervisory Board monitored the proper conduct of the business and obtained regular reports on the latest business developments and the risk situation in the fiscal year 2022. It discussed and approved all transactions requiring its approval in accordance with legal or statutory provisions and addressed important matters of business policy in detail.

In continuation of the discussions of the previous year, these included in particular matters relating to digitalisation and sustainability. Moreover, the Supervisory Board addressed the effects of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the severe weather events in North Rhine-Westphalia and the Russia-Ukraine conflict on the risk position and the promotional activities of NRW.BANK. Last but not least, the Supervisory Board dealt with the evaluation of NRW.BANK's Managing Board and with its self-evaluation.

The Executive and Nomination Committee prepared the meetings of the Supervisory Board and the Board of Guarantors. It furthermore decided on the budget for NRW.BANK's corporate citizenship activities.

The Remuneration Committee primarily supervised the appropriateness of the remuneration systems for the Managing Board and the employees of NRW.BANK.

The Risk Committee mainly assisted the Supervisory Board in monitoring the Bank's risk situation and monitored the effectiveness of the risk management system. Special emphasis was placed on the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The Promotional Committee primarily discussed the various aspects of the promotional policy and the promotional business, also with a view to the specific promotional activities regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and the severe weather events.

The Building Committee monitored and assisted in NRW.BANK's planned new building project in Düsseldorf, Haroldstraße 5 (H5).

In accordance with regulatory requirements and the provisions in the Statutes, the Supervisory Board addressed the business, promotional and risk strategy for the years 2023 to 2026, which had previously been discussed by the Promotional Committee and the Risk Committee.

The principles of the business, promotional and risk policies were submitted for approval to the Board of Guarantors, which is the competent body under the Bank's Statutes. At its meeting on December 5, 2022, the Board of Guarantors acted on the proposed resolutions.

The Audit Committee mainly supervised the accounting process, the performance of the audit as well as the independence of the auditor. It also approved the permissible non-audit services.

Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft carried out the audit of the financial statements for 2022 and the management report and issued an unqualified audit opinion.

The Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee formed from among its members discussed in detail the financial statements of NRW.BANK and the report of the external auditors on the results of their audits. Following the final result of the audit, they raised no objections.

At its meeting on March 13, 2023, the Supervisory Board approved the financial statements and the management report established by the Managing Board and proposed that the Board of Guarantors approve the financial statements for the year 2022. The Non-Financial Report 2022 was subjected to a voluntary review to obtain limited assurance by Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft and deemed lawful and appropriate in light of the result of the audit. As in the previous years, no consolidated financial statements were prepared for the year 2022, as the Bank is not obliged to do so under commercial law.

The Supervisory Board held five meetings in the fiscal year. Another 20 meetings were held by the Committees composed of the members of the Supervisory Board; the Executive and Nomination Committee held five meetings, the Risk Committee held four meetings, the Audit Committee held two meetings, the Promotional Committee held four meetings, the Building Committee held four meetings and the Remuneration Committee held one meeting. Some resolutions were passed by way of written votes.

Governmental control over NRW.BANK continues to be exercised by the Ministry of the Interior of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, with respect to public housing promotion in cooperation with the Ministry responsible for housing. The purpose of this control was to ensure the lawfulness of the activities of NRW.BANK.

The formation of the new North Rhine-Westphalian government in June 2022 also led to changes in the composition of NRW.BANK's bodies. Among other things, the chair of the Supervisory Board passed to me with effect from August 9, 2022. The Supervisory Board of NRW.BANK would like to thank the members who resigned from this body, especially Prof. Dr. Pinkwart, former Minister of State and former Chairman of the Supervisory Board, for the constructive work in the further development of NRW.BANK as the promotional bank for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

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