

# Corporate ESG Rating Certificate for Iccrea Banca

This certificate incorporates the correction of an error by Moody's ESG Solutions in relation to the sustainability rating delivered on 17 December 2021 to Gruppo Bancario Cooperativo Iccrea. Other than the sustainability rating, all other information contained in the certificate issued on 17 December 2021 remains valid and correct. The corrected certificate was issued on 16 March 2022. The corrected certificate is effective as of 17 December 2021, the date of the original certificate.

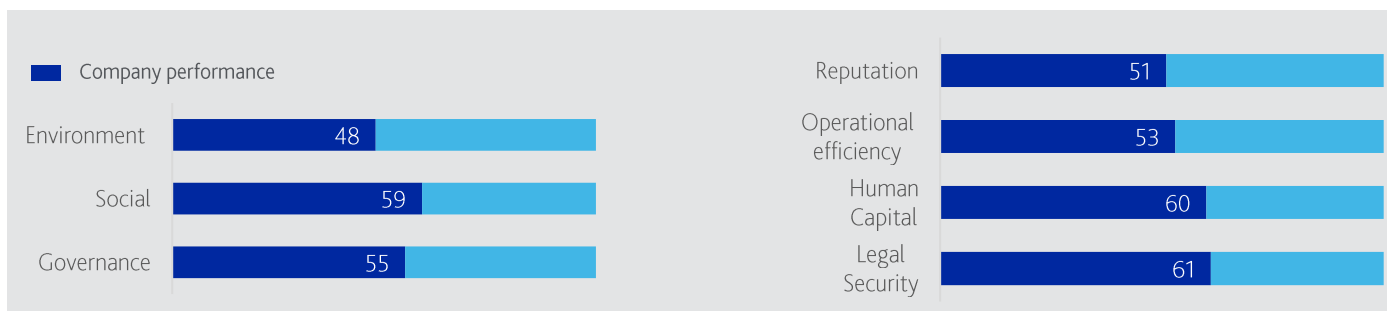
Iccrea Banca has solicited us to conduct an independent ESG and sustainability rating.

As of December 2021, Iccrea Banca obtains an A2 rating, based on an overall score of 56/100. The company displays good capacity and willingness to integrate ESG factors into its strategy, operations and risk management, with advanced performance on managing risk related to legal security and human capital, and robust performance with respect to operational efficiency and reputation.



*Preliminary note:* We assessed Iccrea Banca at its request in line with our standard rating methodology. This assessment results in an absolute score of 56/100. Since Iccrea Banca is not part of our listed issuers universe, this assessment, which benefits from an active dialogue with the company, is not presented in a ranking against these other listed companies, as they may not have benefited from such dialogue. Therefore, the relative A2 Rating serves an indicative purpose only.

## ESG AND RISKS MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE (../100)



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

**Impacts:** Iccrea displays a limited energy transition score. While the group has increased the number of its financing products dedicated to environmental projects and related activities, its focus on sustainable finance remains recent and limited. Iccrea's value creation performance benefits mainly from the bank's defining and traditional strategic focus on SMEs.

**Risks:** Iccrea's risk management system appears to cover some of the most material ESG risks. The company displays robust capacity to safeguard and enhance its reputation and operational efficiency, while advanced scores are observed on factors that could affect its legal security and human capital cohesion.

**Management:** Iccrea shows the intention to proactively integrate ESG factors into its strategy and operations. Its approach is supported by wide-ranging commitments in most categories. However, means and processes do not always extend beyond regulator's requirements to address some of the material challenges. The absence of controversies strengthens nonetheless our assurance on the company's management of its main CSR issues.

This issuer-solicited sustainability rating was produced using research about Iccrea from our database as well as interviews with six Company's managers and directors and one employee representative, conducted from 18/11/2021 to 19/11/2021.

Our 20 pages assessment report was delivered on 17/12/2021, covering 6 domains and 20 sustainability drivers. It is structured around 3 key pillars:

1. The social and environmental impacts of Iccrea Banca's products and services, its strategy for the future, and its ability to invest in and create sustainable value;
2. Iccrea Banca's capacity to identify and mitigate its ESG risks and to preserve and increase the value of its strategic assets (including reputation, human capital, operational efficiency and legal security);
3. The strategic and operational integration of social responsibility topics in Iccrea Banca's governance, operations and reporting, including the balance and dynamics of stakeholder relationships.

Our analysis aims to inform investors, asset managers and other relevant stakeholders of the nature, weighting and level of integration of ESG factors by Iccrea Banca, as well as its ability to identify and mitigate related risks.

Gruppo Bancario Cooperativo Iccrea was entered into the Register of Italian Banking Groups in January 2019. It results from an agreement between Cooperative Credit Banks. Iccrea Banca is the parent company of Group Bancario Cooperativo. Iccrea provides banking and financial services through three main business lines, namely Retail (accounting for more than 90% of net interest income), Corporate and Institutional Banking.

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