



Sustainability indicators for crypto-assets

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Preamble

About the Crypto-Asset Service Provider (CASP)

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About this report

This disclosure serves as evidence of compliance with the regulatory requirements of Article 66(5) MiCA. Under this provision, crypto-asset service providers are required to disclose information on the principal adverse impacts on the climate and the environment. In particular, this disclosure complies with "Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/422 of 17 December 2024 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards specifying the content, methodologies and presentation of information in respect of sustainability indicators in relation to adverse impacts on the climate and other environment-related adverse impacts". The optional information referred to in Article 6(8), points (a) to (d), of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/422 is not included.

This report remains valid until material changes occur in the underlying data, in which case it will be updated promptly.

Overview

This is an overview of the core indicator "energy consumption" and does not constitute the disclosure required under Article 66(5) MiCA. The full disclosure is set out below.

#	Crypto-Asset Name	Crypto-Asset FFG	Energy consumption (kWh per calendar year)
1	Bitcoin	V15WLZJMF	150,682,544,610.39
2	Litecoin	D74JZ1VRD	748,606,683.23
3	Ethereum Eth	D5RG2FHH0	2,159,953.20
4	Cardano ADA	76QS7QCXB	773,946.00

Sustainability indicators



Bitcoin

BTC | V15WLZJMF

Quantitative information

Quantitative sustainability indicators for Bitcoin

Field	Value	Unit
S.1 Name	Ihre Volksbank eG Neckar Odenwald Main Tauber	/
S.2 Relevant legal entity identifier	529900XUBIXXFHP44185	/
S.3 Name of the crypto-asset	Bitcoin	/
S.6 Beginning of the period to which the disclosure relates	2025-08-09	/
S.7 End of the period to which the disclosure relates	2026-08-09	/
S.8 Energy consumption	150682544610.39435	kWh/a
S.10 Renewable energy consumption	34.4781471084	%
S.11 Energy intensity	3.58062	kWh
S.12 Scope 1 DLT GHG emissions - Controlled	0.00000	tCO2e
S.13 Scope 2 DLT GHG emissions - Purchased	62080614.89080	tCO2e
S.14 GHG intensity	1.47520	kgCO2e

Qualitative information

S.4 Consensus Mechanism

Bitcoin is present on the following networks: Bitcoin, Lightning Network.

The Bitcoin blockchain network uses a consensus mechanism called Proof of Work (PoW) to achieve distributed consensus among its nodes. Here's a detailed breakdown of how it works:

Core Concepts:

1. Nodes and Miners:

- Nodes: Nodes are computers running the Bitcoin software that participate in the network by validating transactions and blocks.
- Miners: Special nodes, called miners, perform the work of creating new blocks by solving complex cryptographic puzzles.

2. Blockchain: The blockchain is a public ledger that records all Bitcoin transactions in a series of blocks. Each block contains a list of transactions, a reference to the previous block (hash), a timestamp, and a nonce (a random number used once).

3. Hash Functions: Bitcoin uses the SHA-256 cryptographic hash function to secure the data in blocks. A hash function takes input data and produces a fixed-size string of characters, which appears random.

Consensus Process:

1. Transaction Validation: Transactions are broadcast to the network and collected by miners into a block. Each transaction must be validated by nodes to ensure it follows the network's rules, such as correct signatures and sufficient funds.

2. Mining and Block Creation:

- Nonce and Hash Puzzle: Miners compete to find a nonce that, when combined with the block's data and passed through the SHA-256 hash function, produces a hash that is less than a target value. This target value is adjusted periodically to ensure that blocks are mined approximately every 10 minutes.
- Proof of Work: The process of finding this nonce is computationally intensive and requires significant energy and resources. Once a miner finds a valid nonce, they broadcast the newly mined block to the network.

3. Block Validation and Addition: Other nodes in the network verify the new block to ensure the hash is correct and that all transactions within the block are valid. If the block is valid, nodes add it to their copy of the blockchain and the process starts again with the next block.

4. Chain Consensus: The longest chain (the chain with the most accumulated proof of work) is considered the valid chain by the network. Nodes always work to extend the longest valid chain. In the case of multiple valid chains (forks), the network will eventually resolve the fork by continuing to mine and extending one chain until it becomes longer.

For the calculation of the corresponding indicators, the additional energy consumption and the transactions of the Lightning Network have also been taken into account, as this reflects the categorization of the Digital Token Identifier Foundation for the respective functionally fungible group ("FFG") relevant for this reporting. If one would exclude these transactions, the respective estimations regarding the "per transaction" count would be substantially higher.

S.5 Incentive Mechanisms and Applicable Fees

Bitcoin is present on the following networks: Bitcoin, Lightning Network.

The Bitcoin blockchain relies on a Proof-of-Work (PoW) consensus mechanism to ensure the security and integrity of transactions. This mechanism involves economic incentives for miners and a fee structure that supports network sustainability:

Incentive Mechanisms:

1. Block Rewards:

- Newly Minted Bitcoins: Miners are incentivized by block rewards, which consist of newly created bitcoins awarded to the miner who successfully mines a new block. Initially, the block reward was 50 BTC, but it halves every 210,000 blocks (approx. every four years) in an event known as the "halving."
- Halving and Scarcity: The halving mechanism ensures that the total supply of Bitcoin is capped at 21 million, creating scarcity and potentially increasing value over time.

2. Transaction Fees:

- User Fees: Each transaction includes a fee paid by the user to incentivize miners to include their transaction in a block. These fees are crucial, especially as the block reward diminishes over time due to halving.
- Fee Market: Transaction fees are determined by the market, where users compete to have their transactions processed quickly. Higher fees typically result in faster inclusion in a block, especially during periods of high network congestion.

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S.9 Energy consumption sources and methodologies

The energy consumption of this asset is aggregated across multiple components:

For the calculation of energy consumptions, the so called 'top-down' approach is being used, within which an economic calculation of the miners is assumed. Miners are persons or devices that actively participate in the proof-of-work consensus mechanism. The miners are considered to be the central factor for the energy consumption of the network. Hardware is pre-selected based on the consensus mechanism's hash algorithm: SHA-256. A current profitability threshold is determined on the basis of the revenue and cost structure for mining operations. Only Hardware above the profitability threshold is considered for the network. The energy consumption of the network can be determined by taking into account the distribution for the hardware, the efficiency levels for operating the hardware and on-chain information regarding the miners' revenue opportunities. If significant use of merge mining is known, this is taken into account. When calculating the energy consumption, we used - if available - the Functionally Fungible Group Digital Token Identifier (FFG DTI) to determine all implementations of the asset of question in scope and we update the mappings regularly, based on data of the Digital Token Identifier Foundation. The information regarding the hardware used and the number of participants in the network is based on assumptions that are verified with best effort using empirical data. In general, participants are assumed to be largely economically rational. As a precautionary principle, we make assumptions on the conservative side when in doubt, i.e. making higher estimates for the adverse impacts.

To determine the energy consumption of a token, the energy consumption of the network(s) lightning_network is calculated first. For the energy consumption of the token, a fraction of the energy consumption of the network is attributed to the token, which is determined based on the activity of the crypto-asset within the network. When calculating the energy consumption, the Functionally Fungible Group Digital Token Identifier (FFG DTI) is used - if available - to determine all implementations of the asset in scope. The mappings are updated regularly, based on data of the Digital Token Identifier Foundation. The information regarding the hardware used and the number of

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Quantitative information

Quantitative sustainability indicators for Litecoin

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S.7 End of the period to which the disclosure relates	2026-08-09	/
S.8 Energy consumption	748606683.23420	kWh/a
S.10 Renewable energy consumption	34.4781471084	%
S.11 Energy intensity	0.02929	kWh
S.12 Scope 1 DLT GHG emissions - Controlled	0.00000	tCO ₂ e
S.13 Scope 2 DLT GHG emissions - Purchased	308423.00498	tCO ₂ e
S.14 GHG intensity	0.01207	kgCO ₂ e

Qualitative information

S.4 Consensus Mechanism

Litecoin, like Bitcoin, uses Proof of Work (PoW) as its consensus mechanism, but with a few key differences:

1. Script Hashing Algorithm: Unlike Bitcoin's SHA-256 algorithm, Litecoin uses the Scrypt hashing algorithm, which is more memory-intensive. This makes mining Litecoin more accessible to regular users and limits the advantages of specialized hardware (like ASICs) in the early years.
2. Mining and Block Creation: Miners compete to solve cryptographic puzzles and, upon success, add new blocks to the blockchain. This process involves solving the Scrypt algorithm, which requires computational work. The first miner to solve the problem earns the block reward and transaction fees associated with the transactions in the block.

3. Block Time: Litecoin has a block time of 2.5 minutes, much faster than Bitcoin's 10 minutes. This means transactions confirm more quickly, increasing the overall network speed.
4. Block Reward Halving: Similar to Bitcoin, Litecoin has a block reward halving event approximately every four years. Initially, miners earned 50 LTC per block, but this reward decreases by half after each halving event. This process continues until the maximum supply of 84 million LTC is reached.
5. Difficulty Adjustment: Litecoin adjusts the mining difficulty approximately every 2,016 blocks (about every 3.5 days) to ensure that blocks continue to be mined at a consistent rate of 2.5 minutes per block, regardless of fluctuations in the total network hash rate.

S.5 Incentive Mechanisms and Applicable Fees

Litecoin, like Bitcoin, uses the Proof of Work (PoW) consensus mechanism to secure transactions and incentivize miners.

Incentive Mechanisms:

1. Mining Rewards:

Block Rewards: Miners are rewarded with Litecoin (LTC) for successfully mining new blocks. Initially, miners received 50 LTC per block, but this reward halves approximately every four years.

Transaction Fees: Miners also earn transaction fees from the transactions included in the blocks they mine. Users pay fees to have their transactions processed by miners, especially when they need faster confirmation times.

2. Halving:

The halving mechanism ensures that over time, fewer Litecoins are introduced into circulation, creating a deflationary model. This makes mining more valuable as the circulating supply becomes scarcer, incentivizing miners to continue participating in the network even as block rewards decrease.

3. Economic Security:

The cost of mining (e.g., hardware and electricity) provides a strong economic incentive for miners to act honestly. If miners attempt to cheat or attack the network, they risk losing the computational work they invested, as invalid blocks will be rejected by the network.

Fees on the Litecoin Blockchain:

- Transaction Fees: Litecoin users pay a transaction fee for each transaction, typically calculated in LTC per byte of transaction data. The fees are dynamic and vary based on network congestion.
- Low Fees: Litecoin is known for its relatively low transaction fees compared to other blockchains like Bitcoin, which makes it ideal for smaller transactions and micro-payments.
- Fee Redistribution: Collected transaction fees are distributed to miners as part of their rewards for validating transactions and securing the network.

S.9 Energy consumption sources and methodologies

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Ethereum Eth

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S.3 Name of the crypto-asset	Ethereum Eth	/
S.6 Beginning of the period to which the disclosure relates	2025-08-09	/
S.7 End of the period to which the disclosure relates	2026-08-09	/
S.8 Energy consumption	2159953.20000	kWh/a
S.10 Renewable energy consumption	37.9124101186	%
S.11 Energy intensity	0.00004	kWh
S.12 Scope 1 DLT GHG emissions - Controlled	0.00000	tCO ₂ e
S.13 Scope 2 DLT GHG emissions - Purchased	718.86066	tCO ₂ e
S.14 GHG intensity	0.00001	kgCO ₂ e

Qualitative information

S.4 Consensus Mechanism

Ethereum uses a Proof-of-Stake (PoS) consensus mechanism introduced with The Merge on 2022-09-15, which replaced the previous Proof-of-Work consensus model. The PoS mechanism is implemented through Gasper, combining Casper-FFG for finality with the LMD-GHOST fork-choice rule for chain selection. Validators participate in consensus by staking ETH through the Beacon Chain. Validators are pseudo-randomly selected to propose new blocks, while other validators attest to the validity of proposed blocks. The network operates using 12-second slots grouped into epochs of 32 slots. Under normal network conditions, finality is typically achieved after two epochs, approximately 12.8 minutes, through Casper-FFG. The LMD-GHOST fork-choice rule determines the canonical chain based on the accumulated weight of validator attestations. Validators that engage in certain malicious behaviour, such as equivocation or contradictory attestations, may be subject to

slashing penalties, while offline validators may incur inactivity penalties. Subsequent network upgrades, including Dencun (2024-03-13), Pectra (2025-05-07) and Fusaka (2025-12-03), introduced protocol changes affecting Ethereum's consensus mechanism and Layer 2 functionality.

S.5 Incentive Mechanisms and Applicable Fees

Ethereum's Proof-of-Stake (PoS) mechanism secures the network through validator incentives and protocol-defined penalties. Validators are required to stake ETH in order to participate in block proposal and attestation activities. A minimum of 32 ETH is required to activate a validator. Following the Pectra upgrade on 2025-05-07, EIP-7251 increased the maximum effective balance per validator from 32 ETH to 2,048 ETH. Validators may receive protocol-defined rewards for proposing blocks, attesting to valid blocks and participating in sync committees. Rewards consist of newly issued ETH and transaction-related fees. Transaction fees on Ethereum follow the mechanism introduced by EIP-1559, under which each transaction includes a base fee that is burned at the protocol level and an optional priority fee paid to the validator proposing the relevant block. Validators that engage in certain malicious behaviour, including equivocation or contradictory attestations, may be subject to slashing penalties. Validators that fail to participate correctly in consensus activities may also incur inactivity penalties. These mechanisms are intended to support validator participation and the economic security of the Ethereum network.

S.9 Energy consumption sources and methodologies

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Cardano ADA

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Quantitative information

Quantitative sustainability indicators for Cardano ADA

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S.2 Relevant legal entity identifier	529900XUBIXXFHP44185	/
S.3 Name of the crypto-asset	Cardano ADA	/
S.6 Beginning of the period to which the disclosure relates	2025-08-09	/
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S.8 Energy consumption	773946.00000	kWh/a
S.10 Renewable energy consumption	37.4187578605	%
S.11 Energy intensity	0.00109	kWh
S.12 Scope 1 DLT GHG emissions - Controlled	0.00000	tCO2e
S.13 Scope 2 DLT GHG emissions - Purchased	260.63169	tCO2e
S.14 GHG intensity	0.00037	kgCO2e

Qualitative information

S.4 Consensus Mechanism

Core Components: Cardano uses the Ouroboros consensus mechanism, a Proof of Stake (PoS) protocol designed for scalability, security, and energy efficiency.

Core Concepts:

1. Proof of Stake (PoS): Validators (called slot leaders) are selected based on the amount of ADA they have staked, rather than solving complex computational puzzles. Validators propose and validate blocks, which are added to the blockchain.
2. Epochs and Slot Leaders: Cardano divides time into epochs (fixed time periods), each of which is subdivided into slots. Slot leaders are selected for each slot to validate and propose blocks. Slot

leaders are chosen randomly based on the amount of ADA staked. More stake increases the probability of being selected. Validators are responsible for confirming transactions during their slot and passing the block to the next slot leader.

3. **Delegation and Staking Pools:** ADA holders can delegate their tokens to staking pools, which increases the pool's chances of being selected to validate a block. The pool operator and delegators share the rewards based on their stakes. This system ensures that participants who do not want to operate a full validator node can still earn rewards and contribute to network security by supporting trusted staking pools.
4. **Security and Adversary Resistance:** Ouroboros ensures security even in the presence of potential attacks. It assumes that adversaries may attempt to propagate alternative chains or send arbitrary messages. The protocol is secure as long as more than 51% of the staked ADA is controlled by honest participants. **Settlement Delay:** To protect against adversarial attacks, the new slot leader must consider the last few blocks as transient. Only the blocks preceding these are treated as finalized, ensuring that chain finality is secure against manipulation attempts. This mechanism also allows participants to temporarily go offline and resynchronize as long as they are not disconnected for more than the settlement delay period.
5. **Chain Selection:** Cardano's nodes adopt the longest valid chain rule: each node stores a local copy of the blockchain and replaces it with any discovered valid, longer chain. This ensures that all nodes eventually converge on a single version of the blockchain, maintaining network consistency.

S.5 Incentive Mechanisms and Applicable Fees

Cardano uses incentive mechanisms to ensure network security and decentralization through staking rewards, slashing mechanisms, and transaction fees.

Incentive Mechanisms to Secure Transactions:

1. **Staking Rewards:**
 - Validators, known as slot leaders, secure the network by validating transactions and creating new blocks. To participate, validators must stake ADA, and those with larger stakes are more likely to be selected as slot leaders.
 - Validators are rewarded with newly minted ADA and transaction fees for successfully producing blocks and validating transactions.
 - Delegators, who may not wish to run a validator node, can delegate their ADA to staking pools. By doing so, they contribute to the network's security and earn a share of the rewards earned by the pool. The rewards are distributed proportionally based on the amount of ADA delegated.
2. **Slashing Mechanism:**
 - To prevent malicious behavior, Cardano employs a slashing mechanism. Validators who act dishonestly, fail to validate transactions properly, or produce incorrect blocks face penalties that involve the slashing of a portion of their staked ADA.
 - This provides strong economic incentives for validators to act honestly and ensures the network's integrity and security.
3. **Delegation and Pool Operation:**
 - Staking pools can charge operation fees (a margin on rewards) to maintain their infrastructure. This includes fixed costs set by pool operators. Delegators earn rewards after pool fees are deducted, providing a balanced incentive for both operators and delegators to participate actively.
 - Rewards are distributed at the end of each epoch, where staking pool performance and participation determine the distribution of ADA rewards to all stakeholders.

Applicable Fees:

1. Transaction Fees:

- Transaction fees on Cardano are paid in ADA and are generally low. They are calculated based on the size of the transaction and the network's current demand. These fees are paid to validators for including transactions in new blocks.
- The fee formula is: $a + b \times \text{size}$, where a is a constant (typically 0.155381 ADA), b is a coefficient related to the transaction size (0.000043946 ADA/byte), and size refers to the transaction size in bytes. This ensures that the fee adapts based on network load and the size of each transaction.

2. Staking Pool Fees:

- Staking pool operators charge operational costs and a margin fee, which covers the cost of running and maintaining the staking pool. These fees vary between pools but ensure that operators can continue to provide their services while offering rewards to delegators.
- After the operator's fee, the remaining rewards are distributed among the delegators based on the size of their stake.

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Our services

ESG data for crypto-assets

Provision of ESG data for crypto-assets in compliance with MiCA requirements. The data is based on ISO-certified measurements, is legally robust, can be easily integrated, and is trusted by leading regulated market participants operating in different regulatory environments.

Risk management

Crypto Risk Metrics provides a MaRisk- and BAIT-compliant SaaS solution that helps financial institutions manage risks in direct and indirect crypto-asset investments by reference to BSI standards and other recognised standards. Daily reports and a complete audit trail ensure transparent, audit-ready documentation of crypto-asset risks.

Market conformity check

The service ensures compliance with Circular 05/2023 (BA) through automated verification of the market conformity of crypto trades and by flagging potentially non-conforming transactions. Customers receive daily trade reports securely via SFTP or in CSV format, simplifying regulatory risk management.

White papers for crypto-assets

Crypto Risk Metrics supports CASPs in drafting and maintaining MiCA-compliant white papers, including ESG disclosures, or assumes responsibility for the entire process through its "White Glove Service", with transfer of liability. If the issuer of the crypto-asset does not provide a white paper, the trading platform may prepare and submit it to the competent authority.

Compliant price data

Crypto Risk Metrics delivers KARBV-compliant price data for native crypto-assets using a valuation model tailored to non-organised markets, such as Bitcoin and Ethereum. This ensures accurate asset valuation in line with Sections 27 and 28 of the German Investment Accounting and Valuation Ordinance (KARBV).

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