



PRESS RELEASE

The Slovak Republic EUR 1 billion 4.000% Eurobond due 19 October 2032

On October 12, 2022, the Slovak Republic, rated A2 (neg) / A+ (neg) / A (neg) by Moody's / S&P / Fitch, successfully returned to the international capital markets for the first time this year with a €1bn 10-year Reg S Only bond offering that priced at a re-offer spread of MS+70bps, resulting in a 4.084% p.a. yield and allowing the issuer to set the coupon at 4.000% p.a. at a price of 99.322%.

Citi, J.P. Morgan, Slovenska sporitelna (Erste Group) and Tatra banka (Raiffeisen Bank International Group) are acting as Joint Bookrunners on the transaction.

Having carefully monitored the markets, the Slovak Republic, took advantage of a short window available this week, ahead of US CPI release on Thursday, by announcing their intention to enter the markets with a EUR benchmark 10-year Reg S Only at 15:15 CEST on October 11, subject to market conditions.

Having received initial supportive feedback and IOIs from investors over the course of the afternoon, the Republic decided to proceed with opening of the books and released Guidance of "MS+85bps area" the following morning at 09:02 CEST on October 12.

The offering attracted support from the outset, with books promptly oversubscribed and in excess of €2.75bn (excluding JLM interest), allowing the issuer to swiftly set the transaction size at the desired €1bn and tighten the re-offer spread down to "MS+70bps" at 11:17 CEST.

The final orderbook peaked in excess of €3.9bn (excluding JLM interest) with orders from 121 investors. 55% of the allocations went to banks and financial institutions, 26% to asset and fund managers, 14% to Central Banks/Official institutions and the remainder 5% to Pension & Insurance funds. In terms of geography, Central European investors took 27% of the offering, German, Austrian & Switzerland together had 24%, Benelux 16%, France 13%, Norway 9%, UK & Ireland 7%, Italy and Spain 2%, Denmark 1% and Asia the remainder 1%.

The offering achieved the largest Euro-denominated orderbook for a single tranche transaction in Euros by a CEE issuer this year and achieved a notable tightening of 15bps from Guidance to re-offer, representing a vote of confidence in the Slovak Republic by global investors.

Pricing Terms

Issuer:	The Slovak Republic acting through the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, represented by the Agentúra pre riadenie dlhu a likvidity („Debt and Liquidity Management Agency“).
Ratings:	A2 negative (Moody's) A+ negative (S&P) A negative (Fitch)
Joint Bookrunners	Citi, J.P. Morgan, Slovenská sporiteľňa (Erste Group), Tatrabanka (RBI Group)
Issue:	ŠD 244
Format:	Reg S
Principal Amount:	EUR 1 billion
Pricing Date:	12 October 2022
Settlement Date:	19 October 2022
Maturity Date:	19 October 2032
Coupon:	4.000% p.a., Annual, payable each 19 October
Reoffer spread vs. MS:	+70 bps
Reoffer Yield:	4.084% p.a.
Reoffer Price:	99.322%
Listing:	Bratislava Stock Exchange
Governing Law:	Slovak law