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## “Rabobank becomes the 90<sup>th</sup> Covered Bond Labelled issuer”

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The **Covered Bond Label Foundation (CBLF)** is pleased to announce that [Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A.](#), a Dutch based bank, has become the 90<sup>th</sup> issuer to join the Covered Bond Label, following which the total number of cover pools holding the Label now stands at 106.

Commenting on this latest development, **Luca Bertalot, Covered Bond Label Foundation Administrator**, said:

*“The decision of Rabobank to join the Covered Bond Label confirms the willingness of core covered bond market participants to significantly enhance transparency by implementing the Harmonised Transparency Template (HTT). Rabobank’s adherence is all the more significant given that it is a new issuer of covered bonds, which demonstrates the role that the Covered Bond Label plays for new market entrants as the industry quality benchmark.”*

To recap, the Covered Bond Label is a quality Label, of which the primary purpose is to highlight to investors the security and quality of covered bonds, and to further enhance recognition of and trust in the covered bond asset class.

The Covered Bond Label is open to all covered bond programmes that are compliant with [the Covered Bond Label Convention](#) and disclose their data by publishing the Harmonised Transparency Template (HTT). More information on all labelled Issuers and the Label itself can be found on the Covered Bond Label website at [www.coveredbondlabel.com](http://www.coveredbondlabel.com).

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### Notes to the Editor:

1. The **Covered Bond Label Foundation (CBLF)** was established in 2012 by the European Mortgage Federation – European Covered Bond Council ([EMF-ECBC](#)). The Covered Bond Label [website](#) became fully operational on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013, with the first Labels being effective since then. The website features the Harmonised Transparency Template (HTT) and 14 National Transparency Templates, published by 90 issuers disclosing information on 106 labelled cover pools across 16 jurisdictions. The Covered Bond Label website currently provides issuance data on over 4,400 covered bonds, amounting to a total face value of over 1.5 trillion EUR, out of which over 2,400 covered bonds already include information on the Liquidity Coverage Requirement (LCR).
2. Established in 1967, the **European Mortgage Federation (EMF)** is the voice of the European mortgage industry, representing the interests of mortgage lenders and covered bond issuers at European level. The EMF provides data and information on European mortgage markets, which were worth over 7 trillion EUR at the end of 2015. The EMF currently has 17 members across 14 EU Member States as well as a number of observer members.



3. In 2004 the EMF founded the **European Covered Bond Council (ECBC)**, a platform bringing together covered bond issuers, analysts, investment bankers, rating agencies and a wide range of interested stakeholders. The ECBC currently has over 110 members across more than 30 active covered bond jurisdictions and many different market segments. ECBC members represent over 95% of covered bonds outstanding, which were worth nearly 2.5 trillion EUR at the end of 2015.
4. For the latest updates from the EMF-ECBC, follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#) or visit the EMF-ECBC [website](#).