

# Annual financial report 31 December 2019

# Naturgy Finance B.V.

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# NATURGY FINANCE B.V.

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# **Board of Managing Directors Report**

The Board of Managing Directors hereby submits its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands (NL GAAP).

#### Overview of activities

Naturgy Finance B.V. ("the Company"), having its legal seat in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, was incorporated on 26 November 1993. The Company has its business address at Barbara Strozzilaan 201, Amsterdam. In the year 2012, the Company changed its name from Union Fenosa Finance B.V. to Gas Natural Fenosa Finance B.V., its official seat from Rotterdam to Amsterdam and the articles of association of the Company were amended according to the new laws in the Netherlands on simplification and flexibility (of Dutch B.V. "Flex B.V. legislation"). In 2015 the articles of association were also amended in order to create a Supervisory Board and an Audit Committee. Also, in 2018 the Company changed its name from Gas Natural Fenosa Finance B.V.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of its ultimate parent company who, in 2018 changed its legal name from Gas Natural SDG, S.A to Naturgy Energy Group S.A. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. has its legal seat in Madrid, Spain, and is the controlling party of the Company.

In September 2009, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A (formerly, Gas Natural SDG S.A.) merged with Union Fenosa S.A. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. took over Unión Fenosa Generación, S.A. and Unión Fenosa, S.A. (formerly, the shareholder). As a consequence, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the shareholder of the Company. This merger did not have any effect on the capital and reserves of the Company.

All subsidiaries of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and Naturgy Energy Group itself are referred to as group companies.

Naturgy Finance B.V. was incorporated to facilitate the funding of its shareholder and associated companies. In order to achieve its objectives, the Company is authorized to raise funds by issuing negotiable bonds, perpetual subordinated bonds and commercial paper on the capital and money markets.

The Company have reached a new Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) in June 2019 with the Dutch Tax Authorities for the period 2019-2023, which establishes the Company's remuneration for its intercompany financing activities, fixing a ruling over the intercompany loans between the Company and group companies. This new agreement replaced the last APA (established for the period 2015-2019). Also, in June 2019, the Company signed a new Advance Tax Ruling (ATR) with the Dutch Tax Authorities, until 2022, qualifying Subordinated perpetual debentures as debt for Dutch tax purposes.

In March 2010 the Company entered into a Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) Program as issuer, guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., under which the Company can issue notes provided that the amount disposed in each moment does not exceed of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. The Company signed a revolving cash advance facility agreement with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. to carry out the on-lending of the proceeds raised under the ECP program.

In November 2010 the Company entered into a Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) program. The issuers of the program are both the Company and Naturgy Capital Markets S.A. (formerly, Gas Natural Capital Markets, S.A.) another group company. The program allows the issuance, offering and selling of notes, listing on the Official List of the Luxemburg Stock Exchange and trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market. The notes may be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as may be agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor. Unlisted Notes may also be issued by the Company. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the guarantor under the EMTN program.

This EMTN program is updated periodically and after various extensions, the last being in December 2018, the program limit was EUR 15,000,000 thousand. At 31 December 2019, principal drawn down of the total program amounted to EUR 8,725,108 thousand (EUR 9,707,673 thousand at 31 December 2018).

As at 31 December 2019, the amount issued by the Company was EUR 6,494,008 thousand and the amount issued by Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A was EUR 2,231,100 thousand (EUR 6,607,423 thousand and EUR 3,100,250 thousand respectively, at 31 December 2018).

All the proceeds from the notes are on lent by the Company to its parent company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

In February 2019 the CHF 250,000 thousand bond reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on February 8, 2013 for a total amount of CHF 250,000 thousand. Upon acquisition, this bond was converted into EUR through a total effective cross-currency swap, and the counter position with the parent company was denominated in EUR. On February 8, 2019 the bond, the cross-currency swap and the amount due from the parent company in regards, were all repaid.

In November 2019 the Company issued bonds under its EMTN program for an amount of EUR 750,000 thousand, maturing in 10 years and with a 0.75% coupon. Part of the proceeds from the issuance were used for a bond buy-back offer for EUR 359,500 thousand of debentures maturing between 2021 and 2025. The proceeds obtained from the issuance on lent to its parent company in means of an intercompany loan.

In December 2019 the Company successfully repurchased a bond under the EMTN program of EUR 300,000 thousands with maturity in 2021 pursuant the make whole clause. The intercompany loan directly linked to such bond was duly repaid.

The breakdown of the nominal balance issued by the Company and the markets where the bonds are listed and traded is as follows:

Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	EUR	Issued	Maturity	Listed
276,300	EUR	3.500%	276,300	2013	2021	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
453,700	EUR	3.875%	453,700	2013	2022	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
396,400	EUR	3.875%	396,400	2013	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
411,800	EUR	2.875%	411,800	2014	2024	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
154,300	EUR	2.625%	154,300	2014	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
400,600	EUR	1.375%	400,600	2015	2025	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
600,000	EUR	1.250%	600,000	2016	2026	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
1,000,000	EUR	1.375%	1,000,000	2017	2027	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
300,000	EUR	1.875%	300,000	2017	2029	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
800,000	EUR	0.875%	800,000	2017	2025	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
850,000	EUR	1.500%	850,000	2018	2028	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
750,000	EUR	0.750%	750,000	2019	2029	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
	_	Subtotal EUR	6,393,100			
800,000	NOK	3.974%	100,908	2013	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
		Subtotal NOK	100,908			
		Total	6,494,008			

EMTN Programme (in thousands)

Regarding the Norwegian Krone (NOK) 800,000 thousand issuance, the proceeds from the notes have been on lent in NOK to its parent company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. and as a consequence, the foreign exchange risk for the Company has been offset by a position with its parent company.

From 2014 the Company started to issue Subordinated perpetual debentures. On November 18, 2014 the Company issued the first "Undated 8 year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. The issue price was

99.488%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand bears interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 8 year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.772%) which may be reviewed every 8 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 3.353%; between years 2024 and 2042 the margin will be 3.603% and from then onwards, it will be 4.353%. The initial coupon was set at 4.125%.

On April 24, 2015 the Company issued the second "Undated 9 year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group., for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.049%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand bears interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 9 year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.4210%) which may be reviewed every 9 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 9 years is 3.079%; between years 2025 and 2044 the margin will be 3.329% and from then onwards, it will be 4.079%. The initial coupon was set at 3.375%.

At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payments of coupon on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Any amounts so deferred will accrue remuneration. Coupons deferred are however mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., pays dividends in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of its ordinary shares. Although these Subordinated perpetual debentures do not have a contractual maturity date, the Company will have the right to redeem the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand on 18th November 2022 and the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and on any subsequent years, at coupons payment dates:

#### Subordinated perpetual debentures (in thousands)

Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	EUR	Issued	Maturity	Listed	Reset Date
1,000,000	EUR	4.125%	1,000,000	2014	Perpetual	Luxemburg Stock Exchange	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
500,000	EUR	3.375%	500,000	2015	Perpetual	Luxemburg Stock Exchange	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
		Total	1,500,000				

The proceeds from the Subordinated perpetual debentures have been on lent by the Company to its parent company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

The Company has selected Luxembourg as its 'home member state' for the purposes of the Transparency Directive 2004/109/EC.

The Company signed Guarantee Agreements in relation to the ECPs, EMTN program, and the Subordinated perpetual debentures, by which the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual fee equal to 0.25% on the principal amount of the issuances.

#### Principal activities and business review

The principal activities of the Company consist of financing affiliated companies and the parent company,

#### Results for the year

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company realized a net profit of EUR 3,259 thousand (2018 EUR 3,605 thousand). The Company's profit had a decrease for year 2018 due to the funding activity, as some notes issue under the EMTN program has been repaid.

#### **Financial position**

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company had a decrease on its financial position due to the repayments of the bonds issued under EMTN program.

#### Board of Managing Directors

The Company adheres with the law ("Wet bestuur en toezicht"), which obliges the Company to have at least 30% female members in the Board of Managing Directors. During 2019 some changes have affected the Board of Managing Directors. In June 2019, Ms. V. Torres Ledesma was appointed as Director, replacing Ms. S. Rosina Roger. Additionally, Mrs. H.Barcas Lewkovicz and Intertrust (Netherlands) B.V. were appointed as temporally Managing Directors, from March until September 2019, the date that they resigned. After these changes the Company still complies with the requirement to have at least 30% female board members.

The Board of Managing Directors has declared that to the best of its knowledge, the management report gives a true and fair view of the Company's situation as at the balance sheet date, the events that occurred during the year and the risks to which the Company is exposed.

#### Supervisory Board and Audit committee

In order to comply with the legislation in the Netherlands which requires issuers to maintain an Audit Committee, the Company appointed a Supervisory Board on September 17, 2015 and, on the same date, the Supervisory Board installed an Audit Committee. However, during 2019, the Supervisory Board, pursuant to article 2 paragraph 4 of the Dutch Decree on the Establishment of an Audit Committee (Besluit instelling auditcommissie), wishes to assume these functions .Therefore, on December 16, 2019, the Supervisory Board dismissed the members of the Audit Committee and abolished the Audit Committee, assuming all their functions.

The Supervisory Board is in charge of performing the tasks required by the law mentioned above.

#### **Financial risks**

The financial risks of the Company are managed through the matching of interest expenses from its borrowings with interest income from loans to the group companies. All of the Company's issuances are guaranteed by the parent company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. Therefore, the financial risk for the Company is limited to the capital and reserves, which according to the advanced pricing agreement made with the fiscal authorities, should be no less than EUR 2,000 thousand.

The foreign exchange risk is limited as the non-euro borrowings have similar counter positions or the foreign exchange risk is managed through swaps to eliminate the exposure.

Regarding the Subordinated perpetual debentures, the only conditions that differ between the intragroup loans, that on-lends the proceeds raised from the issuances to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and the instruments, are the maturity dates and the option to defer the payments of interests. In practice these differences will be managed by the Company to avoid entering financial risks.

Interest risk is offset as incoming loans and outgoing issuances have similar conditions, except for a small spread.

The same applies to liquidity risk, fair value risk and cash flow interest risk that are mitigated by the back-to-back financing with the ultimate parent company under similar conditions, except for a small spread. The shareholder acts as a guarantor for all the borrowings. In order to minimise the liquidity risk, management monitors the availability of sufficient cash in order to ensure payment of short-term liabilities.

There is a significant concentration of credit risk as all borrowings are lent on to the shareholder.

Loans to the shareholder (refer to note 4) amount to EUR 7,975,629 thousand (2018: EUR 8,087,402 thousand). The remuneration for the Company on the loans to the shareholder is consistent with the arm's length principle. The level of remuneration reflects the functions performed and risks assumed employed by the Company in relation to the intercompany flows. It has been agreed to set the arm's length remuneration for the financing activities over the funds borrowed and lent on, as an annually gross spread. This spread is based on a corresponding transfer pricing report which is updated every five years.

The shareholder, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the holding company of Naturgy Energy Group, an international energy operator, with a significant presence in the world throughout the value chain for gas and electricity. The shareholder is listed on the Spanish stock exchange.

The long term credit rating of the shareholder is as follows:

	2019	2018
Moody's	Baa2	Baa2
S&P	BBB	BBB
Fitch	BBB	BBB

This credit risk is monitored on a regular basis by the Company.

#### Cash flow and financing requirements

The Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) program has a term of a year and the last update of the program has been in December 2018, maintaining its maximum aggregate amount to EUR 15,000,000 thousand.

The Company also holds a Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) program entered during the year 2010, with a maximum amount disposed at each moment of EUR 1,000,000 thousand.

From November 2014, the Company has issued an aggregate amount of EUR 1,500,000 thousand of Subordinated perpetual debentures, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed on a subordinated basis by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

#### Technological research, development and innovation

In 2019, the Company has not carried out any activity related to research, development and innovation.

#### Future outlook

It is expected that the activities of the Company will remain unchanged. It is envisaged that the loan volume will increase in the next year by issuing Subordinated perpetual bond or negotiable bonds and on-lending these funds to its parent company. Additionally, the Company expects to maintain the balance of the ECP's issued during next year.

The number of employees of the Company will not vary.

#### Subsequent events

No mayor post-balance sheet events affecting the financial statements have occurred to date.

#### **Responsibility Statement**

All managers confirm that, to the best of (their) knowledge:

 The financial statements for the year 2019, which have been prepared in accordance with the Dutch Civil Code, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit and loss of the company.

• The Management Report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties they face, as required pursuant to section 5:25d(8)/(9) of the Dutch Financial Markets Supervision Act ('Wet op het financieel toezicht'').

The Board of Managing Directors,

Mr. E. Berenguer Marsal

Mr. G.A.R. Warris

Mrs. V. Torres Ledesma

Amsterdam, 11 of February, 2020

## Supervisory Board Report

#### General

The Company's Supervisory Board was established on 17 September 2015 and at the same date, the Supervisory Board installed an audit Committee. In addition to the rules and regulations applicable under Dutch Law and the Articles of Association, a Charter was adopted that defines the tasks and responsibilities of the Supervisory Board. This Charter was approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders and was adopted by the Supervisory Board on 17 September 2015.

On Thursday 8 December 2016, the Corporate Governance Code Monitoring Committee has published the revised Dutch Corporate Governance Code (the Code). This report has been based on the requirements under the Code.

On 16 December 2019, the Supervisory Board abolished and dismissed the Audit Committee and assumed its functions.

As the Audit Committee was abolished the Charter will be revised and submitted to the Shareholder for approval in 2020.

#### Composition

The Supervisory Board consists of 3 members. Mr. J. Felip Font, Mrs. I. Velasco and Mr. M. van Daalen. During the last meeting in December Mr. Van Daalen has been appointed as the new Chairman.

#### Tasks of the Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board supervises and reviews the activities and the decisions of the Management Board, the development of the Company's operations and the realization of its objectives, taking into account the relevant interests of the Company's stakeholders. In addition, it assists the Management Board by providing advice and guidance.

In fulfilling its tasks the Supervisor Board makes use of reports on business, finance, risks and other aspects, and on presentations and meetings with Management Board, the Auditors and other relevant parties.

#### Activities of the Supervisory Board

In 2019 the Supervisory Board held 2 meetings, on 2 October 2019 and 17 December 2019. Outside these meetings, the Supervisory Board passed 3 resolutions; on 6 November, 3 December and 16 December 2019.

Topics discussed in the meetings 2019 included; the approval of Annual Report 2018 and profit distribution, the audit report of the external auditor EY for the audit of the 2018 Financial Statements, EMTN program, Audit Committee reports, change of accounting principles updates and various tax matters. Also during the last meeting, a plan of rotation has been agreed for implementing and be approved during the next Supervisory Board meeting.

As in previous year, a self-evaluation of the Supervisory Board and its functioning was discussed. The overall feedback from the self-evaluation was that the Supervisory Board is operating well and that discussions are very open and constructive.

#### Audit Committee

The Supervisory Board, pursuant to article 2 paragraph 4 of the Dutch Decree on the Establishment of an Audit Committee (Besluit instelling auditcommissie), wishes to assume these functions. Therefore, on December 16, 2019, the Supervisory Board dismissed the members of the Audit Committee and abolished the Audit Committee, assuming all their functions.

The members of the Audit Committee were: Mr. Martin van Daalen (Chairman) and Mr. Joan Felip Font.

In 2019, prior to its abolishment, the Audit Committee held a meeting in Amsterdam on 2 October.

During the meeting the biannual report on remuneration and non-audit work of the external auditor and accounting updates and audit 2018 were discussed.

#### Relationship with the external auditor

The external auditor attends the meetings when the financial statements are discussed. The functioning of the external auditor is evaluated meticulously and the Supervisory Board has no doubts or concerns with respect to the independency of the external auditors.

#### Internal audit function and internal control

The internal audit function of the Company is within the scope of Naturgy Energy Group, SA, which is the head of the Group and performs the internal audit function for the group companies. The Company has an internal control system that has been established following the Group standards. The Supervisory Board periodically reviews the reports of this control system.

#### **Financial statements 2019**

The financial statements of the company for 2019, as presented by the Board of Management, have been audited by EY as independent external auditor appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Supervisory Board is of the opinion that the Financial Statements and the Management Board's report provide a true and fair view of the Company's position. We therefore herewith approve the Financial Statement and propose that the Shareholders adopt the Financial Statements of 2019 and discharge the Managing Board for its management and the Supervisory directors for their supervision during 2019.

The Board of Supervisory Directors,

Mrs. I. Velasco Miranda

Mr. J. Felip Font

Mr. M. van Daalen

Amsterdam, 11 of February, 2020

# Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019 (Before appropriation of results)

ASSETS	Note	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
Non-current assets			
Loans to group companies	4,14	7,853,272	7,744,10
Total Non-current assets		7,853,272	7,744,10
Current assets			
Current loans to group companies	4,14	122,357	343.29
Financial receivables		46	2
Derivatives financial instruments	8		15,75
Deferred income tax assets	13		43
Income tax receivables	13	760	
Cash	5	835	5,73
Total Current assets		123,998	365,23
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TOTAL ASSETS		7,977,270	8,109,34
Shareholder's equity			
Thousands of Euro LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS'EQUITY	Note	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-1
Shareholder's equityShare capital		91	ç
Share premium reserve		91	
		165	16
		165	
Retained earnings		975	4,37
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The notes on pages 12 to 37 are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Income for the year ended 31 December 2019

Thousands of Euro

	Note	2019	2018
Other revenues and income		-	-
Services		(608)	(397)
Personnel		(147)	(122)
Result from operating activities	12	(755)	(519)
Financial income	10,14	272,720	238,398
Financial expense	11	(267,579)	(232,849)
	Total	5,141	5,549
Profit before income taxes	13	4,386	5,030
Income tax expense	13	(1,127)	(1,425)
Net income for the year		3,259	3,605

The results of the Company are attributable to the parent company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. The notes on pages 12 to 37 are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

#### 1. General

#### Company structure

Naturgy Finance B.V. ("the Company") is a private limited liability company established in Amsterdam (Commercial Register Number 24243533). The Company acts as a finance company.

In year 2012, the articles of association of the Company were amended according to the new laws in the Netherlands on simplification and flexibilisation (of Dutch B.V. "Flex B.V. legislation"), the Company changed its name from Union Fenosa Finance B.V. to Gas Natural Fenosa Finance B.V. and its official seat from Rotterdam to Amsterdam. On August 6, 2018 the Company changed its legal name from Gas Natural Fenosa Finance B.V. to Naturgy Finance B.V. also by means of amendment of its articles of association. The Company has its business address at Barbara Strozzilaan 201, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Also, in 2015 the articles of association were amended in order to create a Supervisory board and an Audit Committee. There were further amendments on the articles of association without implication on the description of the Company.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of its ultimate parent company who, in 2018 changed its legal name from Gas Natural SDG, S.A to Naturgy Energy Group S.A. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. has its legal seat in Madrid, Spain, and is the controlling party of the Company.

The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. All subsidiaries of its shareholder, and its shareholder Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. which is head of the group, are referred to as group companies.

#### Activities

Naturgy Finance B.V. was incorporated to facilitate the funding of its parent company. In order to achieve its objectives, Naturgy Finance B.V. is authorized to raise funds including the issuance of subordinated securities, negotiable bonds and commercial paper on the capital and money markets.

In relation to these issuances the Company signed a Guarantee Agreement with its parent company which establishes Naturgy Energy Group as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guarantee fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances.

#### Tax ruling

The Company signed a new Advanced Pricing Agreement ("APA") in June 2019 with the Dutch tax authorities, which applies to the period of 1 January 2019 up to and including 31 December 2023. This agreement, which sets the arm's length criteria, being obliged to apply the new basis points margin) on the interest expenses with the next conditions:

- The new margin was applicable for any new debt instrument issued from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019.
- The old margin was applicable for all other issuances in place in 2018 until June 2019.
- The agreement also requires the Company to maintain a minimum equity amount of EUR 2,000 thousand.

The Company also concluded an Advance Tax Ruling ("ATR") with the Dutch tax authorities in June 2019 for both Subordinated perpetual debenture, qualifying both issuances as debt for Dutch tax purposes

#### Financial position

In March 2010 the Company entered as issuer (Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. as guarantor) into a Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) Program for the issuance of notes under which it will be possible to issue notes and have outstanding at any time ECP notes up to a maximum aggregate amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. The Company has signed a revolving cash advance facility agreement with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. to carry out the on-lending of the proceeds raised under the ECP program, where any advance to be granted by the Company to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is only applicable once the Company has issued the commercial paper.

In November 2010 the Company entered into the Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) Program. The issuers of the program are both the Company and Naturgy Capital Markets S.A., another group company. The program allows the issuance, offering and selling of notes, listing on the Official List of the Luxemburg Stock Exchange and trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market, although the notes may be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as may be agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor. Unlisted Notes may also be issued under the program by the Company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. being the Guarantor. This EMTN program is updated annually, and after various extensions, the program limit was EUR 15,000,000 thousand.

In 2013, the Company begun for the first time to issue bonds under the EMTN program, and as at 31 December 2019, the bonds issued by the Company amounted to EUR 6,494,008 thousand (2018: EUR 6,607,423 thousand) (refer to note 7).

From 2014 the Company began to issue Subordinated perpetual debentures. On November 18. 2014 the Company issued the first "Undated 8 year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand (refer to note 7). The issue price was 99.488%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures bear interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 8 year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.772%) which may be reviewed every 8 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 3.353%; between years 2024 and 2042 the margin will be 3.603% and from then onwards, it will be 4.353%. The initial coupon was set at 4.125%. On April 24, 2015 the Company issued the second "Undated 9 year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.049%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures 500,000 thousand bear interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 9 year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.4210%) which may be reviewed every 9 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 9 years is 3.079%; between years 2025 and 2044 the margin will be 3,329% and from then onwards, it will be 4.079%. The initial coupon was set at 3.375%.

At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payments of coupons on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Any coupon payment deferral will accrue interests at 3.353% for the EUR 1,000,000 thousand Subordinated perpetual debentures and 3.079% for the EUR 500,000 thousand Subordinated Perpetual Debentures. Coupons deferred are however mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., pays dividends in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of its ordinary shares. Although these Subordinated perpetual debentures do not have a contractual maturity date, the Company will have the right to redeem the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand on 18th November 2022 and Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand on 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 and on any subsequent year, at coupons payments dates.

The Company signed Guarantee Agreements in relation to the ECPs, EMTN program, and the Subordinated perpetual debentures, which establishes Naturgy Energy Group as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guarantee fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances.

#### 2. Summary of principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The present accounting policies of valuation and determination of result used are based on the assumption of going concern of the Company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands (NL GAAP).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the fair value measurement of derivative instruments.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with NL GAAP requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies.

These annual accounts fairly present the equity and financial situation of Naturgy Finance B.V. at 31 December 2019 and the results of its operations and the changes in the statement of shareholder's equity of the Company for the year ended.

The figures showed in the financial statements are expressed in thousands of Euro unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2.2 Changes in accounting

The accounting policies remains the same as previous years.

#### 2.3 Use of estimates / judgment

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the relevant rules requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Company to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. If necessary for the purpose of providing the view required under Section 362(1), Book 2, of the Dutch Civil Code, the nature of these estimates and judgments, including the related assumptions, is disclosed in the notes to the annual accounts items in question.

#### 2.4 Cash flow statement

The Company does not prepare cash flow statement for the NL GAAP financial statements. As permitted under RJ 360.104, the cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated cash flows statement of the ultimate holding company. The ultimate holding company's financial statement are available on Naturgy's corporate website: www.natury.com.

#### 2.5 Foreign currency translation

#### a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial

statements are presented in Euros, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

#### b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured.

- Monetary financial assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate of the date of the Balance Sheet;
- Income and expenses are translated at monthly average exchange rates.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of income.

#### 2.6 Financial instruments

Financial instruments include bonds, loans granted and other receivables, cash items, loans and other financing commitments and other payables. Financial instruments also include derivative financial instruments.

#### a) Loans and bonds

Loans and bonds are initially recognised at their fair value, net of any transaction costs incurred. Subsequently, loans and bonds are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans and bonds are classified as current financial liabilities unless they mature in more than twelve months as from the balance sheet.

#### b) Loans to group companies and other receivables

Loans to group companies and other receivables are carried at amortised cost after initial recognition at fair value, using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting year. These are classified as non-current assets.

#### c) Derivatives and hedge accounting

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently measured at their fair value. The method of recognizing the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the asset being hedged.

The Company aligns its accounting with its management of financial risk. Risk management objectives and the hedging strategy are reviewed periodically, and a description of the risk management objective pursued is carried out.

For each hedging operation to be considered effective, the Company documents that the economic relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged asset is aligned with the risk management objective.

The fair values are adjusted for the expected impact of observable counterparty credit risk in positive valuation scenarios and the impact of observable credit risk in negative valuation scenarios.

The fair values of derivative instruments used for hedging purposes are disclosed in note 8. Movements on the hedging reserve in statement of comprehensive income are shown in note 8. For accounting purposes, the operations are classified as follows:

#### Derivatives eligible for hedge accounting

#### Cash flow hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualified as cash flow hedges are recognised in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the statement of income.

Amounts accumulated in equity are transferred to the statement of income in the period in which the hedged item affects profit or loss.

d) Impairment of financial assets

The Company assesses at the end of each reporting year whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

The criteria that the Company uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- A breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- The Company, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, granting to the borrower a concession that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- It becomes probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the portfolio, including (i) Adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the portfolio; and (ii) National or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the portfolio.

The Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists. The amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognized in the statement of income. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognized in the statement of income.

#### 2.7 Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at amortized cost, less an allowance for possible uncollectable amounts.

#### 2.8 Cash

Cash includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current financial liabilities in the balance sheet.

#### 2.9 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

#### 2.10 Non-Current liabilities

The valuation and measurement of non-current liabilities is explained under the heading 'Financial instruments'.

#### 2.11 Current liabilities

The valuation and measurement of current liabilities is explained under the heading 'Financial instruments',

#### 2.12 Income tax

The tax expense for the year comprises current tax and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognized in equity.

The current tax charge is calculated at the balance sheet date. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Company financial statements. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realized, or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred tax is recorded at nominal value.

Deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

The taxable profit of the Company is computed on the basis of an Advanced Pricing Agreement with the tax authorities. This requires a minimum taxable income in respect of taking up and granting loans. The present Advanced Pricing Agreement is valid from 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2023.

#### 2.13 Interest income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense are recognized using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable are impaired, the Company reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans and receivables are recognized using the original effective interest rate.

#### 2.14 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognized as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

#### 2.15 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognized when the Company: has i) a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; ii) for which it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and iii) the amount can be reliably estimated. When one of these criteria is not fulfilled or the existence of the liability is dependent upon a future event, the Company discloses it as a contingent liability, except if the outflow of resources to settle it is considered to be remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the Company's balance sheet but are disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

#### 2.16 Events after the reporting year

Post-year-end events that provide additional evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting year (adjusting events), if any, are reflected in the financial statements. Post-yearend events that are indicative of conditions that arose after the end of the reporting year (nonadjusting events) are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 3. Financial risk management

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Company's activities are exposed to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company uses derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures.

The Company's overall risk management program focuses on the volatility of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

The risk management policy is based on the consideration that the Company acts as a vehicle to raise funds for Naturgy Energy Group and to on-lend these funds to the parent company.

The set-out policy allows the Company to raise funds on non-euro currencies were the markets offer good opportunities as compared with the euro market. When the borrowings are not denominated in Euros, the Company either on lends the funds to the parent company in the same currency as the borrowing is denominated, or enters into swaps to finally obtain Euros that are then on-lent to the parent company. The Company's policy is to enter into cross-currency swaps considered as fully effective, as the notional amount of the cross-currency swap equals the borrowing and all cash flow dates and interest rates coincide between the borrowing and the cross-currency swap.

All borrowings, taking into account the impact of the derivative hedges, are issued under the same conditions to the shareholder including a small interest spread and the maturity date is the same or later than the shareholder loans.

#### Market risk

a) Foreign exchange risk

To mitigate the exposure to foreign exchange risk, the currency of the loans to the shareholder will generally match the currency of the attracted funding. Where this is not applicable, derivatives are used to mitigate this exposure.

Bonds and negotiable instruments that are issued in EUR and NOK have similar counter positions with the shareholder.

The proceeds from the bond issued in NOK have been on lent in NOK to its parent company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. and as a consequence, the foreign exchange risk for the company has been offset by a position with its parent company.

#### b) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Company's interest rate risk arises from the Subordinated perpetual debentures and bonds. Issuances at fixed rates expose the Company to fair value interest rate risk. Issuances at variable rates expose the Company to cash flow interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is offset by similar interest conditions in the positions with the shareholder, except for a small spread.

The Company's income and operating cash flows are dependent on changes in market interest rates for Euribor. The current variable interest rates are set at Euribor plus a fixed margin. This funding exposes the Company to cash flow interest rate risk which is offset by similar counter positions.

The Company is exposed to cash flow risk, but this risk is limited as the payment conditions on the bonds are exactly the same as the payment conditions on the loans to the shareholder. When the Company enters into cross-currency swaps the notional amount of the cross-currency swap equals that of the borrowing and all cash flow dates and interest rates coincide between the borrowing and the cross-currency swap.

The shareholder does not have a history of non-compliance with the payment conditions.

#### Credit risk

There is a significant concentration of credit risk as all borrowings are lent on to the shareholder.

Loans to the shareholder (refer to note 4) amount to EUR 7,975,629 thousand (2018: EUR 8,087,402 thousand). The remuneration for the Company on the loans to the shareholder is consistent with the arm's length principle. The level of remuneration reflects the functions performed and risks assumed employed by the Company in relation to the intercompany flows. It has been agreed to set the arm's length remuneration for the financing activities over the funds borrowed and lent on, as an annually gross spread. This spread is based on a corresponding transfer pricing report which is updated every five years.

In the case of the Subordinated perpetual debentures, the intragroup loans have the same subordination as the guarantees provided by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. to the holders of the Subordinated perpetual debentures.

This credit risk is monitored on a regular basis by the Company.

The shareholder, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the holding company of Narutgy Energy group, an international energy operator, with a significant presence in the world throughout the value chain for gas and electricity. The shareholder is listed on the Spanish stock exchange.

The long-term credit rating of the shareholder is as follows:

C	2019	2018
Moody's	Baa2	Baa2
S&P	BBB	BBB
Fitch	BBB	BBB

The maximum exposure to credit risk amounts to EUR 7,975,675 thousand (2018: EUR 8,103,175 thousand).

#### Liquidity risk

Cash flow forecasting is performed by the Company. Management monitors rolling forecasts of the Company's liquidity requirements to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational needs while maintaining sufficient headroom on its undrawn committed borrowing facilities at all times so that the Company does not breach borrowing limits (where applicable) on any of its borrowing facilities. Such forecasting takes into consideration the Company's debt financing plans and external legal requirements.

In connection with the borrowings, the Company pays interests on an annual basis in the case of the bonds issued under the EMTN (refer to note 7). The redemption date for the bonds their maturity ranges from 2 to 10 years (refer to note 7).

The Company does not bear cash-flow risk regarding the issuance of the Subordinated perpetual debentures, as the intragroup loan is more liquid than the issuance and the interest rate on the intragroup loan will be received, even if the Company defers the accrued interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures.

The Company will pay interests on an annual basis in the case that interests are mandatorily settled (refer to note 7). The Subordinated perpetual debentures have no redemption date.

Contractual maturities of the Company's financial instruments are:

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(in Thousands of Euro) At December 31, 2019	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Long-term loans to shareholder				3,262,943	4,590,329	7,853,272
Current loans to shareholder	52,555	10,619	59,183			122,357
Financial receivables			. 46		-	46
Total Financial Assets	52,555	10,619	59,229	3,262,943	4,590,329	7,975,675

Liabilities

(in Thousands of Euro) At December 31, 2019	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Long-term loans and bonds				1.768.867	6.084.129	7,852,996
Short-term loans and bonds	44,737	9,575	52,312			106,624
Other current financial liabilities from group companies	6,233	857	5.879		-	12,969
Other current financial liabilities			178		-	178
Total Financial Liabilities	50,970	10,432	58,369	1,768,867	6,084,129	7,972,767

#### Assets

(in Thousands of Euro) At December 31, 2018	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Long-terni lowns (u sharefulder				2,819,384	4,924,720	9.344,104
Current loans to shareholder	5E 785	221 530	62 970		-	145,208
Financial receivables			- 20		-	-70
Derivatives financial instruments		15,753				15,753
Total Financial Assets	56,789	239,292	62,990	2,819,384	4,924,720	8,103,175
Liabilities						
(In Thousands of Euro)	Within 1	Between 1 month and 3	Between 3 months and	Between 12 months and	More than 5	
At December 31, 2018	month	months	12 months	5 years	years	Total
Long-lerm loans and bonds				1 822,380	5,921,349	7.743.729
Short-lerm loans and bonds	48,460	239,229	55 392			349,081
Other current financial liabilities from group companies	7.350	1,470	6,027			14,827
Other current financial liabilities			185	-		185
Total Financial Liabilities	55,790	240,699	61,604	1,822,380	5,921,349	8,101,822

## 4. Financial Assets

Financial assets are loans to group companies that consist mainly of loans given to the shareholder mirroring the borrowings received by the Company from third parties and group companies.

The breakdown of the loans to shareholders are as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Non-current		
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	6,359,153	6,251,668
Loans to shareholder (Referred to Subordinated perpetual debentures)	1,493,389	1,491,706
Loans to shareholder (Credit facility)	730	730
	7,853,272	7,744,104
Current		
Accrued Interest (EMTN Program)	104,324	121,299
Accrued Interest (Referred to Subordinated perpetual debentures)	18,033	18,087
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)		203,912
Loans to shareholder (ECP)		
	122,357	343,298
Total	7,975,629	8,087,402

The carrying amounts and fair values of the non-current loans to the shareholders are as follows:

Carryin	ig value	Fair Value	
31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
6,278,778	6,171,252	6,902,772	6,562,053
1,493,389	1,491,706	1,639,533	1.527.869
730	730	730	730
7,772,897	7,663,688	8,543,035	8,090,652
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(in Thousands of Nok)	Carryle	Fair Value		
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	800,000	800,000	886,167	911,360
Total NOK	800,000	800,000	886,167	911,360

The fair value of the non-current loans to the shareholder is estimated using the discounted cash-flows over the remaining terms of such. The discount rates for intercompany loans corresponding to non-traded related loans were determined based on the cost of borrowings in Euros of Naturgy Energy group, adjusted by the additional spread stipulated in the intercompany loan. The average effective interest rate for those loans during the year has been 2.555% (2018 2.902%). The discount rates for the loans to the shareholder corresponding to the EMTN program not including the Subordinated perpetual debentures have been determined considering the fair market value of the corresponding bonds issued by the Company, adjusted by the additional spread stipulated in the intercompany loan. The average annual interest rate for those loans during the Subordinated perpetual debentures have been determined considering the fair market value of the corresponding bonds issued by the Company, adjusted by the additional spread stipulated in the intercompany loan. The average annual interest rate for those loans during the year has been 2.177% (2018 2.580%).

The carrying amount and fair value of the current loan to the shareholders is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Carryin	Fair Value		
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)		203,912		204,457
Total EUR		203,912		204,457

The movement of loans to group companies is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
At 1 January	8,087,402	7,916,124
Decrease/Increase of loans to group companies (EMTN Program)	(113,402)	169,665
Increase of loans to group companies (Referred to Subordinated perpetual deber	1,629	1,613
As at 31 December	7,975,629	8,087,402

The Company did not identify an impairment of the loans to group companies as of 31 December 2019 and 2019.

We set out below a description of the loans to the shareholder:

#### Loans to group companies (EMTN Program)

In order to on-lend the proceeds raised under the EMTN program, the Company signed a finance agreement with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., formerly named Gas Natural SDG, S.A. dated 26 November 2012, that stipulates the general terms and conditions of the individual loan agreements that will be made between the parties each time the Company issues a bond. Each loan agreement will be a mirror loan of the relevant issuance of Notes and the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement will be identical to the Final Terms of the Issuance of Notes. Thus, the loans have the same maturity date as the EMTN issuances to which they are related to, and bear the same nominal interest rate plus 0.25% plus a taxable margin, in line with the tax ruling.

As at 31 December 2019 the nominal value of the intra-group loans related to the EMTN Program are for the Euro denominated loans EUR 6,393,100 thousand (2018 EUR 6,506,515 thousand) and for Norwegian Krone denominated loans NOK 800,000 thousand (EUR 81,105 thousand). As at 31 December 2019, the amortized cost of the loans using an effective interest rate is EUR 6,278,048 thousand for the Euro denominated loans (2018 EUR 6,171,251 thousand and EUR 80,416 thousand respectively).

The loans to the shareholder related to the EMTN program recognized in the balance sheet are calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
Long term		
At 1 January	6,251,668	6,286,070
Loans to group companies	750,000	752,593
Repayment from group companies	(659,500)	(597,400)
Transfer from long term to short term		(203,888)
Amortized cost released	16,296	15,221
Exchanges differences	689	(928)
As at 31 December	6,359,153	6,251,668
Short term		
At 1 January	325,211	121,144
Transfer to short term from long term		203,888
Amortized cost released	3	24
Repayment from group companies	(203,915)	
Interest income	146,706	155,591
Interest received	(163,681)	(155,436)
As at 31 December	104,324	325,211
Total	6,463,477	6,576,879

In February 2019, the CHF 250,000 thousands bond reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on February 8, 2013 for a total amount of CHF 250,000 thousand. Upon acquisition, this bond was converted into EUR through a total effective cross-currency swap, and the counter position with the parent company was denominated in EUR. On February 8, 2019 the bond, the cross-currency swap and the amount due from the parent company in regards, were all repaid.

In November 2019 the Company issued bonds under its EMTN program for an amount of EUR 750,000 thousand, maturing in 10 years and with a 0.75% coupon. The proceeds from the issuance were used for a bond buy-back offer for EUR 359,500 thousand of debentures maturing between 2021 and 2025. The intercompany loans directly linked to such repurchase were early repaid for the same amount, and the corresponding repayment costs and expenses were duly applied. The proceeds obtained from the issuance on lent to its parent company in means of an intercompany loan with an interest rate of 1.063 %

In December 2019 the Company successfully repurchased a bond under the EMTN program amounting EUR 300,000 thousands with maturity in 2021 pursuant the make whole clause. The intercompany loan directly linked to such bond was early repaid and the corresponding repayment costs and expenses were duly applied.

#### Loans to group companies (Referred to Subordinated perpetual debentures)

In order to on-lend the proceeds raised under the Subordinated perpetual debentures, the Company signed finance agreements with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. dated on 18 November 2014 and 24 April 2015 that stipulates the general terms and conditions on which the intragroup loans are granted.

The maturity dates of the intragroup loans will be 2022 and 2024 respectively. However, the loan could be extended for a further period of a year. Immediate repayment should follow in case of repayment of the debenture.

The loans will bear interest at a fixed rate, calculated on the nominal amount of the loans, which will be similar to the interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures (including the interest re-set) (refer to note 7) plus 0.25% plus a taxable margin in line with the tax ruling. Interest will be payable annually in arrears on each interest payment dates. The initial interest rates are, for the loan mirroring the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand, 4.439316% until year 2022 and for the loan mirroring the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand, 3.6893% until year 2024.

The loans will be subordinated to Senior Obligations of the Borrower, rank equal to Parity Obligations of the Borrower and rank senior to Junior Obligations of the Borrower. Junior Obligations include all current and future ordinary shares and all current and future preferred securities of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

The only conditions that differ between the intragroup loans, that on-lends the proceeds raised from the issuances to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and the instruments, are the maturity dates and the option to defer the payments of interests.

The maturity dates of the intergroup loans are 2022 and 2024 and the Subordinated perpetual debentures have no fixed redemption dates. However, the loans can be extended one more year. In practice, the loans will have the same maturity as the Subordinated perpetual debentures issued, as the maturity date of the intragroup loans will be contractually extended time and again until the Subordinated perpetual debentures will be repaid to the holders. Immediate repayment should follow in case of repayment of the Subordinated perpetual debentures.

At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payments of coupons on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Coupons deferred are, however, mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., pays dividends in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of its ordinary shares. However, the Company has never opted for it. Though, this option is not applicable to the intragroup loans, so if the Company defers interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures, it would still receive the interest on the intercompany loan. In that situation, the loan interest received would be on-lent again to its parent company by means of a new intragroup loan as it is the usual policy of the Company to invest its surplus in Naturgy Energy Group.

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
Long term		
At 1 January	1,491,706	1,490,093
Amortized cost released	1,683	1,613
As at 31 December	1,493,389	1,491,706
Short term		
At 1 January	18,087	18,087
Interest income	62,780	62,840
Interest received	(62,834)	(62,840)
As at 31 December	18,033	18,087
Total	1,511,422	1,509,793

#### Loans to group companies (credit facility)

Additionally, as of 22 September 2010 a credit facility up to a maximum amount of EUR 10,000 thousand has been agreed between the Company and Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., formerly named Gas Natural Fenosa SDG, S.A. The credit facility bears a nominal interest rate of 3 months Euribor plus a taxable margin in line with the tax ruling, with quarterly payments and maturity date 22 September 2021. The outstanding lent amount as of 31 December 2019 amounts to EUR 730 thousand (2018 EUR 730 thousand).

The credit facility recognized in the balance sheet is calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018	
Long term	and the second s		
At 1 January	730	730	
Repayment from shareholder			
As at 31 December	730	730	

#### Loans to group companies (ECP program)

During the year 2019 several loans have been agreed upon in a revolving cash agreement dated 23 March 2010 between the Company and Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. This agreement has been signed to carry out the lending of the proceeds raised under the ECP program up to a maximum amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand where any advances to be granted by the Company to the borrower will be subject to the conditions precedent to the issuance of Notes. Thus, the loans have the same maturity date as the ECP issuance which is related to and bear the same nominal interest rate plus a taxable margin + 0.25% plus a taxable margin in line with the tax ruling.

The amount of none EUR is the outstanding drawn amount as of 31 December 2019.

The loan to the shareholder related to the ECP program, recognized in the balance sheet is calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
Short term		
At 1 January		- II. (*** - 4
Revolving cash advance facility	4,446,052	6,480,307
Repayment cash advance facility	(4,446,052)	(6,480,307)
Interest income	117	60
Interest received	(117)	(60)
As at 31 December		-

#### 5. Cash

Cash consists of current account balances which are available on demand. As at 31 December 2019 cash amounts to EUR 835 thousand (2018 EUR 5,733 thousand). The cash at banks is freely disposable for the Company.

#### 6. Equity

The movements in capital and reserves are provided as follows:

	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Profit for the year	Hedge reserve	Net Equity
Balance at 1 January 2018	91	165	3,478	3,392	(1,917)	5,209
Profit appropriation of previous year			3,392	(3,392)		
Other variations in equity		4		-	564	564
Distribution of dividends			(2,500)			(2,500)
Profit for the year	-		10	3,605		3,605
Balance at 31 December 2018	91	165	4,370	3,605	(1,353)	6,878
Balance at 1 January 2019	91	165	4,370	3,605	(1,353)	6,878
Profit appropriation of previous year		-	3,605	(3,605)		
Other variations in equity			*	-	1,353	1,353
Distribution of dividends		4	(7,000)	-	-	(7,000)
Profit for the year			÷	3,259		3,259
Balance at 31 December 2019	91	165	975	3,259		4,490

#### Share capital

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of 200 common shares of EUR 453.78 each, amounting to EUR 90,756. As at balance sheet date all 200 shares were issued, fully paid-up in cash and have equal voting and interest rights.

All shares are held by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

#### Share premium reserves

The share premium concerns the income from the issuing of shares insofar as this exceeds the nominal value of the shares.

At least EUR 165 thousand of the share premium can be considered as free distributable share premium as referred to in the 1964 Income Tax Act. Nominal value of the shares.

#### Retained earnings and profit for the period

The retained earnings as at 31 December 2019 are EUR 975 thousand. The net income for the period is EUR 3,259 thousand.

#### Hedge reserves (Legal Reserves)

The hedge reserves as at 31 December 2019 has been realised due to the repayment of the CHF bond at the maturity date.

#### Proposed appropriation of profit

During the year ended 31 December 2019 the Company realized a net profit of EUR 3,259 thousand. The Board proposal is to credit the amount of EUR 3,259 thousand to the retained earnings. This has not yet been reflected in the financial statement.

On 18 October 2019, the Board of Directors approved the payment of an interim dividend out of 2018 profits of EUR 2,500 thousand, which was effectively paid on 20 December 2019.

Also, on 19 December 2019, the Board of Directors approved the payment of a dividend of EUR 4,500 thousand from the retained earnings, which was effectively paid on 20 December 2019.

## 7. Borrowings

The breakdown of the non-current and current borrowings at 31 December 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Non-current borrowings		
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)	6,359,561	6,251,977
Bonds and other negotiable securities (Subordinated perpetual debenlures)	1,493,435	1,491,752
	7,852,996	7,743,729
Current borrowings		
Interest payable (EMTN Program)	90,046	104,656
Interest payable (Subordinated perpetual debentures)	16,578	16,623
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)		221,802
	106,624	343,081
Total borrowings	7,959,620	8,086,810

The carrying amounts and fair value of the non-current borrowings are as follows:

	Carryin	g value	Fair Value	
(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)	6,278,456	6,171,561	6,783,861	6,445,737
Bonds and other negotiable securities (Subordinated perpetual debentures)	1,493,435	1,491,752	1,624,435	1,509,415
Total	7,771,891	7,663,313	8,408,296	7,955,152

	Carryin	g value	Fair Value	
(in Thousands of NOK)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)	800,000	800,000	877,872	900,744
Total	800,000	800,000	877,872	900,744

The fair value of bonds with fixed interest rates is estimated using the quoted bid market price available at 31 December 2019.

The carrying amount and fair value of the current borrowing is as follows:

	Carryin	g value	Fair Value		
(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)		221,802		204,395	
Total		221,802	· · ·	204,395	

The movement in borrowings is as follows:

(In Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
At 1 January	8,086,810	7,909,068
Increase of EMTN program	4	176,123
Decrease of EMTN program	(128,828)	
Increase of Subordinated perpetual debenture	1,638	1,619
As at 31 December	7,959,620	8,086,810

All non-current borrowings have a fixed interest. As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, the Company does not have borrowings with a variable interest rate.

The fixed-rate debt amounts to EUR 7,853 million being the total of borrowings at 31 December 2019 (EUR 7,966 million at 31 December 2018).

As at 31 December 2019, the amortized cost of the borrowings using an effective interest rate is EUR 7,771,891 thousand for the Euro denominated loans and thousand and EUR 81,105 thousand for the Norwegian Krone denominated loans (2017 EUR 7,885,115 thousand and EUR 80,416 thousand respectively).

As at 31 December 2019, the average effective interest rate for the borrowings was 2.245% (2018 2.615%).

We set out below the most relevant financial instruments:

#### **EMTN** program

In November 2010, the Company, formerly named Union Fenosa Finance B.V., entered into the Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) program. The program is shared by the Company with Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A, formerly named Gas Natural Capital Markets, S.A., a group company. The program allows the issuance, offering and selling of notes, listing on the Official List of the Luxemburg Stock Exchange and trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market, although the notes may be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as may be agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor. Unlisted Notes may also be issued by Naturgy Finance B.V. but not by Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the guarantor.

This EMTN program is updated periodically, and after various extensions, the last being December 2018, the program limit was EUR 15,000,000 thousand. At 31 December 2019, principal drawn down amounted to EUR 8,725,108 thousand (EUR 9,707,673 thousand at 31 December 2018).

In 2013, the Company begun for the first time to issue notes under the EMTN program, and as at 31 December 2019, the bonds issued by the Company amounted to EUR 6,494,008 thousand (2018 EUR 6,607,423 thousand).

The funds from all the bonds have been on lent by the Company to its parent company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

The bonds recognized in the balance sheet are calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
Long term		
As at 31 December	6,251,977	6,295,524
Bonds and other negotiable securities	750,000	850,000
Repayment of Bonds and other negotiable securities	(659,500)	(597,400)
Transfer from Long Term to Short Term		(213,238)
Transaction costs incurred	(4,365)	(103,528)
Amortized cost released	20,760	21,506
Exchange differences	689	(928)
Derivatives amortized cost		41
Balance – 31 December	6,359,561	6,251,977
Short term		
At 1 January	326,458	106,788
Interest payable	(135,148)	(132,454)
Interest expense	120,188	130,322
Transfer to short term from long term	(203,915)	213,238
Amortized cost released	3	23
Exchange differences	(17,540)	8,191
Derivatives amortized cost		350
As at 31 December	90,046	326,458
Total	6,449,607	6,578,435

The table above describes the balance of the notes issued at 31 December 2019 and 2018 net of cost.

The breakdown of the nominal issue balance at 31 December 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	EUR	Issue d	Maturity	Listed
276,300	EUR	3.500%	276,300	2013	2021	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
453,700	EUR	3.875%	453,700	2013	2022	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
396,400	EUR	3.875%	396,400	2013	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
411,800	EUR	2.875%	411,800	2014	2024	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
154,300	EUR	2.625%	154,300	2014	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
400,600	EUR	1.375%	400,600	2015	2025	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
600,000	EUR	1.250%	600,000	2016	2026	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
1,000,000	EUR	1.375%	1,000,000	2017	2027	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
300,000	EUR	1.875%	300,000	2017	2029	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
800,000	EUR	0.875%	800,000	2017	2025	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
850,000	EUR	1.500%	850,000	2018	2028	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
750,000	EUR	0.750%	750,000	2019	2029	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
		Subtotal EUR	6,393,100	1		
800,000	NOK	3.974%	100,908	2013	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
		Subtotal NOK	100,908			
Total ac	at 31 Decem	bor 2010	6,494,008			

EMTN Programme (in thousands of Euro)

EMTN Programme (in thousands of Euro)

Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	EUR	Issue d	Maturity	Listed
299,600	EUR	3.500%	299,600	2013	2021	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
491,000	EUR	3.875%	491,000	2013	2022	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
462,000	EUR	3.875%	462,000	2013	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
500,000	EUR	2.875%	500,000	2014	2024	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
200,000	EUR	2.625%	200,000	2014	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
500,000	EUR	1.375%	500,000	2015	2025	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
600,000	EUR	1.250%	600,000	2016	2026	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
300,000	EUR	0.515%	300,000	2016	2021	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
1,000,000	EUR	1.375%	1,000,000	2017	2027	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
300,000	EUR	1.875%	300,000	2017	2029	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
800,000	EUR	0.875%	800,000	2017	2025	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
850,000	EUR	1.500%	850,000	2018	2028	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
		Subtotal EUR	6,302,600	1		
250,000	CHF	2.125%	203,915	2013	2019	Six Swiss Exchange AG
		Subtotal CHF	203,915			
800,000	NOK	3.974%	100,908	2013	2023	Luxemburg Stock Exchange
		Subtotal NOK	100,908			
Total as	at 31 Decem	ber 2018	6,607,423			

In February 2019, the CHF 250,000 thousands bond reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on February 8, 2013 for a total amount of CHF 250,000 thousand. Upon acquisition, this bond was converted into EUR through a total effective cross-currency swap, and the counter position with the parent company was denominated in EUR. On February 8, 2019 the bond, the cross-currency swap and the amount due from the parent company in regards, were all repaid.

In November 2019 the Company issued bonds under its EMTN program for an amount of EUR 750,000 thousand, maturing in 10 years and with a 0.75% coupon. The proceeds from the issuance were used for a bond buy-back offer for EUR 359,500 thousand of debentures maturing between 2021 and 2025. The proceeds obtained from the issuance on lent to its parent company in means of an intercompany loan.

In December 2019 the Company successfully repurchased a bond under the EMTN program of EUR 300,000 thousands with maturity in 2021 pursuant the make whole clause.

#### Subordinated perpetual debentures

On November 18, 2014 and April 24, 2015, the Company issued Subordinated perpetual debentures respectively, guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand and EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue prices were 99.488% and 99.049% respectively.

The main characteristics of the Subordinated perpetual debentures are the following:

- Maturity: The Subordinated perpetual debentures have no fixed redemption date. The Company will have the right to redeem the debentures on 18th November 2022 or 24th April 2024 respectively, and on any subsequent year, at interest payment dates.
- Optional interest deferral: At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payment
  of interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Any interest payment deferral will
  accrue interests. Interest accrued is however mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption
  of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group S.A.,
  pays interests in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of
  its ordinary shares
- Interest: The Subordinated perpetual debentures bears interest at a fixed rate, which is
  calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rates are:
  - For the EUR 1,000,000 thousand issuance, the 8 year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.772%) which may be reviewed every 8 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 3.353%; between years 2024 and 2042 the margin will be 3.603% and from then onwards it will be 4.353%. The initial interest rate was set at 4.125%.
  - For the EUR 500,000 thousand issuance, the 9 year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.4210%) which may be reviewed every 9 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 9 years is 3.079%; between years 2025 and 2044 the margin will be 3.329% and from then onwards, it will be 4.079%. The initial interest rate was set at 3.375%.
- Guarantee: The Subordinated perpetual debentures are guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. on a subordinated basis. Any payment obligations of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. also are subordinated (and are only senior to some junior obligations of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.). Junior Obligations of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. include all of its current and future ordinary shares and all of its current and future preferred securities.

The Subordinated perpetual debentures recognized in the balance sheet are calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
Long term		
As at 31 December	1,491,752	1,490,133
Amortized cost released	1,683	1,619
Balance - 31 December	1,493,435	1,491,752
Short term		
At 1 January	16,623	16,623
Interest payable	(58,125)	(58,125)
Interest expense	58,080	58,125
As at 31 December	16,578	16,623
Total	1,510,013	1,508,375

The breakdown of the nominal issue balance at 31 December 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

Subordinated perpetual debentures (in thousands)

Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	EUR	Issued	Maturity	Listed	Reset Date
1,000,000	EUR	4.125%	1,000,000	2014	Perpetual	Luxemburg Stock Exchange	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
500,000	EUR	3.375%	500,000	2015	Perpetual	Luxemburg Stock Exchange	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
		Total	1,500,000				

#### ECP program

On 23 March 2010, the Company entered into a Euro-Commercial Paper Program (ECP) for the issuance of notes under which the Company may issue and have outstanding at any time ECP notes up to a maximum aggregate amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand or its equivalent in alternative currencies. The term of each issuance must not be less than one day nor greater than 364 days from the issue date to the maturity date.

During the year 2019 the Company issued 84 notes to a total nominal value of EUR 4,445 million of which none are outstanding as of 31 December 2019. The average annual interest rate agreed for those notes issued during the year has been -0.232% (2018 -0.354%) whereas the average length of these notes has been 45 days (2018 45 days).

The accrued interest payable for the ECP program issuances are included as a part of the borrowing, thus reducing the principal amount of EUR nil (2018 EUR nil).

The fair and carrying values of the ECP program issuances match due to their short-term length.

The borrowings from the ECP program recognized in the balance sheet is calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2019	2018
Short term		
As at 31 December		
Issuance of ECPs	4,446,052	6,480,307
Redemption of ECPs	(4,446,052)	(6,480,307)
As at 31 December		

#### 8. Derivatives financial instruments

During year 2013, the Company entered into a cross-currency swap related to the Swiss Franc (CHF) 250,000 thousand bond exchanging CHF 250 million with a fixed coupon of 2.125% for EUR 203,915 thousand with a fixed coupon of 3.345%. In addition, the agreement required an exchange of the notional amounts at maturity, which took place in 8 February 2019. The hedge was fully effective as the notional amount of the cross-currency swap equalled the CHF note and all cash flow dates and interest rates coincided between the CHF note and the cross-currency swap.

The derivative was recognized in the balance sheet at fair value and was considered a cash flow hedge as it was hedging a particular risk associated with a recognized liability. Fair value for the cash-flow hedge derivative was calculated as the present value of the estimate future cash-flows based on observable yield curve. The market value obtained by the procedure described above, was adjusted by the counterparty default risk for the evaluation of the derivative that was positive, and by the Company's own credit risk for the valuation of the derivative that was negative.

Annually the interest income and interest expense were recognized in the Statement of Income.

The breakdown of derivative financial instruments by category is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 Dece	mber 2019	31 December 2018	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Derivatives qualifying for hedge accounting Cash flow hedges cross currency		+	15,753	
Interest rate and foreign exchange rate			15,753	2
Total derivative financial instruments			15,753	

The impact on the income statement from derivative financial instruments is as follows:

and the second	31 December 2019	31 December 2018		
(in Thousands of Euro)	Operating Profit			
Cash flow hedges	2,145	2,223		
Total	2,145	2,223		

The impact on the income statement relates to the foreign exchange on translation of the borrowing to the functional currency at the maturity.

The breakdown of derivatives at 31 December 2019, their fair value and maturities of their notional values is nil due to the repayment of the CHF bond at the maturity date.

#### 9. Other current financial liabilities from group companies

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Payables to group companies	12,969	14,827
	12,969	14,827

The payables to group companies relate mainly to the Guarantee Agreement signed by the Company with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. which establishes Naturgy Energy Group as

unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guarantee fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances and to the debt with GNF Mineria B.V. and Gas Natural Europe S.A.S. due to the Fiscal Unity (see note 13). Gas Natural Fenosa Mineria B.V. has been deregistered from the Dutch trade register due to its liquidation in 18 December 2019.

# 10. Financial income

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Financial income Group companies and associates	272,720	238,398
	272,720	238,398

### 11. Financial expense

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Financial expense Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Programme)	187.838	146,492
Bonds and other negotiable securities (Subordinated perpetual debe	and the second sec	59,744
Bonds and other negotiable securities (ECP Program)	(1,551)	(2,307)
Payable to group companies (Guarantee Agreement) ( note 14)	21,182	22,048
Derivatives financial instruments ( Cash flow hedges )	239	6,821
Other	108	51
	267,579	232,849

#### 12. Result from operating activities

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Services	608	396
Administrative expenses	143	65
Audit fees	68	28
Other consultants' fees	381	278
Other general expense	16	26
Personnel	147	122
	755	519

The breakdown of the audit fees at 31 December 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Audit of the financial statements	55	28
Other audit services (*)	20	-
Tax services	1	-
Other non-audit services	13	+
Total Audit fees	88	28
Bond issue cost (**)	(20)	
Total Audit fees through profit and loss	68	28

(\*) The other audit services are cost related to the issuance of the EUR 750,000 thousand bond under its EMTN program issue in November 2019.

(\*\*) EUR 20 thousand is not expensed immediately through profit and loss, but is recognised as transaction cost as part of the amortised cost of the related EUR 750,000 thousand issued bond under its EMTN program issue in November 2019 hence amortised over the period of its maturity in 10 years. Amortisation of this cost is recorded as financial expense.

All the services set under the audit of the financial statements of 2019 have been provided by Ernst and Young Accountants LLP.

#### 13. Income tax expense

The taxable profit of the company is computed on the basis of a special ruling with the tax authorities. This requires a minimum taxable income in respect of taking up and granting loans as well as covering any exchange risks by way of derivative agreements or other hedging procedures. Taxation is based upon a percentage spread of the average amount of all loans (amounts borrowed) outstanding during the year minus the operational costs of the Company (to a certain amount).

The Company signed a new APA in June 2019 with the Dutch tax authorities, which applies to the period of 1 January 2019 up to and including 31 December 2023. This agreement, which sets the arm's length criteria, states most of the Company's profit every year, being obliged to apply the new basis points margin on the interest expense with the next conditions:

- The new margin was applicable for any new debt instrument issued from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019.
- The old margin was applicable for all other issuances in place in 2018 until June 2019.
- The agreement also requires the Company to maintain a minimum equity amount of EUR 2,000 thousand.

Also, in June 2019, the Company concluded an ATR with the Dutch tax authorities for both Subordinated perpetual debentures in the amount of EUR 1,000,000 and EUR 500,000 thousand, by which the taxation conditions for the Company regarding the Subordinated perpetual bonds are set as follows:

- The bonds qualify as debt for Dutch tax purposes.
- No Dutch interest withholding tax will be due in case of interest payments made by the Company.
- The interest to be paid should be deductible for Dutch corporate income tax purposes and can be offset against the interest income realized by the Company.
- The deductibility of the interest expenses is not restricted.
- The Company will report a taxable margin.

On March 17, 2016, the Dutch Tax Authorities approved the Company's request for a fiscal unity. The companies included in such fiscal unity are Naturgy Finance B.V. as parent company and Gas Natural Fenosa Mineria B.V. and Gas Natural Europe S.A.S. as

subsidiaries, and it is of application as per 1 April 2015. Gas Natural Fenosa Mineria B.V. has been deregistered from the Dutch trade register due to its liquidation in 18 December 2019.

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Profit before income tax	4,386	5,030
Corporate income tax (tax ruling)	1,127	1,425
Effective tax rate	25.69%	28.33%
Applicable tax rate	20%-25%	20%-25%

In accordance with current corporate Income tax law in the Netherlands the first EUR 200 thousand of Profit before taxation is charged at 19% (2018 20%), all profit above EUR 200 thousand is charged with a 25% tax rate.

The movement in the current income tax liabilities is included in the table below:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
As at 1 January	629	309
Taxes paid Income tax expense	(2,516) 1,127	(1,105) 1,425
As at 31 December	(760)	629

The breakdown of the tax effect for each item on the statement of recognized Income is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019			31 December 2018			
	Gross	Tax effect	Net	-	Gross	Tax effect	Net
Cash flow hedges		e e			(1,787)	434	(1.353)
Total			_		(1,787)	434	(1,353)

The breakdown of the deferred income tax assets is as follows and relates to the valuation at the fair value of the derivative:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31	December 2019	31	December 2018
Deferred income tax assets				
Current		14		434
Total deferred tax	-	- E	E	434

# 14. Related-party transactions

Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the parent Company of Naturgy Energy Group. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. owns and controls a 100% of the Company's shares.

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Due from Parent, long term	7,853,272	7,744,104
Due from Parent, short term	122,357	343,298
	7,975,629	8,087,402
Due to Parent, short term	(12,969)	(14,827)
	(12,969)	(14,827)
(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Financial income from Group companies	272,720	238,398
Financial expense from Group companies (note 11)	(21,182)	(22,048)

Financial income for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 was accrued with the shareholder Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. (amounts due from Parent). The interest rate of the loans to the shareholder is calculated adding to the total costs of the borrowings received by the Company an arm's length remuneration, set as an annually gross spread.

251.538

216.350

Financial expense accrued with related parties (amounts due to Parent) relate to Naturgy Energy Group S.A. for the Guarantee Agreement in relation to the EMTN program, ECP program and Subordinated Perpetual bonds which establishes Naturgy Energy Group as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guarantee fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances.

## 15. Average number of employees

During the year 2019, the average number of employees calculated on a full-time basis was 1 (2018 1).

## 16. Directors and Supervisory and Audit committee members

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Current and former directors	150	125
Supervisory board and Audit Committee members	16	16
	166	141

The directors' remuneration includes periodically paid remuneration, such as salaries, holiday allowance and social premiums, remuneration to be paid after a certain term, such as pensions to the extent that these items were charged to the Company.

During 2019 some changes have affected the Board of Managing Directors. In June 2019 Ms. V. Torres Ledesma was appointed as Director, replacing Ms. S. Rosina Roger. Additionally, Mrs. H.Barcas Lewkovicz and Intertrust (Netherlands) B.V. were appointed as temporally Managing Directors, from March until September 2019, that they resigned. After these changes the Company has three members of the Board of Managing Directors.

Also, during 2019, the Supervisory Board, pursuant to article 2 paragraph 4 of the Dutch Decree on the Establishment of an Audit Committee (Besluit instelling auditcommissie), wishes to assume these functions. Therefore, on December 16, 2019, the Supervisory Board dismissed the members of the Audit Committee and abolished the Audit Committee, assuming all their functions. As at 31 December 2019, the Company has three Supervisory Board members.

## 17. Events after the reporting year

No mayor post-balance sheet events affecting the financial statements have occurred to date.

The Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board have declared that to the best of their knowledge, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, the liabilities, the financial position and the results of the Company.

The Board of Managing Directors,

Mr. E. Berenguer Marsal

Mrs. V. Torres Ledesma

Mr. G.A.R. Warris

The Supervisory Board,

Mrs. I. Velasco Miranda

Mr. J. Felip Font

Mr. M. van Daalen

Amsterdam, 11 February 2020

# Other information to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

## Profit and profit distribution

Article 21 of the Articles of Association provides that:

- 21.1 The General Meeting has the authority to allocate the profits determined by adoption of the annual accounts. If the General Meeting does not adopt a resolution regarding the allocation of the profits prior to or at latest immediately after the adoption of the annual accounts, the profits will be reserved.
- 21.2 The General Meeting has the authority to make distributions. If the Company is required by law to maintain reserves, this authority only applies to the extent that the equity exceeds these reserves. No resolution of the General Meeting to distribute shall have effect without the consent of the Management Board. The Management Board may withhold such consent only if it knows or reasonably should expect that after the distribution, the Company will be unable to continue the payment of its due debts.

# Independent auditor's report

Reference is made to the independent auditor's report included hereafter.



# Independent auditor's report

To: the shareholders and supervisory board of Naturgy Finance B.V.

# Report on the audit of the financial statements 2019 included in the annual report

## Our opinion

We have audited the financial statements 2019 of Naturgy Finance B.V., based in Amsterdam.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Naturgy Finance B.V. as at 31 December 2019, and of its result for 2019 in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

The financial statements comprise:

- The balance sheet as at 31 December 2019
- The statement of income for 2019
- The notes comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information

Basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report.

We are independent of Naturgy Finance B.V. in accordance with the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities, the Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties (Wta, Audit firms supervision act), the Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Materiality	
Materiality	€39,9 million (2018: €40.5 million)
Benchmark applied	0.5% of total assets as at 31 December 2019
Explanation	We have applied total assets as we believe that this benchmark is the most appropriate metric for the holders of the notes, debt and loans issued by the Company

We have also taken into account misstatements into account and/or possible misstatements that in our opinion are material for the users of the financial statements for qualitative reasons.



We agreed with the supervisory board that misstatements in excess of  $\in 2$  million, which are identified during the audit, would be reported to them, as well as smaller misstatements that in our view must be reported on qualitative grounds.

## Our key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements. We have communicated the key audit matters to the supervisory board. The key audit matters are not a comprehensive reflection of all matters discussed.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

The key audit matter Changes in accounting which was included in our last year's auditor's report, is not considered a key audit matter for this year as this matter related specifically to 2018.

Valuation of loans issue	ed to parent company
Risk	The main activity of the Company is to operate as a financing company of its parent company, Naturgy Energy Group S.A., raising funds from third party lenders through bonds Issuance, loans and other facilities. The Company is exposed to the risk that Naturgy Energy Group S.A. defaults on meeting its obligations.
	As loans to the parent company represent the most significant portion of the Company's current and non-current assets, any impairment may have a material impact on the financial statements. As such we identified valuation of loans issued to the parent company as key audit matter.
	We refer to note "2.6 Financial instruments, d) Impairment of financial assets", of the financial statements, where management has disclosed the policies and procedures in respect of impairment assessment on loans to the parent company.
	The board of managing directors did not identify any objective evidence triggering that loans might be impaired.
Our audit approach	Our audit response includes a consideration of the appropriateness of assumptions and estimates in relation to the recoverability of the loans issued to parent company. We challenged those assumptions and estimates based on, amongst others, our analysis of the financial position of the parent company and by identification of indicators of non-recoverability of loans issued to parent company, including an assessment on whether parent company through the year has not been able to meet its financial obligations toward the Company.
Key observations	Based on the procedures performed we concur with the board of managing directors that no objective evidence is available that triggers impairment of the loans issued to parent company.



# Report on other information included in the annual report

In addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, the annual report contains other information that consists of:

The board of managing directors report

Other information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code

Based on the following procedures performed, we conclude that the other information: Is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements Contains the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements. By performing these procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is substantially less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the board of managing directors report in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and other information required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

# Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

### Engagement

We were engaged by the board of managing directors as auditor of Naturgy Finance B.V. on 13 March 2018, as of the audit for the year 2018 and have operated as statutory auditor since that financial year.

## No prohibited non-audit services

We have not provided prohibited non-audit services as referred to in Article 5(1) of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities.

Other non-prohibited services provided Our services are only related to the audit of the financial statements.

# Description of responsibilities for the financial statements

Responsibilities of management and the supervisory board for the financial statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore, management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting framework mentioned, management should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Management should disclose events and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.



The supervisory board is responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not detect all material errors and fraud during our audit.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

We have exercised professional judgment and have maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit, in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. Our audit included among others:

Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control

Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control

Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management

Concluding on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause a company to cease to continue as a going concern

Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures

Evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation

We communicate with the supervisory board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant findings in internal control that we identify during our audit. In this respect we also submit an additional report to the supervisory board in accordance with Article 11 of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities. The information included in this additional report is consistent with our audit opinion in this auditor's report.



We provide the supervisory board with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the supervisory board, we determine the key audit matters: those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, not communicating the matter is in the public interest.

Amsterdam, 11 February 2020

Ernst & Young Accountants LLP

signed by R.A.J.M. Emmerink



### Conditiona

Authorization to publish the auditor's report is granted subject to the following conditions:

- Further consultation with the auditor is essential if, after this authorization has been granted, facts and circumstances become known which materially affect the view given by the financial statements.
- The authorization concerns inclusion of the auditor's report in the annual report to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting (hereafter AGM) incorporating the financial statements as drawn up.
- The authorization also concerns inclusion of the auditor's report in the annual report to be filed with the Trade Registrar, provided consideration of the financial statements by the AGM does not result in any amendments.
- Financial statements for filing at the offices of the Trade Registrar which have been abridged in accordance with Section 397 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code must be derived from the financial statements adopted by the AGM and a draft version of these financial statements for filing purposes must be submitted to us for (nspection.
- The auditor's report can also be included if the financial statements are published electronically, such as on the internet. In such cases, the full financial statements should be published and these should be easily distinguishable from other information provided electronically at the same time.
- If the published financial statements are to be included in another document which is to be made public, authorization to include the auditor's report must again be granted by the auditor;
- 2 Explanations to the conditions
- 2.1 Board of supervisory directors and board of executive directors

The auditor usually forwards his report to the board of supervisory directors and to the board of executive directors. This is pursuant to Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, section 393 which stipulates inter alia: "The auditor sets out the outcome of his examination in a report", "The auditor reports on his examination to the board of supervisory directors and the board of executive directors".

### 2.2 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Publication of the auditor's report will only be permitted subject to the auditor's express consent. Publication is understood to mean: making available for circulation among the public or to such group of persons as to make it tantamount to the public. Circulation among shareholders or members, as appropriate, also comes within the scope of the term "publication", so that inclusion of the auditor's report in the annual report to be tabled at the AGM similarly requires authorization by the auditor.

### 2.3 Auditor's reports and linancial statements

The authorization concerns publication in the annual report incorporating the financial statements that are the subject of the auditor's report. This condition is based on the auditors' rules of professional practice, which state that the auditor will not be allowed to authorize publication of his report except together with the financial statements to which this report refers.

The auditor will also at all times want to see the rest of the annual report, since the auditor is not allowed to authorize publication of his report if, owing to the contents of the documents jointly published, an incorrect impression is created as to the significance of the financial statements.

#### 2.4 Events between the date of the auditor's report and the AGM

Attention should be paid to the fact that between the date of the auditor's report and the date of the meeting at which adoption, as appropriate, of the financial statements is considered, facts or circumstances may have occurred which materially affect the view given by the financial statements. Under COS 560, the auditor must perform audit procedures designed to obtain sufficient audit evidence to ensure that all events occurring before the date of the auditor's report that warrant amendment of or disclosure in the financial statements have been identified. If the auditor becomes aware of events that may be of material significance to the financial statements, the auditor must consider whether those events have been adequately recognized and sufficiently disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. If between the date of the auditor's report and the date of publication of the financial statements, the auditor becomes aware of a fact that may have a material impact on the financial statements, the auditor must assess whether the financial statements should be amended, discuss the matter with management and act as circumstances dictate.

#### 2.5 Trade Registrar

The financial statements are tabled at the AGM (legal entities coming within the scope of Title 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code table the directors' report and the other information as well). The AGM considers adoption of the financial statements. Only after the financial statements have been adopted, do they become the statutory (i.e., the company) financial statements. As a rule, the statutory financial statements will be adopted without amendment. The auditor's report must be attached to the statutory financial statements as part of the other information. As a rule, the text of this report will be the same as that issued earlier. The documents to be made public by filling at the offices of the Trade Registrar will consist of the statutory financial statements, the directors' report and the other information. The auditor's report which refers to the unabridged financial statements will then have to be incorporated in the other information. If consideration of the financial statements by the AGM does not result in any amendments, the auditor's report may be attached to the financial statements adopted, by the AGM and, provided the annual report and financial statements are filed promptly at the offices of the Trade Registrar, published as part of these annual report and financial statements.

### 2,6 Other manner of publication

The financial statements may also be published other than by filing at the offices of the Trade Registrar. In that event, too, inclusion of the auditor's report is permitted, provided the financial statements are published in full. If publication conceros part of the financial statements or if the financial statements are published in abridged form, publication of any report the auditor has issued on such financial statements will be prohibited, unless:

- He has come to the conclusion that, in the circumstances of the case, the document concerned is appropriate Or
- Based on legal regulations, publication of the document concerned is all that is required

If less than the full financial statements are published, further consultation with the auditor is essential. If the financial statements and the auditor's report are published on the internet, it should be ensured that the financial statements are easily distinguishable from other information contained on the internet site. This can be achieved, for example, by including the financial statements as a separate file in a read-only format or by including a warning message when the reader exits the financial statements document.

### 2.7 Inclusion in another document

If the published financial statements are to be included in another document which is to be made public, this is considered a new publication and authorization must again be obtained from the auditor. An example of this situation is the publication of an offering circular which includes the financial statements, after these financial statements have been filed at the office of the Trade Registrar together with the other annual reports. For each new publication, authorization must again be obtained from the auditor.

#### 2.8 Events after the AGM

Even if facts and circumstances have become known after the adoption of the financial statements as a result of which they no longer give the statutory true and fair view, the auditor must stand by the report issued on the financial statements as adopted and by the auditor's report filed at the offices of the Trade Registrar. In that event, the legal entity is required to file a statement at the offices of the Trade Registrar on these facts and circumstances accompanied by an auditor's report. In this situation, too, further consultation with the auditor is essential.