

# Sustainable Bonds in the Netherlands



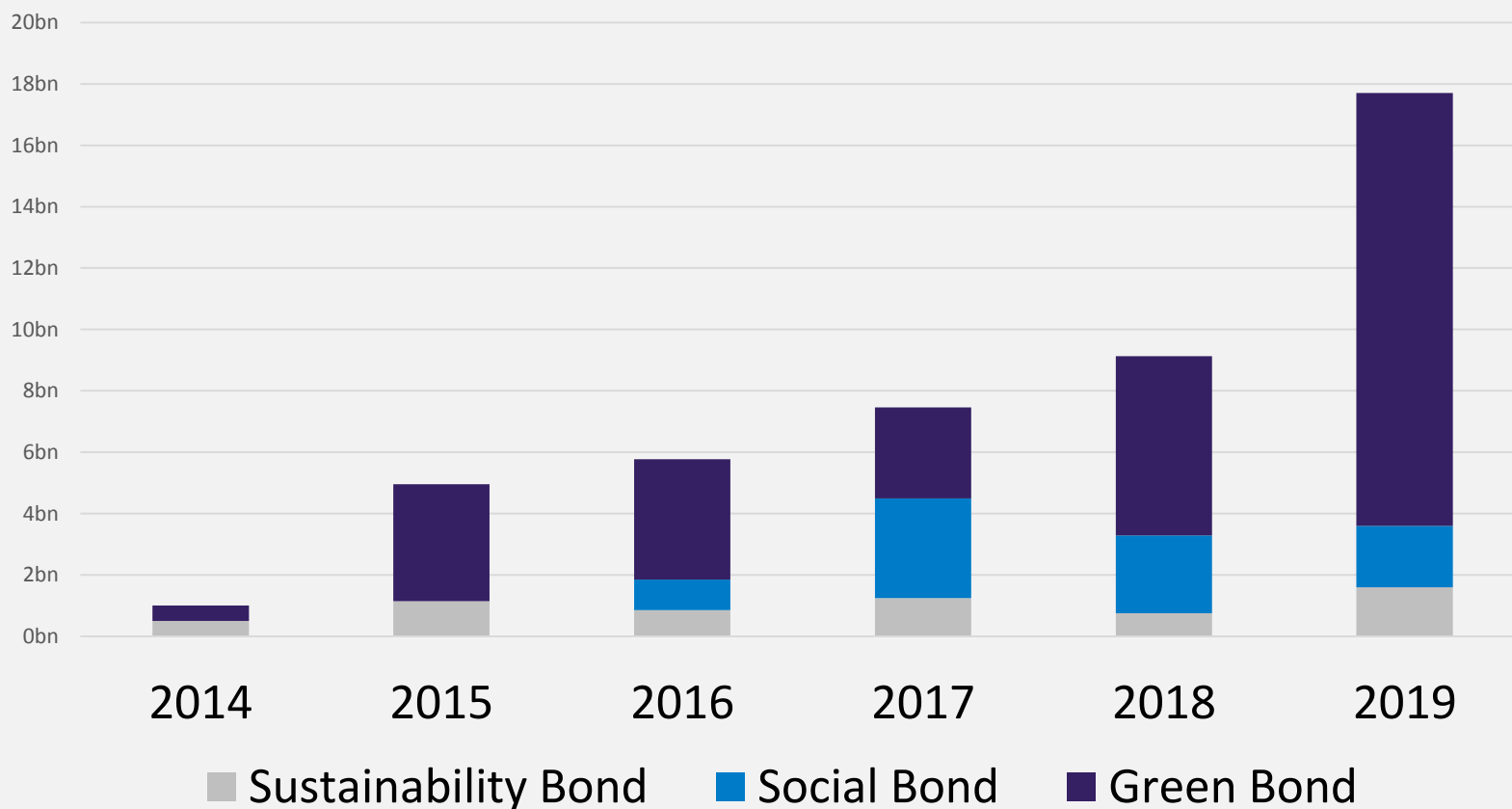
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# Exploration Dutch Sustainable Bond Market

- Desk research
- Data analysis
- Interviews with market participants
- Output
  - External report\*
  - Position paper with AMF\*\*
  - Feedback on EU proposals
  - Internal recommendations
- [\\*https://www.afm.nl/en/professionals/nieuws/2020/april/groei-obligatiemarkt](https://www.afm.nl/en/professionals/nieuws/2020/april/groei-obligatiemarkt)
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# High growth market

Nominal amount by type of issue year (€billion)



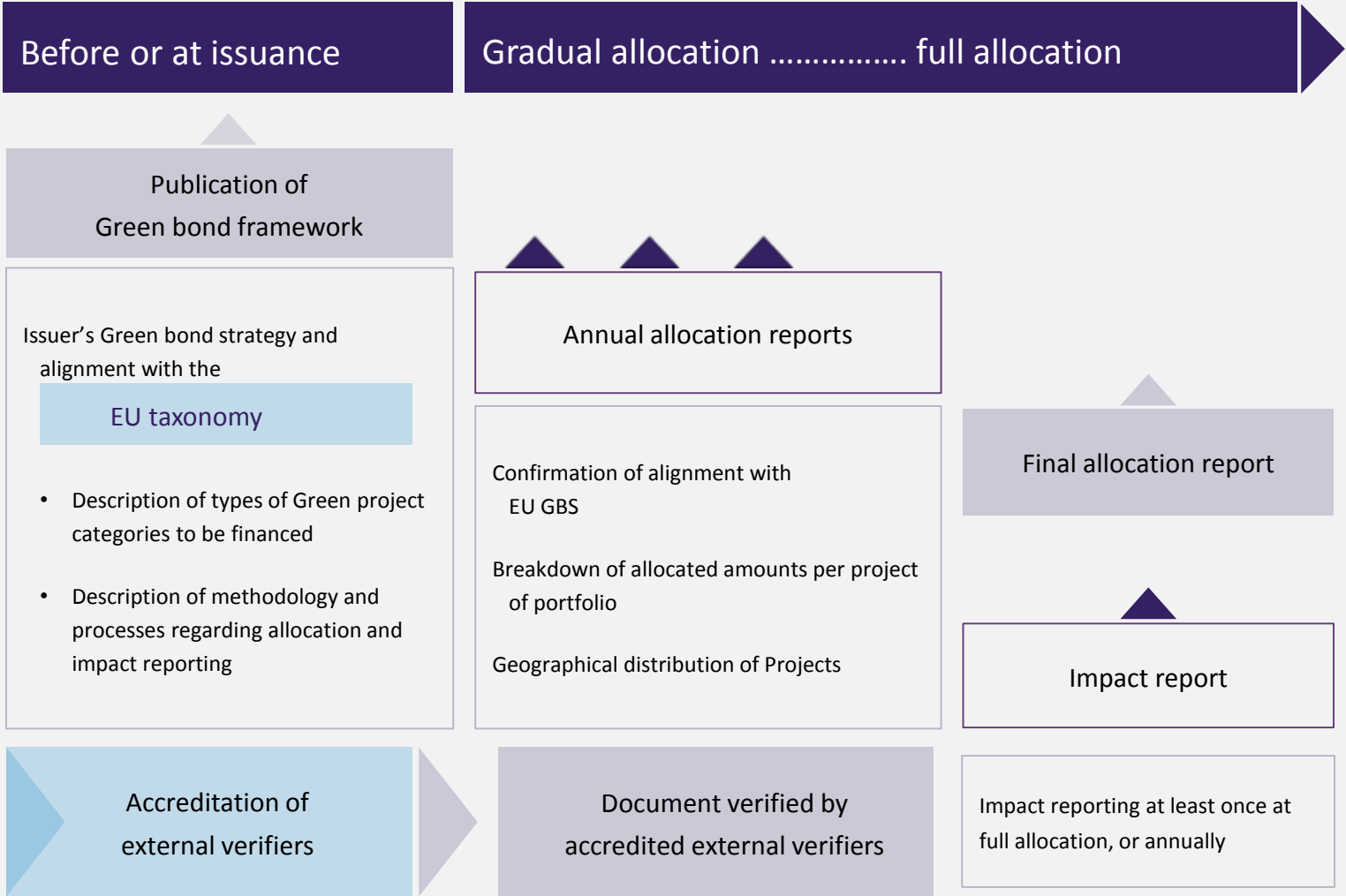
# Growth expected to continue

- **Transition into a sustainable economy**
- **Large investments needed**
- **Increasing demand from investors**
- **Issuers transition into a more sustainable business model**

# More transparency would benefit this market

- **No clear and mandatory standard yet**
- **Objective criteria would limit risk of greenwashing**
- **EU Green bond standard would reduce risk and fuel growth**
- **Transparency on ESG ratings will become even more relevant**
- **Standardised verification programme/accreditation (see EU GBS)**
- **Reporting on non-financial information could be more specific**

# Draft EU Green Bond Standard



# Implications for AFM supervision

- **Prospectus: more transparency concerning Use of Proceeds, allocation and impact reporting**
- **Non-financial information as part of supervision of financial reporting**
- **Timely disclosure of inside information**
- **Monitor new regulatory developments and contribute to ESMA, IOSCO,...**

# Questions

