



An impact-oriented group of commercial banks for MSMEs and private clients in South Eastern and Eastern Europe

Capital Markets Day, 21 March 2024



Today's agenda

13.00	ProCredit strategy and impact update followed by Q&A
	Strategic update Hubert Spechtenhauser
	ProCredit impact Dr Gian Marco Felice
	Positioning and growth Eriola Bibolli
	Profitability Christian Dagrosa
15.00	Break
15.30	Round table 'ProCredit on the ground'
	ProCredit Banks Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo and Ukraine
16.30	Conclusion of event



A. Strategic update

Hubert Spechtenhauser, Chairman of the management board

- B. ProCredit impact
- C. Positioning and growth
- D. Profitability





Strategic update | what's new?

Broadened ProCredit footprint for enhanced positive impact



Positioning

- Broadened and sharpened impact definition
- Universal bank for MSME and PI clients
- Strengthened position as attractive bank for retail clients



Growth

- Attain critical size and strong SME market position in each country
- Substantially grow # of clients (50% in SME; 150% in PI)
- Loan portfolio > EUR 10bn

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# Profitability

- Improved balance sheet structure with more granularity of assets & liabilities
- Investments in staff, IT & marketing to enable operating leverage & scaling effects
- Enhance medium-term RoE to 13 – 14%



Raison d'être

As a development-oriented commercial banking group, we strive to balance financial sustainability with comprehensive positive impact of our business on the economies, environment and societies of our countries of operation



responsibility towards the societies in which we operate

Ethical behaviour

Cultivate professionalism and integrity among staff

respect to all fellow human beings

#### social justice

protecting the environment

fostering democracy and free speech

# Positive contribution to ESG transition in our countries

### Social impact





**KPIs** 





Green lending Net zero



# ProCredit regional focus in context of EU accession



Intact and strong GDP growth outlook for SEE/EE of 3.8%

(p.a. in 2025-28 vs. 1.6% for Euro area)



### Continued EU accession

(currently 8 countries status as candidates for EU membership)



#### >€100bn IFI investment into SEE/EE

(EIB and EBRD, cumulative until 2022)



ProCredit is focused on an **attractive and highly relevant region** from all relevant perspectives – in terms of **economic relevance and growth**, **political significance** and **impact potential** 



## Before strategic update: focused positioning on SMEs





# Strong group positioning for MSME and PI clients



## Targeting ambitious client and balance sheet growth



Increased group **footprint**, amplifying the group's positive **impact** & strengthened group **resilience** through a balanced approach and **self-funded** local bank growth

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**ProCredit** 



Medium-term RoE outlook ~ 13 – 14% ~ 12% Previous New

#### Scale and B/S transformation

- Margins to be strengthened from both sides of the balance sheet
- Expansion of client base across all segments to support non-interest income

#### Continued strong focus on cost efficiency

- Strategic investments in growth catalysts in 2024/25
- Underlying cost efficiency to remain high; target medium-term cost-income ratio at ~57%

#### Moderate assumptions for PCB Ukraine

- ► Fully operational and ringfenced
- Moderate group contribution assumed from 2024 onwards

unchanged upside potential ~**1.5 ppt** on medium-term group RoE



### A new era of ProCredit



Broadened and sharpened impact definition embedded in all business aspects



**Transformation into universal bank for MSMEs and private individuals** linked to ambitious growth targets to attain critical size and strong MSME market positions in each market



Positioning as an attractive bank for retail clients



**Targeted balance sheet transformation:** More size; more granularity; deposit-to-loan ratio of 120% in all entities



**Substantial profit growth:** Group medium-term RoE outlook raised to ~13 – 14% (not incl. upside potential in Ukraine)



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### Strong impact track record over the decades





### Impact in ProCredit today





### Sustainability inside ProCredit

#### INTERNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Comprehensive Environmental Management System to analyse and monitor the impacts resulting from our activities
- Reduce own emissions by optimizing energy efficiency, promoting renewable energies and reducing resource consumption w/o using external offset certificates
- Carbon Neutrality in 2023, SBTi validated targets for scope 1 and 2 (further reduction of 42% until 2030)

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

- Flat hierarchies support transparency and open communication
- Non-discrimination and promotion of diversity foster sense of fairness and inclusion
- Value-based Code of Conduct nurtures professionalism and social responsibility
- Zero-tolerance stance with respect to any type of fraud – for ourselves & our clients

#### STAFF

- Merit-based culture; PCB managers "home-grown"; ProCredit Academy graduates; equal shares of men and women
- Fair and transparent salary structure and no offering short-term, performancerelated bonuses
- Capped ratio between the highest and median salary levels
- Staff development with comprehensive knowledge and skills training, regular performance reviews and broad career options



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# Bank for MSME and PI clients – increased group impact

# Supporting sustainable economic development: MSME Hausbank





#### Responsible approach to private individuals: ProCredit Direct





- Focus on SMEs which are often underserved by other banks
- Client engagement to support decarbonisation of local economies
- Financing of small-scale renewable energy projects covering a segment usually neglected by larger investors and banks
- New focus on gender equity, promoting diversity and equal opportunities

- Platform banking, based on our proprietary, vertically integrated, technology stack, allows for scalability
- Transparent and fair service offer in markets characterized by weak consumer protection standards
- Promotion of culture of savings in our markets; lending decisions based on individual repayment capacity to avoid over-indebtedness
- Continue to promote green investments and green accounts

### More positive social, environmental and economic impact



### **Excursus Climate Action Strategy**

#### We set SBTi targets to achieve net zero for scope 3 emissions from our business loan portfolio in line with Paris Agreement

By 2027 clients representing 28% of the scope 3 emissions will have committed themselves to reach net-zero by 2050

#### ProCredit is pioneering decarbonisation with SME clients

- Measuring at scale and accurately direct emissions from SMEs is both a huge challenge but fundamentally important if we want the private sector to decarbonize
- Given our large number of SMEs clients (46k) and our focus on the topic, we are uniquely position to set the industry standards on how to achieve this.

### ProCredit is the long-term partner for SMEs in its markets of operations

#### Engage and support our clients in decarbonising their businesses:

- **1.** Support in the measurement of their  $CO_2$  emissions
- **2.** Setting their targets for reduction according to the SBTi standards
  - **3.** Support their green transition through our green loans

By 2040 clients representing 100% of the scope 3 emissions will have committed themselves to reach net-zero Growing rooftop PV loan portfolio to support decarbonization in SEE & EE





Financed installation of 0.5MW rooftop solar panels to cover all its own electricity needs

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### **Excursus Climate Action Strategy**

# No exposure to the fossil fuel industries, but a leader in renewable energy financing

887 MWp currently financed, aiming to reach 1 GWp this year



Specialized focus on the small-scale segment (1 to 10 MW power plans) in solar to cover the financing gap in the "missing middle". North Macedonia is still highly dependent on energy production from coal: Less than 1 % of total electricity is generated by PV power plants in the country.

#### Case study: Solar one Štip, North Macedonia

#### Solar one

- 4 PV plants near Štip
- Total capacity of 4.18 MWp
- Started operating in 2023
- Energy is supplied to the open market
- Investment increases production from renewable energy by 5.7 GWh per year
- PV panes supplied by regional company
- ProCredit Bank provided large part of necessary capital







## Continuous pioneering role in impact banking



Sustainability is embedded in the DNA of ProCredit and holistically integrated in the business model with all client groups



**Strong impact track record** over the past decades in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe in fostering social-economic development and environmental protection



A strong and growing contribution in financing **renewable energy** projects, particularly for small and mid-size photovoltaic projects driven by local investors with limited access to capital



**ProCredit pioneering decarbonisation of its SME loan portfolio** through implementation of Climate Action Strategy including targets validated by SBTi



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# Attractive region from macro and banking sector view

#### Focus on SEE/EE | strategic and impact rationale



Strong and intact GDP growth outlook in the region, particularly compared to Euro area



Banking sectors still underdeveloped and expected to converge over time to CEE/WE

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ProCredit significantly invested in the region; local investments supported by EU/EU-connected institutions



Significant potential to accompany a growing number of business and retail clients



**GDP** growth outlook (GDP growth p.a. 2025 - 28e) 5.2% Georgia Moldova 5.0% Ukraine 4.9% Serbia 4.1% Kosovo 3.9% 3.8% Romania Median SFF/FF 3.8% 3.5% N. Macedonia 3.5% Albania 3.0% Bosnia 2.9% Bulgaria Euro area 1.6%

**Banking sector penetration** (loans/GDP 2022, median)



 ← €1bn equity invested in the region
making ProCredit one of the most important international investors in the region

 > €100bn investment volume into SEE/EE from IFIs
(EIB and EBRD, cumulative until 2022)

Good SME and PI market outlook (by 2028, estimate as of 2023)

| >15% growth      | >20% growth        |
|------------------|--------------------|
| of SME lending   | of # PI clients in |
| market in SEE/EE | SEE/EE markets     |
| expected by 2028 | expected by 2028   |

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# Strong growth ambitions in all three client segments





### **MSME: SME and micro clients**



# Starting point and key strengths

SME

#### **Starting point**



- Strong market position as a leading bank for SME clients in our market of operation
- Usually among the top-3 lenders in each country with local differences (e.g. Kosovo #1, Romania < #5)</p>
- Client profile: largely formalized enterprises with clear vision and good management across broad range of industry sectors
- More muted loan growth during 2022/23 in line with group focus on strong local deposit-to-loan ratios; i.e. self-funded growth – strong progress made and all banks now in good starting position
  - > €100k (small) and > €750k (medium) client exposure
- 45k active clients
  - € 5.5bn in loans, representing 88% of group portfolio

### Key strengths of ProCredit

- Long and consistent track record
- Solid reputation as reliable 'Hausbank' for SMEs, serving all main banking needs
- Hausbank Concept
  - Trustful long-term relationships and true understanding of clients' needs and risks
  - Full onboarding of clients to consolidate entire service range, e.g. loans, cards, transactions, deposits
- Well-trained Business Client Advisers central to fostering strong client relationships: highly professional treatment, superior customer care, high-speed services
- Strong technology: natively integrated and scalable technology infrastructure, secured and intuitive frontend channels, automated back-end

Highly tailored and successful business approach as 'Hausbank' for SME clients, however, with visibly lower growth rates in the last two years



## Growth and positioning levers

SME

Micro

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#### **Growth focus**

- Consolidate market position as a leading SME bank in the region
- Medium-term ambition to rank among the top-3 lenders to SMEs in each country (where possible) and further expand respective local market shares
- Cater local market and customer demands, e.g. more flexibility and decision making on bank level enabling fast response to market opportunities
- Grow smaller clients and actively build SME pipeline
- Further build on positioning as regional bank with hub in Germany
- Hedinmeter Medine target # clients multiplier

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Min. #3 SME lender in each market

#### Investments in growth catalysts

- Differentiate through leading relationships, networking and advisory capabilities
  - Accelerate sustainable finance solutions and advisory
  - Expand in regional and local business events and hubs
  - Enlarge skilled staff capacity: freed capacity from process simplification and automation, increase number of staff; continued focus on people development and training as distinct element of ProCredit
- Complement product and service offering
  - Expand digital offerings, e.g. POST and e-commerce platforms, SEPA and instant payments, trade finance
  - Customer portal and digital customer interaction, digital loan origination
- Focused marketing for enhanced visibility

Leverage strong group positioning with SME clients and dedicated investments to further expand the group's market share

Lean and modernized branch network as premium advisory centers *Proximity to clients and commercial centers* 



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**15 new branches** planned by 2025 **to consolidate strong market position**; highly selective approach with business potential and additional loan portfolio per branch as main KPI

Note: Shows the groups branch network in SEE and EE countries, excluding Service Points ProCredit Group | Capital markets day | Frankfurt am Main, 21 March 2024



## Focused marketing for enhanced visibility

#### **Targeted Campaigns for Businesses**

Agro Loans



Investment loans to drive digitization



Loans for European Projects with Non-refundable Grants

Part of the ProCredit Group (k)**ProCredit Bank** Access financing for **European Projects with** Non-refundable grants from ProCredit Bank

**Apply here!** 

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# Micro: Uniquely positioned to strongly grow client base

Mediumterm KPIs

SME Micro Pl

#### **Starting point**

- Client profile: Small offices (lawyers, doctors), shops, self-employed people, aspiring SMEs
- Important differentiation to micro lending
- High degree of formality and transparency, paired with sustainable business model
- Small enterprises whose banking needs can be met through direct banking facilities and willing to be served exclusively through the banks' digital channels
- Segment not in focus in last years

#### Key strengths and growth focus going forward

- **Good position and reputation** to serve client group
- Strong technology already in place, continue to invest in front-end applications and third-party technology
- Targeted strong expansion in client group, leveraging the group's direct banking approach
- Use highly automized processes and technology, e.g. simplified and efficient credit-risk assessment

Up to € 100k exposure per client 27k active clients

€ 150m loan portfolio, representing 2% of group

**∼4x** target loan portfolio multiplier ~5% target loan portfolio share

Expand in micro segment by using the group's highly automized, technology-based direct banking facilities

KPIs



### **Private individual clients**



# Good starting point and well-established retail approach

#### SME Micro Pl

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#### **Starting point**

- Solid base: Established position in some markets, emerging position in others
- Stable client base: Successful retail performance with actively reduced client numbers in past years as result of successful digitalization strategy
- Client profile: Targeted approach for private clients associated with business clients or middle- and highincome households
- High-quality, yet restrictive offer: Thus not competing for private client market share (currently ~1% share of deposits per country)

#### 188k active clients

- € 0.6bn loan portfolio, representing <10% of group
  - € 2.9bn deposit portfolio, ~500% deposit/loan ratio

#### Key strengths of ProCredit

- Modern, convenient and transparent digital banking services – pioneering role in local rollout of many innovations
- Established direct banking service "ProCredit Direct" – strong retail deposit growth in past years
- "Hausbank" for core private clients, serving all their banking needs, including transactions, savings, loans
- Transaction banking via modern, secure and efficient electronic channels and a transparent and convenient subscription fee approach
- Service model optimized for customer experience already, digital customer journey with 'human touch'
- Strong perception of '24/7 zones' unique concept and ProCredit brand in the markets of operation

PI client segment central to our business model resilience and a complementing our impact orientation



# Rethinking retail: setting the direction

SME Micro ΡI

#### **Growth focus**

- Become the bank of choice as modern and convenient full-service retail bank
- **Profound change to growth ambitions** with high dedication to the segment, including resource allocation and investments
- Grow client base, capture and meet evolving client demands, customize and enhance service model with strong focus on customer experience
- **Leverage synergies:** cross-country between subsidiaries and within business units, leveraging the strong partnerships with MSMEs and institutions
- Medium-term KPIs 2.5x target # clients multiplier

target loan portfolio multiplier

 $\sim 2.0 - 2.5x$ ~3% deposit market share in each market

#### Investments in growth catalysts

- Customer centered product and service offering
  - Simple and streamlined (cards, instant payments, credit facilities, savings products)
  - Strong innovation focus (automized PI lending)
- Dedicated investment into customer journey
  - Investment in further digitalization of customer journey (e.g. digital self-service via mobile app and digital onboarding/payments, virtual 24/7 support with qualified and immediate personal attention)
- Investment into staff, regional presence, marketing
  - Further expand strong retail expertise on bank level
  - Digitalization and outreach for mass market
  - Digital marketing campaigns automation, presence and brand building community activities

**Positioning as an attractive full-service bank for retail clients**, targeting the broader population of our markets with a comprehensive service offering highly focused on superior customer experience



# Focused marketing for enhanced visibility

#### **Targeted Campaigns for Private Individuals**

ProCredit Direct

ProGreen Loans





#### **ProGreen PV Loans**



#rightdecisionsforthefuture

ProGreen

Example of marketing campaign by ProCredit Bank Romania



### **Regional growth strategies**



# Differentiated regional growth strategies in place

#### Unified target picture despite different maturity of banks ...



#### ... contributing to group growth KPIs

| 1.5x /<br>2.5x          | increased SME & private client base                                                                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| >€10bn                  | loan portfolio, with growth<br>across all client segments                                               |
| ~ 120%                  | local deposit-loan ratios as<br>growth locally funded                                                   |
| $\overline{\mathbf{z}}$ | fueling group growth ambitions<br>mainly via organic growth; selected<br>inorganic growth opportunities |

evaluated on case-by-case basis

Notes: 1) Does not show ProCredit Bank Ukraine due to ongoing war ProCredit Group | Capital markets day | Frankfurt am Main, 21 March 2024



# ProCredit Kosovo as 'blueprint' for other group banks



#### KOSOVO

| Loan portfolio business / PI | 79% / 21% |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Deposits business / PI       | 34% / 66% |
| Deposit / Ioan ratio         | 123%      |
| Market rank business lending | # 1       |
| Market share PI deposits     | 14%       |
| RoE FY-23                    | 20.8%     |

#### **ProCredit Kosovo: Further consolidate SME market leader** position and good reputation with PI clients

#### Key bank highlights:

- Strong local reputation as leading SME bank
- # 1 ranked bank by business loan portfolio
- Long-standing presence since 2000 with early built-up of market position
- Strong positioning, role and recognition also with PI clients

#### Key initiatives and medium-term ambitions:

- Become # 1 bank by total loan portfolio
- Accelerate loan growth across all categories; increase penetration across very small businesses, PI clients and non-loan clients
- Further focus areas include renewables, diaspora customers, enhanced reputation as ESG bank





ProCredit group with its **impact-centred approach** uniquely positioned on SEE/EE region, **offering above WE growth outlook** 



**High loan growth** ambitions paired with **strategic transformation of loan book**: targeting ~ 50% of loans in Small, Very Small and PI client categories



Dedicated, **strategic investments in growth catalysts** in the next 1-2 years – strong impact rationale of investments as **supporting local economies** 



**Regional growth strategies** in place, fuelling medium-term group ambitions: 1.5x and 2.5x increased SME and private client base, > €10 bn loan book, ~120% local deposit-loan ratios


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# Financial benefits of loan portfolio transformation

### Medium-term outlook for loan portfolio growth



Strong growth outlook delivering enhanced economies of scale

Stabilized medium-term margins due to portfolio effect (Target structure ~50% medium and ~50% other segments)

Leveraging **reciprocity** (*Hausbank*) and generating **additional fee income** potential

Higher RWA efficiency in smaller segments (e.g. retail factor) to enhance capital efficiency



# Amplified growth of highly granular deposit base



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# Targeting a well-enhanced medium-term RoE level





# Local enhancements driving group profitability

### Updated group RoE clusters and expectations (SEE/EE)



Notes: 1) Moderate bottom line group contribution and RoE assumed for PCB from 2024 onwards due to ongoing war ProCredit Group | Capital markets day | Frankfurt am Main, 21 March 2024 Structural profitability improvements driven by growth strategy and dedicated investments

Internal expectation on bank level to **structurally** be able to achieve a RoE **of at least ~12% in the medium-term** 

Higher group return expectations in markets with typically stronger volatility (risk-adjusted)

Group strategic 'toolkit' includes organic and inorganic measures (e.g. M&A)



# Strategic investments enabling more operating leverage

### Temporary increase in CIR enabling medium-term potential

Illustrative development of cost-income-ratio over time



### Combination of increased scale and cost discipline

<u>Illustrative</u> development of operating income and expenses



| Investment into staff: +25% <sup>1</sup>                                                                                                                                                   | in branches +15 to ~50               |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul> <li>employees over next years,<br/>with focus on front office functions</li> <li>Loan portfolio per employee<br/>to be further accelerated</li> <li>Increase<br/>cost: ~ €</li> </ul> | ons €12n<br>ed annual network • Scal | reased annual IT cost:<br>2m or ~20% <sup>1</sup> | <ul> <li>Increased annual marketing cost: €5m or ~ 50%<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Scale benefits to reduce marketing cost per total revenue ratio</li> </ul> |

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# Prudent capitalization and higher RWA efficiency



### **Prudent capitalization and capital structure** (FY-23)





#### Key strategic measures

- Maintain comfortable capitalisation on all levels
- Overall capital structure regularly reviewed in terms of capital efficiency
- Return to dividend payout targeted for FY 2023 profits in line with dividend policy (payout ratio of 1/3 of profits)
- Strong execution of RWA efficiency measures in FY-23, reducing RWA / asset ratio from 69% to 64%
- ► Key drivers for further increased RWA efficiency
  - RWA efficiency measures (e.g. guarantees, hard collateral, MIGA), optimization from liquidity placements (hard currency at central banks at 100%), long-term benefits of regulatory convergence, benefits from focus on small segment (retail factor)
- CRR IV implementation to be reflected in Jan-25 with minor negative impact on RWA

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Strategic update / portfolio transformation implies additional potential to improve RWA density to <60%

8.8%

leverage ratio

(fully-loaded)

+0.8 ppt

increase in CET1 ratio

in FY-23

1/3

dividend payout

ratio policy

> 4pp remaining RWA

density optimization

potential





Increased and transformed asset and liability structure expected to **stabilize NIM at ~3.6%**, whilst generating **additional potential from other income streams** 



Strategic investments in growth catalysts increase CIR short-term, but enable more operating leverage and ~ 57% CIR in the medium-term



Portfolio approach for 10 banks in SEE/EE imply **risk-adjusted return expectations** and a local bank **structural RoE 'hurdle rate' of ~12%** 



Good growth in net income and capital efficiency drive **enhanced group medium-term RoE outlook of 13-14%** 





Photovoltaic project financed by ProCredit Bulgaria



## Appendix







Illustration of Service Point with 24/7 zone and advisory space

IIIustration



#### Slide 5

GDP growth based on IMF World Economic Outlook as of October 2023. For SEE/EE the figure shown is based on the median of the countries of operation in SEE/EE the ProCredit group is active in.

IFI investment into SEE/EE based on disclosed publicly available information.

#### Slide 9

Assumptions and scenarios for ProCredit bank Ukraine largely unchanged (as presented on 24 March 2023, Analyst workshop presentation, page 19). In the post-war reconstruction scenario, the indicative medium-term upside potential on group RoE is now estimated at ~1.5 ppt.

#### Slide 20

GDP growth based on IMF World Economic Outlook as of October 2023. For SEE/EE the figure shown is based on the median of the countries of operation in SEE/EE the ProCredit group is active in.

IFI investment into SEE/EE based on disclosed publicly available information. SME and PI market outlook based on general market study conducted by PWC.

#### Slide 34

Local figures such as market ranks and market shares based on own analysis and general market study conducted by PWC.

#### Slide 39

Indicative visualisation of the relative development of different line items for the updated medium-term group RoE outlook. Cost-income ratio of ~57% is excluding one-off effects.



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