

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 2020. 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.

The Supervisory Board dealt with the evaluation of NRW.BANK's Managing Board and with its self-evaluation. It also repeatedly addressed digitisation and sustainability issues. In addition, the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on NRW.BANK's risk situation and promotion activities were discussed.

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. A special focus in this context was also placed on the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Promotional Committee primarily addressed various aspects of the promotional policy and the promotional business, also against the background of the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

In accordance with regulatory requirements and the provisions in the Statutes, the Supervisory Board addressed the business, promotional and risk strategy for the years 2021 to 2024, 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 7, 2020, the Board of Guarantors acted on the proposed resolution.

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

2020 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.

At its meeting on March 15, 2021, 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 2020. The Non-Financial Report 2020 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 2020, as the Bank is not obliged to do so under commercial law.

The Supervisory Board held four meetings and passed one resolution by written vote in the fiscal year. Another 15 meetings were held by the Committees composed of the members of the Supervisory Board; the Executive and Nomination Committee held four meetings, the Risk Committee held four meetings, the Audit Committee held two meetings, the Promotional Committee

held four meetings and the Remuneration Committee held one meeting. In addition, the Executive and Nomination Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Promotional Committee and the Risk Committee each passed one resolution by written vote.

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.

Düsseldorf/Münster, March 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Pinkwart', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart
Chairman of the Supervisory Board