euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)

Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Strategic Report
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Profile

The Directors present their strategic report on euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2021.
The Company is an investment holding entity for euNetworks Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries.
The current reporting period is for the year ended 31 December 2021. The comparatives are for the year to 31 December 2020.

Review of the business

Principal activities
The principal activity of the Group is as a bandwidth infrastructure provider under the trading name "euNetworks". The Group owns and operates 17 fibre based metropolitan networks across Western Europe, with these networks connected by euNetworks' long haul network. euNetworks is a market leader in data centre connectivity, directly connecting over 470 data centres in Europe. euNetworks is also a leading cloud connectivity provider. The Group offers a portfolio of metropolitan and long-haul services including Dark Fibre, Wavelengths and Ethernet. Wholesale, finance, content, media, data centre and enterprise customers benefit from euNetworks' unique inventory of fibre and duct based assets that are tailored to fulfil their high bandwidth needs.

Results and performance

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021	**Year ended 31 Dec 2020**	**Year ended 31 Dec 2019**
	€'m	**€'m**	**€'m**
Revenue	193.8	178.2	167.6
Gross margin	94.4%	94.7%	88.9%
Adjusted EBITDA	119.9	111.9	94.5
Loss before taxation	(87.9)	(80.9)	(88.9)

"Adjusted EBITDA" is defined as Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, Amortisation, profit / (loss) on disposal of plant and equipment and long-term incentive plan costs.

The increase in revenue of 9% arises largely due to the success the group has had in selling its focus products to target customers.

Gross margin remained very close to the high percentage of the prior year for two main reasons; 1) the group has set the strategy of selling focus products to target customers at gross margins in excess of 90% and has been successful at doing so, 2) the group has invested in its own network and therefore needs to lease less network to fulfil customer demand.

Adjusted EBITDA has increased by 7% over the prior period or €8.0m. This is as a the result of the increase in revenues over the prior year, and the reduction in direct cost of sales as a result of the investment in the Group's own network.

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Review of the business (cont'd.)

The Group's loss before taxation for the year of €87.9m (2020: €80.9m) has been affected by three major items 1) as discussed above, improved revenues from its strategy of selling focus products to target customers at gross margins in excess of 90% and lower direct costs of sales as a result of the investment in the Group's own network, partially off-set by, 2) depreciation amounting to €164.4m (2020: €156.2m) increased as a result of continued investment in the Group's networks, 3) finance costs amounting to €26.3m (2020: €20.3m) increased as a result of further funding drawdowns. The resulting loss after tax for the period was €101.4m (2020: €79.1m).

On 19 November 2021 the company issued 10,000 ordinary shares for a total consideration of €50m (€5,000 per share) to its existing shareholders. Accordingly the share capital of the company has increased by 10,000 shares at nominal value of €978.4619 per share amounting to an increase in share capital of €9.8m and the balance of the proceeds of the issue of €40.2m has increased share premium.

On 17 December 2021 a capital distribution of €85m was made to shareholders whereby 10,000 shares were cancelled reducing share capital by €9.8m and at the same time share premium was reduced by €75.2m.

In December 2021 the Group refinanced its debt whereby the existing debt comprising €365m of term loan B and revolving credit facility of €65m was repaid from new bank facilities and senior secured notes totalling €520m. In addition to the initial facilities and notes a new capital expenditure facility of €200m and working capital facility of €40m was put in place, both of these facilities were undrawn at 31 December 2021.

The Group has continued its investment in the network, growing its depth and reach during the year, in total €138.8m in telecom networks and network equipment in the year.

Customers
euNetworks delivers high bandwidth services to customers spanning the wholesale, finance, content, media, data centre and enterprise segments.

Services provided
The Group delivers a focused product set centred on its core assets of owned fibre optic cables and associated equipment. These assets are used to deliver targeted bandwidth solutions for customers.

<u>Focused Products</u>

Dark Fibre: The core asset of the business. euNetworks offers leased fibre by strand in the metropolitan and long haul networks.

Wavelengths: Transmission product, offering high capacity connectivity, typically between data centres. euNetworks offers this in the metropolitan and long haul networks.

Ethernet: Transmission product, offering private connections between data centres and many business locations.

<u>Non-Focused Products</u>

Non-focused products include Colocation and Internet.

<u>Bandwidth Solutions</u>

euTrade: Ultra low latency services over euNetworks' dedicated network platform. Delivering industry leading services to the finance business segment.

DC Connect: Pre-deployed connectivity between key data centres in cities, with rapid service delivery. Available today in London, Frankfurt, Paris, the Netherlands and Manchester with further cities to follow.

Services provided (cont'd.)

Cloud Connect: Private and secure connection into the top cloud providers, with fixed, burstable and usage based billing options and online ordering available.

Open Line Systems ("OLS"): the design, build and operation of a dedicated network at the photonic layer, with the customers terminating the traffic on their own equipment.

euSpectrum: A cost effective alternative to procuring long haul dark fibre while building a managed multi-terabit backbone.

Private Connect: A dedicated private network, offering fibre and equipment to a single customer.

Going Concern

The Group meets its day to day working capital requirements through its revolving credit facility and ongoing operating cash flows. The Group's forecasts, taking account of possible changes in trading performance, show the Group will be able to operate within the level of its current facilities. The Directors are confident this will meet the working capital needs for the foreseeable future.

In the light of the Covid 19 pandemic which started in the prior year the Board have again considered the appropriateness of the going concern assumption under which these financial statements are prepared and have again concluded that the business will not be materially affected by the pandemic and that there is sufficient available funding to see the business through the next 12 months from date of approval of these financial statements.

In February 2022 Russia invaded the Ukraine, as a result sanctions have been introduced against certain Russian businesses, the Group has assessed its position as regards its customers and suppliers that fall within these sanctions and the Directors have concluded that there is no material effect on the Group.

The Directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence in the foreseeable future, meaning at least the next 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements. Given the Company and the Group have available facilities, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Future developments

The Group will continue with its strategy of selling its focused product set to a targeted group of customers, combined with network expansion to increase our addressable market, both organically and inorganically through the acquisition of complementary businesses in adjacent geographies.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The management of the business and execution of the Group's strategy are subject to a number of commercial risks. Risks are reviewed by the Directors and appropriate processes put in place to monitor and mitigate them. If more than one event occurs, it is possible that the overall effect of such events would compound the possible adverse effects on the Company and the Group.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties (cont'd.)

The key business risks affecting the Group are set out below:

Risk	Mitigation
Changes in technology or commercial models may impact demand for the Group's services	• The Group continues to closely monitor key industry trends driving demand, including the rollout of 5G, and developments in the Internet of Things, Cloud Computing, artificial intelligence, big data, Virtual Reality, and ultra-high definition video. • The Group actively monitors competitor activity on key routes with regards to its focus products to ensure that its products and bandwidth solutions remain competitively positioned and differentiated. • The Group works with suppliers to ensure that its cost base remains competitive, and to enable flexibility to respond to changing pricing and commercial dynamics.
The Group's business plan relies on a continuation of above-market growth	• The Group continues to expand its addressable market through ongoing network development. • The Group pro-actively attracts customers looking for an alternative to incumbent carriers that are unable to offer the desired routes, services, and total cost of ownership. • The Group tracks and monitors services at a customer level to ensure continued low customer churn. • The Group actively targets high growth market segments e.g. Content and Financial Services.
Reliance on third parties to deliver certain services may impact operational service quality	• The Group works closely with its third party suppliers to ensure third party service levels meet customers' operational and commercial performance needs. • The Group constructs its own network where possible to reduce third party dependencies, and we have sufficient access to capital to support planned development projects. • The Group actively seeks to recruit and retain the talent necessary to maintain our standard of operational excellence. • The Group actively seeks to manage it relationships with suppliers to ensure continuity of supply during periods of supply chain challenges by planning requirements well in advance and in doing so assisting suppliers in the their manufacturing scheduling.
The Russian invasion of the Ukraine	Following the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia sanctions have been introduced against certain Russian businesses, the Group has assessed it position as regards its customers and suppliers that fall within these sanctions and have concluded that there is no material effect on the Group.
Cyber security	The Group has an IT Security policy to ensure best practice around systems access and penetration. The key operational systems are Cloud-based and there are substantive back up procedures. These procedures have allowed the Group to develop an offline customer service platform which is available in the event of the key central systems be brought down. The Group have strong access control procedures, whereby if these are compromised network detection tools will capture any consequential issues.

Environmental matters

The Group will seek to minimise adverse impacts on the environment from its activities, whilst continuing to address, health, safety and economic issues. The Group has complied with all applicable legislation and regulations.

Greenhouse gas emissions and consumption summary

The Company's greenhouse gas emissions for the calendar year 2021 are summarised in Table 1, with consumption values summarised in Table 2.

Table 1: Emissions summary for euNetworks in 2021 and comparison with 2019.

Scope	Emissions Source	2021 Value (tCO2e)	2021 Value (tCO2e)	Change from 2019 Footprint (%)
1	Natural Gas	4	11	-64%
1	Company Cars	11	13	-15%
1	"Other" Fuels	1.7	Not Reported	N/A
2	Electricity (Market-Based)	3,812	4,191	-9%
3	Purchased Goods & Services	39,093	48,987	-20%
3	Capital Goods	8,556	13,206	-35%
3	Fuel & Energy related activities	2,718	2,530	7%
3	Waste	20	10	100%
3	Upstream Transportation & Distribution	4,509	2,132	111%
3	Business Travel	1	946	-100%
3	Employee Commute	7	184	-96%
3	Working from Home	238	Not Reported	N/A
3	Upstream Leased Assets	2,328	7,905	-71%
3	Use of Sold Products	67.5	21	221%
3	Water in Offices	0.85	1	-15%
Total		**61,367**	**80,137**	**-23%**

In 2021 euNetworks' Scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 23% compared to the 2019 (restated) baseline. This represents good movement towards our net-zero target, notwithstanding a number of headwinds within Scope 3, most materially a 1.5x increase in Upstream Transportation & Distribution emissions resulting from the seabed survey and laying of the Scylla sub-sea cable.

Environmental matters (cont'd.)

Scope 2 emissions reduced by 9% in 2021. The largest cause for this (as can be seen from the reduction in Location-Based emissions, i.e. emissions before taking account of procurement of renewable energy) is increased renewable power being available across the electricity grids. euNetworks entered into a power purchase agreement to obtain 100% renewable power for its German colocation sites with effect from 1 January 2022, which will materially reduce Scope 2 emissions in 2022 and beyond.

Travel-related emissions such as business travel and employee commute were suppressed by the ongoing impact of Covid-19 throughout 2021, although these emissions will rebound to an extent in 2022 as travel restrictions are relaxed and we return to our offices on a hybrid basis. euNetworks reported working from home emissions for the first time in 2021, which contributed 0.4% of overall emissions and on balance exceeded the saving on employee commuting.

Upstream Transportation and Distribution emissions, driven by the survey and laying of the Scylla sub-sea cable, increased by 111%. These were approximately double the 2019 emissions (Rockabill) due to inclusion of the survey, shore ends and mattressing, and guard vessels.

Work with our third-party data centre, colocation and ILA suppliers gave us increased visibility of their renewable energy procurement allowing for a large (71%) decrease in euNetworks' emissions from use of their facilities.

Table 2: euNetworks 2021 consumption summary and comparison with 2019.

Scope	Emissions Source	Consumption (2021)	Consumption (2019)	Units
1	Natural Gas	22,753	59,193	kWh
1	Company Cars	91,657	102,084	km
1	"Other" Fuels	99,603	N/A	Litres
2	Electricity (Market-Based)	24,758,994	30,039,511	kWh
3	Purchased Goods & Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Capital Goods	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Fuel & Energy related activities	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Waste	44	53	Tonnes
3	Upstream Transportation & Distribution	1,323	563	Tonnes (Marine Diesel Oil)
3	Business Travel	4,667	3,840,280	km
3	Employee Commute	64,466	N/A	km
3	Working from Home	831,957	N/A	kWh
3	Upstream Leased Assets	26,439,257	24,550,870	kWh
3	Use of Sold Products	109,339	54,896	kWh
3	Water in Offices	2,020	1,241	M^3

Subsequent events

Following the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia, sanctions have been introduced against certain Russian businesses, the Group has assessed it position as regards its customers and suppliers that fall within these sanctions and have concluded that there is no material effect on the Group.

Section 172 statement

From 1 January 2019 legislation was introduced requiring companies to include a statement pursuant to section 172 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Board recognises the importance of the Group's wider stakeholders when performing their duties under Section 172(1) of the Companies Act and their duties to act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have regard (amongst other matters) to—

(a) the likely consequences of any decision in the long term,

(b) the interests of the company's employees,

(c) the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others,

(d) the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment,

(e) the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct, and

(f) the need to act fairly as between members of the company.

The Board considers that all their decisions are taken with the long-term in mind, understanding that these decisions need to regard the interests of the company's employees, its relationships with suppliers, customers, the communities and the environment in which it operates.

For the purpose of this statement detailed descriptions of the decisions taken are limited to those of strategic importance.

The Board believes that the following decision taken during the year falls into this category and were made with full consideration of both internal and external stakeholders.

1) The decisions to raise a further €50m of Equity and €760m of new debt facilities in the Group. The benefit of raising these funds was to repay the Group's existing debt facilities of which €410m was drawn at the time and also to assist in financing the expansion of the Group's network and to fund non-organic growth. The Board considered both internal and external stakeholders before embarking on these fundraising exercises.

Approved by order of the Board,

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Brady Rafuse
Director
25 May 2022

euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Directors' Report
for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Identification of information included in the Strategic Report
An indication of likely future developments in the business is set out in the Strategic Report.

Dividends
The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2020:nil).

Financial risk management objectives and policies
The Group uses financial instruments such as cash, borrowings, receivables and payables in order to raise finance for the Group's operations. The existence of these instruments exposes the Group to financial risks which are detailed below:

Liquidity risk
The Company seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably. Short-term flexibility is achieved by cash balances together with bank debt facilities and secured notes of €520m (2020: €365m), a capital expenditure facility of €200m (2020: €nil) and a revolving credit facility of €40m (2020: €75m).

At the year ended 31 December 2020, the amount drawn on the debt was €520m (2020: €365m) on term loans and €nil (2020: €45m) drawn on the revolving credit and capital expenditure facility of €240m (2020: €75m).

Interest risk
The Group is exposed to interest rate fluctuations on its borrowings to the extent that the borrowings accrue interest at a fixed margin above Euribor, with a floor on Euribor of nil. To mitigate this risk the Group has entered into an interest rate hedge following the end of the year . At year end the amount drawn on the Group's debt facility totalled €520m (2020: €365m) on the term loans.

Management do not consider either availability of future debt or probable interest rate movements to be a significant risk to the business.

Credit risk
The principal credit risk for the Group arises from its trade receivables. In order to manage credit risk the finance team set credit limits for customers based on a combination of payment history and third party credit references. Credit limits are reviewed by the credit controllers on a regular basis in conjunction with debt ageing and collection history.

Employee involvement
Information is provided to all employees regularly by means of on-going management communication channels using written material, face-to-face and video conference meetings and regular postings to an intranet. Employees are also made aware of their contribution through individual twice yearly performance appraisals.

Disabled persons
It is the policy of the Group to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons, to continue wherever possible the employment of members of staff who may become disabled and to ensure that suitable training, career development and promotion is afforded to such persons.

Research and Development
The Group continually invests in the improvement and development of new bandwidth solutions to address evolving customer requirements. The product management team works closely with customers, technology partners, industry analysts and staff to set the services strategy and prioritise the product roadmap.

Internal systems development is aligned to support the operational and service requirements for the Group.

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

Please refer to the earlier section on Environmental Matters within the Strategic Report for further information for the Group, disclosing its global emissions. Streamline Energy and Carbon Reporting requires a UK split of emissions and therefore the information below only considers the emissions of the UK operations.

	2021	2020
Electricity used and/or contracted by the business	3.8mkWh	4.3mkWh

The directors believe the most relevant intensity factor is kWh's used to €1m of UK revenue, in the current financial year, this ratio was 72,513 (2020: 92,946).
During 2021 the Group has engaged consultants to help it understand its carbon footprint. The Group together with the consultants has produced a plan to reduce its carbon footprint. That plan will then be implemented and its progress monitored going forward.

Directors
The Directors of the Company during the year were:

Brady Rafuse
Brian McMullen
Richard Taylor
Andrew Field (resigned 7 December 2021)
Katherine Alexakis (appointed 7 December 2021)

Directors' responsibilities
The Directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the Group and Company financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("IFRS"). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Company and of the profit or loss of the Group and Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

• select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

• make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

• state whether they have been prepared in accordance with IFRS; and

• prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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Directors' Report (cont'd.)
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Directors' responsibilities (cont'd)

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and accordingly for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

BDO LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them as auditors will be proposed at the next annual general meeting.

Each of the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The Directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

On behalf of the Board

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Brady Rafuse
Director
25 May 2022

euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Independent Auditor's Report to the members of euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

• give a true and fair view of the state of the Group and Parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;

• the Group and Parent Company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with international accounting standards; and

• have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited ("the Parent Company") and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the Consolidated and Company statements of financial position, the Consolidated and Company statements of cash flows, the Consolidated and Company statements of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence
We are independent of the Group and the Parent Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

• the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

• the Strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the Parent Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report or the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

• adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

• the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

• certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

• we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd.)

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

•We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Group and to the Parent Company and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework, the Companies Act of 2006, data privacy and the relevant tax regulations.

•We understood how the company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management, those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes and papers provided to the directors.

•We assessed the susceptibility of the Group and Parent Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud.

•Our audit planning identified fraud risks in relation to management override of controls, including risk of management bias in areas of accounting estimate, the risk of fraudulent manual journals postings, and risk of fraud in revenue recognition. We considered the processes and controls that the Group and Parent Company have established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud and how management monitors that processes and controls.

•We designed our audit procedures in response to the risks we identified. Our procedures included testing accounting estimates, journal entry testing, with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on our knowledge of the business; enquiries with in-house Legal, those charged with governance and Group Management. We also communicated potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:
https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report
This report is made solely to the Parent Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Parent Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Parent Company and the Parent Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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David Butcher (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
London

26 May 2022

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Revenue	4	193.8	178.2
Cost of sales		(10.8)	(9.5)
Gross profit		183.0	168.7
Administrative expenses	5	(244.6)	(229.3)
Operating loss		(61.6)	(60.6)
Analysed as:			
Adjusted EBITDA		119.9	111.9
Depreciation	11	(164.4)	(156.2)
Amortisation	12	(6.2)	(6.2)
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment		(1.8)	(1.1)
Long term incentive plan	31	(9.0)	(9.0)
Operating loss		(61.6)	(60.6)
Financial costs	8	(26.3)	(20.3)
Loss before tax		(87.9)	(80.9)
Income tax credit	10	(13.5)	1.8
Loss for the year		(101.4)	(79.1)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(101.4)	(79.1)

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m As restated see note 26	1 Jan 2020 €'m As restated see note 26
Non-current assets				
Plant and equipment	11	1,076.3	1,059.2	1026.9
Intangible assets	12	314.4	318.0	313.5
Deferred tax asset		-	-	0.6
Prepayments	14	9.5	3.1	2.7
Total non-current assets		1,400.2	1,380.3	1,343.7
Current assets				
Infrastructure assets held for resale	16	0.1	0.1	0.1
Trade receivables	17	26.6	18.6	19.7
Other receivables	18	14.0	5.9	4.5
Prepayments	14	6.1	6.4	7.0
Cash and cash equivalents	19	134.5	29.6	23.7
Total current assets		181.3	60.6	55.0
Total assets		1,581.5	1,440.9	1,398.7
Current liabilities				
Right of Use Asset - lease liability	21	32.3	30.6	27.1
Deferred revenue	20	20.0	10.7	9.1
Trade and other payables	22	151.1	54.2	62.4
Income tax payable		7.4	4.4	2.6
Total current liabilities		210.8	99.9	101.2
Non-current liabilities				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	23	511.0	404.1	349.2
Right of Use Asset - lease liability	21	105.9	97.0	76.9
Provisions	24	2.5	2.5	2.7
Deferred revenue	20	71.4	40.2	36.1
Deferred tax liabilities	13	108.2	98.1	98.4
Total non-current liabilities		799.0	641.9	563.3
Net assets		**571.7**	**699.1**	**734.2**
Equity				
Share capital	26	817.9	817.9	808.1
Share premium	26	49.0	84.0	58.8
Employee share option reserve	27	35.7	26.7	17.7
Retained earnings	27	(330.9)	(229.5)	(150.4)
Total equity		**571.7**	**699.1**	**734.2**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board, and signed on behalf of the Board by,

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Company Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m As restated see note 26	1 Jan 2020 €'m As restated see note 26
Non-current assets				
Investments in subsidiary	15	1,066.6	1,101.6	1,066.6
Total non-current assets		1,066.6	1,101.6	1,066.6
Total assets		1,066.6	1,101.6	1,066.6
Current liabilities				
Amount due to related companies	25	199.7	199.7	199.7
Total current liabilities		199.7	199.7	199.7
Net assets		**866.9**	**901.9**	**866.9**
Equity				
Share capital	26	817.9	817.9	808.1
Share premium	26	49.0	84.0	58.8
Retained earnings		-	-	-
Total equity		**866.9**	**901.9**	**866.9**

The loss for the financial period of the parent Company, euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited, was €nil (2019: €nil). As permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, no separate Income Statement is presented in respect of the Company.

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Operating activities			
Loss before tax		(87.9)	(80.9)
Adjustment for:			
Depreciation of plant and equipment	11	164.4	156.2
Amortisation of intangibles	12	6.2	6.2
Long term incentive plan	31	9.0	9.0
Financial costs	8	26.3	20.3
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment		1.8	1.1
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		119.8	111.9
Changes in working capital	28	112.1	(4.6)
Income tax credit		(0.4)	0.2
Net cash flows from operating activities		**231.5**	**107.5**
Investing activities			
Purchase of euNetworks The Loop Ltd net of cash acquired	11	-	(24.5)
Purchase of plant and equipment		(139.7)	(111.9)
Purchase of intangible assets		(2.6)	(2.4)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		**(142.3)**	**(138.8)**
Financing activities			
Debt raised	23	540.0	85.0
Repayment of RCF/debt	23	(430.0)	(30.0)
Shares issued and share premium	26	50.0	35.0
Repayment of share capital	26	(85.0)	-
Repayment of leasing liabilities		(38.0)	(38.4)
Interest paid	8	(20.6)	(14.0)
Net cash flows from financing activities		**16.4**	**37.6**
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(0.7)	(0.4)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		104.9	5.9
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		29.6	23.7
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	19	**134.5**	**29.6**

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Company Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Operating activities			
Loss before tax		-	-
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		-	-
Changes in working capital	28	-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities		-	-
Investing activities			
Net cash outflow on additional investments in subsidiary	15	(50.0)	(35.0)
Capital returned by investments	15	85.0	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities		35.0	(35.0)
Financing activities			
Shares issued and share premium	26	50.0	35.0
Repayment of share capital	26	(85.0)	-
Net cash flows from financing activities		(35.0)	35.0
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		-	-

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Non-distributable			Distributable	
Group	**Notes**	**Share capital €'m**	**Share premium €'m**	**Management equity plan reserve €'m**	**Retained earnings €'m**	**Total equity €'m**
At 1 January 2021 (as restated)		817.9	84.0	26.7	(229.5)	699.1
New shares issued during the year	26	9.8	40.2	-	-	50.0
Share and share premium cancelled	26	(9.8)	(75.2)			(85.0)
Capital repayment in year		-				-
Loss for the year, representing total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	(101.4)	(101.4)
Contributions by and distributions to owners:						
Share option expenses	31	-	-	9.0	-	9.0
Balance as at 31 December 2021		817.9	49.0	35.7	(330.9)	571.7

		Non-distributable			Distributable	
Group	**Note**	**Share capital €'m**	**Share premium €'m**	**Management equity plan reserve €'m**	**Retained earnings €'m**	**Total equity €'m**
At 1 January 2020 (as restated)		808.1	58.8	17.7	(150.4)	734.2
New shares issued during the year	26	9.8	25.2	-	-	35.0
Loss for the year, representing total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	(79.1)	(79.1)
Contributions by and distributions to owners:						
Share option expenses	31	-	-	9.0	-	9.0
Balance as at 31 December 2020 (as restated)		817.9	84.0	26.7	(229.5)	699.1

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Company Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2021

		Non-distributable		Distributable	
Company	**Notes**	**Share capital €'m**	**Share premium €'m**	**Retained earnings €'m**	**Total equity €'m**
At 1 January 2021 (as restated)		817.9	84.0	-	901.9
Loss for the year, representing total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-
Share capital issued during the year	26	9.8	40.2	-	50.0
Share and share premium cancelled	26	(9.8)	(75.2)	-	(85.0)
Balance as at 31 December 2021		817.9	49.0	-	866.9

		Non-distributable		Distributable	
	Note	**Share capital €'m**	**Share premium €'m**	**Retained earnings €'m**	**Total equity €'m**
At 1 January 2020 (as restated) shares of £1 each		808.1	58.8	-	866.9
Loss for the year, representing total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-
Share capital issued during the year	26	9.8	25.2	-	35.0
Balance as at 31 December 2020 (as restated)		817.9	84.0	-	901.9

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euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (Reg: 11030867)
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Corporate Information

euNetworks Holdings 2 Limited (the "Company") is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The registered office of the Company is at 5 Churchill Place, London E14 5HU, United Kingdom.

The principal activity of the Company is an investment holding parent for its subsidiary, euNetworks Holdings Limited.

The principal activity of the Company's subsidiary is an investment holding parent, acting as a corporate manager, advisor and administrative centre to support the business development and marketing of the businesses of its subsidiaries. The principal activity of the subsidiary is disclosed in Note 15 to the financial statements. The Group operates high capacity fibre networks, provides high capacity communications infrastructure and networking solutions and services under the trading name "euNetworks".

The Group is a bandwidth infrastructure provider. The Group owns and operates 17 fibre based metropolitan networks across Western Europe, with these networks connected by euNetworks' long haul network. euNetworks leads the market in data centre connectivity, directly connecting over 470 data centres in Europe. euNetworks is also a leading cloud connectivity provider. The Group offers a portfolio of metropolitan and long-haul services including Dark Fibre, Wavelengths and Ethernet. Wholesale, finance, content, media, data centre and enterprise customers benefit from euNetworks' unique inventory of fibre and duct based assets that are tailored to fulfil their high bandwidth needs.

In particular, the Group operates a network which combines a 'long-haul' inter-city network linking Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Belgium, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and high density 'last-mile' metropolitan optical fibre networks in London, Manchester, Dublin, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Paris, Frankfurt, Cologne, Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, Munich, Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, Milan & Madrid. Duct infrastructure is in place in The Hague and Hanover. The Group also has a nationwide network in Germany.

The Group delivers a focused product set centred around its core assets of owned fibre optic cables and associated equipment. These assets are used to deliver targeted bandwidth solutions for customers.

The Group also operates a secure data centre facility in Amsterdam and a number of colocation sites in Germany.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), International Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") as adopted by the European Union ("adopted IFRS").

In the light of the Covid 19 pandemic that started in the prior year the Board have again considered the appropriateness of the going concern assumption under which these financial statements are prepared and have again concluded that the business will not be materially affected by the pandemic and that there is sufficient available funding to see the business through the next 12 months from date of approval of these financial statements.

In February 2022 Russia invaded the Ukraine, as a result, sanctions have been introduced against certain Russian businesses, the Group has assessed its position as regards its customers and suppliers that fall within these sanctions and the directors have concluded that there is no material impact on the Group.

The Directors have at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence in the foreseeable future, meaning at least the next 12 months from the date of approving these financial statements. Given the Company and the Group have available facilities, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The accounting policies which follow set out those policies which apply in preparing financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and, unless otherwise stated, for the comparative year to 31 December 2020.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with adopted IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Group and Company's accounting policies. The areas where significant judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the Financial Statements and their effect are disclosed in Note 3.

The individual financial statements of each Group entity are measured and presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency). The consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the Group are presented in Euros ("€"), which is the presentation currency for the consolidated financial statements. Euro is the presentation currency of the Group as the major part of the Group's business has been carried out in Euros. All values presented are rounded to the nearest million ("€'m"), except when indicated otherwise.

a) New standards, interpretations and amendments effective from 1 January 2021

New standards impacting the Group that have been adopted in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 are:

New standards that have been adopted in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, but have not had a significant effect on the group are:
Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – IBOR 'phase 2' (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.1 Basis of preparation (cont'd.)

b) New Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

There are a number of standards, amendments to standards, and interpretations which have been issued by the IASB that are effective in future accounting periods that the Group has decided not to adopt early. The following amendments are effective for the period beginning 1 January 2022:

Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37);
Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16);
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020 (Amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS 9, IFRS 16 and IAS 41); and
References to Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3).

The following amendments are effective for the period beginning 1 January 2023:

- Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2);
- Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8); and
- Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to IAS 12).

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, which clarify the criteria used to determine whether liabilities are classified as current or non-current. These amendments clarify that current or non-current classification is based on whether an entity has a right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period. The amendments also clarify that 'settlement' includes the transfer of cash, goods, services, or equity instruments unless the obligation to transfer equity instruments arises from a conversion feature classified as an equity instrument separately from the liability component of a compound financial instrument. The amendments were originally effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. However, in May 2020, the effective date was deferred to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. In response to feedback and enquiries from stakeholders, in December 2020, the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) issued a Tentative Agenda Decision, analysing the applicability of the amendments to three scenarios. However, given the comments received and concerns raised on some aspects of the amendments, in April 2021, IFRIC decided not to finalise the agenda decision and referred the matter to the IASB. In its June 2021 meeting, the IASB tentatively decided to amend the requirements of IAS 1 with respect to the classification of liabilities subject to conditions and disclosure of information about such conditions and to defer the effective date of the 2020 amendment by at least one year. The Group is currently assessing the impact of these new accounting standards and amendments. The Group will assess the impact of the final amendments to IAS 1 on classification of its liabilities once the those are issued by the IASB. The Group does not believe that the amendments to IAS 1, in their present form, will have a significant impact on the classification of its liabilities.

c) Others

The Group does not expect any other standards issued by the IASB, but not yet effective, to have a material impact on the Group.

The Group has not early adopted any standards, interpretations or amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries at the reporting date. Subsidiaries are entities over which the Company has control. The Group controls an investee if the Group has power over the investee, exposure to variable returns from the investee, and the ability to use its power to affect those variable returns. Control is reassessed whenever facts and circumstances indicate that there may be a change in any of these elements of control.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group up to the effective date on which control ceases, as appropriate.

Intra-group balances and transactions and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses may be an impairment indicator of the asset concerned.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as that of the Company, using consistent accounting policies. Where necessary, accounting policies of subsidiaries are changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by other members of the Group.

Changes in the Group's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary and any non-controlling interest. The profit or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), and liabilities of the subsidiary and any non-controlling interests. Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to the subsidiary are accounted for (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred directly to retained earnings) in the same manner as would be required if the relevant assets or liabilities were disposed of. The fair value of any investments retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under FRS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement or, when applicable, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or jointly controlled entity.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.3 *Business combinations*

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred for the acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values, at the date of exchange, of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Consideration also includes the fair value of any contingent consideration. Contingent consideration classified as a financial liability is remeasured subsequently to fair value through profit or loss.

The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that meet the conditions for recognition under IFRS 3 are recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date.

Where a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held interests in the acquired entity are re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date the Group attains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss.

Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss, where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised as an asset at the acquisition date and initially measured at the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest (if any) in the entity over net acquisition date fair value amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

If, after reassessment, the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable net assets exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

2.4 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is presented net of estimated customer returns, rebates, other similar allowances and sales related taxes.

Rendering of network services

Revenue from rendering services in connection with the fibre networks and data centre colocation services of the Group is recognised when the services are performed. Payments received in advance for such services are deferred and recognised based on actual usage.

Installation fees are deferred as unearned income and recognised over the period of the contract.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.4 Revenue recognition (cont'd.)

Sale of items of network infrastructure

The Group, in the course of its ordinary activities, routinely sells items of network infrastructure which it had previously held for use in its network services. The proceeds from such sales are recognised as revenue.

Revenue is recognised when significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer and the amount of revenue and the costs of the transaction (including future costs) can be measured reliably. The enterprise retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold.

Data centre power revenues

The Group purchases the supply of power to a data centre for both its own use and for the supply of power to the customers' server equipment held in that data centre. The Group makes separate charges to its customers, in addition to those it raises for the supply of colocation facilities, to recover the element of power cost that relates to the use of power by customer equipment. Such recharges are recognised as revenue in the period in which the power is consumed.

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The Group applied the following judgements that significantly affect the determination of the amount and timing of revenue from contracts with customers:

Identifying performance obligations

The Group provides fibre networks connection services and data centre colocation services. Payments that are received in advance for such services are deferred and recognised based on provision of the services and actual usage.

The Group also charges installation fees arising from the provision of the above services which are amortised over the period of the initial contract.

Additionally, the Group also sells on an ad-hoc basis items of network infrastructures which had previously held for use in its network services. The proceeds from such sales are recognised as revenue.

The Group also recharges the power supply usage of customers' server equipment held in data centres and such recharges are recognised as revenue on a marked-up basis in the period in which the power is consumed.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.4 Revenue recognition (cont'd.)

Revenue from Contracts with Customers - (cont'd.)

Determining the timing of satisfaction of performance obligation

The Group concluded that revenue for services is to be recognised based on actual usage at the point of time because the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group.

Additionally, the installation fees charged to customers are amortised over the period of the contract.

The revenue from one-off sales of network infrastructure are determined at the date when the risk and rewards of ownership of the network equipment are transferred to the buyer and the Group neither retains any managerial involvement associated to the ownership nor effective control over the goods sold.

Determining method to estimate variable consideration and assessing the constraint

Certain contracts for the sale of equipment include a right of return and volume rebates that give rise to variable consideration. Additionally, the installation fees charged to customers are amortised over the period of the contract.

2.5 Income tax

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current income tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the profit or loss because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are not taxable or tax deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is recognised at the amount expected to be paid or recovered from the tax authorities and calculated using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted in countries where the Company and subsidiaries operate by the end of the financial year.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on all temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and are accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised on taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.5 Income tax (cont'd.)

Deferred tax (cont'd.)

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each financial year and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset realised based on the tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the financial year.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current and deferred tax are recognised as an expense or income in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, except when they relate to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the tax is also recognised directly in equity, or where they arise from the initial accounting for a business combination. In the case of a business combination, the tax effect is taken into account in calculating goodwill or determining the excess of the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over cost.

Sales tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of sales tax except:

• when the sales taxation that is incurred on purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authorities, in which case the sales tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and

• receivables and payables that are stated with the amount of sales tax included.

The net amount of sales tax recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

2.6 Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the same financial period as the employment that gives rise to the contributions.

Employees' leave entitlement

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months from the reporting date as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of the financial year.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.7 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are charged to profit over the term of the debt so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Finance costs include issue costs, which are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

2.8 Foreign currency transactions and translation

In preparing the financial statements of the individual entities, transactions in currencies other than the entity's functional currency are recorded at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. At the end of each financial year, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing as of the end of the financial year. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on retranslation of monetary items are included in profit or loss for the period. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period except for differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognised directly in equity. For such non-monetary items, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised directly in equity.

For the purpose of presenting consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations (including comparatives) are expressed in Euros using exchange rates prevailing at the end of the financial year. Income and expense items (including comparatives) are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuated significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's foreign currency translation reserve. Such translation differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the foreign operation is disposed of.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign entities (including monetary items that, in substance, form part of the net investment in foreign entities), and of borrowings and other currency instruments designated as hedges of such investments, are taken to the foreign currency translation reserve.

On disposal of a foreign operation, the accumulated foreign exchange reserve relating to that operation is reclassified to profit or loss.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.9 Plant and equipment

All items of plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost. The cost includes its purchase price and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Dismantlement, removal or restoration is incurred as a consequence of acquiring or using the plant and equipment.

Subsequent expenditure on an item of plant and equipment is added to the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost can be measured reliably. All other costs of servicing are recognised in profit or loss when incurred.

Plant and equipment are subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, on the following bases:

Office equipment and furniture	over 3 to 10 years
Network equipment	over 3 to 20 years
Telecommunication networks	over 20 years

The carrying values of plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at the end of the financial year.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or, if there is no certainty that the lessee will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term, the assets are fully depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and its useful life.

An item of plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. The gain or loss arising on disposal or retirement of an item of plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The Group capitalises costs directly associated with expansions and improvements of the Group's telecommunications network and customer installations, costs associated with network construction and provisioning of services. This includes employee related costs. The Group amortises such costs over an estimated useful life of 3 to 20 years.

The Group transfers infrastructure assets from plant and equipment to inventories at their carrying amount at the date on which the intended use of the asset changes from network service delivery to infrastructure sale of assets. These items are carried at the lower of net book value and fair value less cost to sell.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.10 Intangible assets

Externally acquired intangible assets such as software are initially recognised at cost and subsequently amortised on a straight-line basis over their useful economic lives.

Intangible assets are recognised on business combinations if they are separable from the acquired entity or give rise to other contractual/legal rights. The amounts ascribed to such intangibles are arrived at by using appropriate valuation techniques.

Development costs are capitalised based on an assessment on whether they meet the criteria laid down in IAS38 for capitalisation. Capitalised development costs are amortised over their useful life. The useful life is based on management estimates of the period that the asset will generate revenue and is periodically reviewed for appropriateness.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a subsidiary represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the subsidiary or jointly controlled entity recognised at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill on subsidiaries is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash- generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of the goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

On disposal of a subsidiary, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of gain or loss on disposal.

Customer Contracts

Customer contracts acquired are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date. The customer contracts have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the contract period of up to 15 years.

Software licences

Acquired software licenses are initially capitalised at costs which includes the purchase price (net of any discounts and rebates) and other directly attributable costs of preparing the software for its intended use, including employee related costs. Direct expenditure which enhances or extends the performance of the software beyond its specifications and which can be reliably measured is added to the original cost of the software. Costs associated with maintaining the software are recognised as an expense as incurred.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.10 Intangible assets (cont'd.)

Software licences (cont'd.)

Software licenses are subsequently carried at costs less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. These costs are amortised to profit or loss using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 4 years.

Trademarks

Trademarks are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. These costs are amortised to profit or loss using the straight-line method over 5 years, which is the shorter of their estimated useful lives and periods of contractual rights.

2.11 Investment in subsidiary

Investment in subsidiaries is stated at cost less impairment in value, if any, in the Company's separate statement of financial position.

Amounts owing by subsidiaries where settlements are neither planned for nor expected in the foreseeable future are treated as part of the investment cost in the subsidiary and are presented as such (see also Note 15).

2.12 Impairment of non-financial assets excluding goodwill

At the end of each financial year, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.12 Impairment of non-financial assets excluding goodwill (cont'd.)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash- generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset (or cash-generating unit) is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

2.13 Assets classified as held-for-sale

Assets classified as held-for-sale are carried at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell if their carrying amount is recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. The assets are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held-for-sale. Any impairment loss on initial classification and subsequent measurement is recognised as an expense. Any subsequent increase in fair value less costs to sell (not exceeding the accumulated impairment loss that has been previously recognised) is recognised in profit or loss.

2.14 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Group's consolidated statement of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

<u>Effective interest method</u>

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial instrument and allocating the interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments (including all fees on points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial instrument, or where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial instrument. Income and expense are recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets

IFRS 9 contains a classification and measurement approach for financial assets that is a function of the business model, in which assets are managed and their cash flow characteristics. IFRS 9 includes three principle classification categories for financial assets: those measured at amortised cost, at fair value through other comprehensive income and at fair value through profit or loss.

All financial assets are recognised on a trade date where the purchase of a financial asset is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the financial asset within the time frame established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, plus transaction costs.

<u>Effective interest method</u>

Non-derivative financial assets which have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method, less impairment. Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

The Group's and Company's loans and receivables in the statement of financial position comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.14 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash with banks and financial institutions. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 requires the Group to record expected credit losses on all of its loans and trade receivables, either on a 12 month or lifetime basis. The Group applied the simplified approach mandated to trade receivables by recording lifetime expected losses. The Group applied the general approach to the Group's amortised cost financial assets, other than trade receivables including, but not limited to, cash and cash equivalents.

Loss allowances are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month basis - these are expected credit losses that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date, or
- Lifetime basis - these are expected credit losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument

Impairment provisions for trade receivables are recognised based on the simplified approach within IFRS 9 using the lifetime expected credit losses. During this process the probability of the non-payment of the trade receivables is assessed. This probability is then multiplied by the amount of the expected loss arising from default to determine the lifetime expected credit loss for the trade receivables. For trade receivables, which are reported net, such provisions are recorded in a separate provision account with the loss being recognised within cost of sales in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. On confirmation that the trade receivable will not be collected, the gross carrying value of the asset is written off against the associated provision. The loss provision percentage was 1.48% for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: 2.62%).

Financial assets, other than those at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each financial year. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The carrying amounts of all financial assets are reduced by the impairment loss directly with the exception of trade receivables where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss.

With the exception of available-for-sale equity instruments, 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 loss was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

In respect of available-for-sale equity instruments, any subsequent increase in fair value after an impairment loss is recognised directly in equity, except for impairment losses on equity instruments at cost which are not reversed.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.14 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

Financial liabilities and equity instruments (cont'd.)

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

On derecognition, any difference between the carrying amount and the sum of proceeds received and amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Classification as debt or equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments issued by the Group are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. The Group classifies ordinary shares as equity instruments.

When shares recognised as equity are reacquired, the amount of consideration paid is recognised directly in equity. Reacquired shares are classified as treasury shares and presented as a deduction from total equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale issue or cancellation of treasury shares.

When treasury shares are subsequently cancelled, the cost of treasury shares are deducted against the share capital account if the shares are purchased out of capital of the Company, or against the retained earnings of the Company if the shares are purchased out of earnings of the Company.

When treasury shares are subsequently sold or reissued pursuant to the employee share option scheme, the cost of treasury shares is reversed from the treasury share account and the realised gain or loss on sale or reissue, net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and related income tax, is recognised in the capital reserve of the Company.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or other financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities are classified at fair value through profit or loss if the financial liability is either held for trading, including derivatives not designated are effective as a hedging instrument; or it is designated as such upon initial recognition.

Other financial liabilities

Borrowings

Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the settlement or redemption of borrowings is recognised over the term of the borrowings in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for borrowing costs (Note 2.7).

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.14 Financial instruments (cont'd.)

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables, including payables to related parties, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, where applicable, using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire. The difference between the carrying amount and the consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

Where financial instruments are redeemed prior to maturity, the difference between the redemption proceeds and the carrying value at the date of redemption is recognised in profit or loss. Where financial instruments are converted to equity the increase in equity is recorded at the carrying value of the financial liability at the date of conversion.

2.15 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the financial year, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance expense.

Changes in the estimated timing or amount of the expenditure or discount rate are recognised in profit or loss when the changes arise.

Provisions for dilapidations are recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.16 Leases

The Group as a lessee

For any new contracts entered into on or after 1 January 2019, the Group considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'.

To apply this definition the Group assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:
• the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Group
• the Group has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract; and
• the Group has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use.

The Group assesses whether it has the right to direct 'how and for what purpose' the asset is used throughout the period of use.

Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Group, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any incentives received).

The Group depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The Group also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicators exist.

At the commencement date, the Group measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available or the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in substance fixed), variable payments based on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and payments arising from options reasonably certain to be exercised.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments. When the lease liability is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Group has elected to account for short-term leases (12 months or less) using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

On the statement of financial position, right-of-use assets have been included in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities have been included in lease liabilities on the face of the balance sheet.

The Group as a lessor

The Group's accounting policy under IFRS 16 has not changed from the comparative period.

As a lessor the Group classifies its leases as either operating or finance leases.

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset, and classified as an operating lease if it does not.

2. Accounting policies (cont'd)

2.17 Long term incentive plan (Management equity plan)

euNetworks Holdings LP issued equity-settled share-based payments to certain employees.

Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments (excluding the effect of non market-based vesting conditions) at the date of grant. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of the number of equity instruments that will eventually vest and adjusted for the effect of non market-based vesting conditions.

Fair value is measured using either the Black-Scholes or the Monte Carlo pricing model. The expected life used in the model has been adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioural considerations.

2.18 Related parties

A related party is defined as follows:

a) A person or a close of member of that person's family is related to the Group and Company if that person:

   i) has control or joint control over the Company;
   ii) has significant influence over the Company; or
   iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or Company or of a parent of the Company.

b) An entity is related to the Group and the Company if any of the following conditions apply:
   i) The entity and the Company are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others);
   ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member);
   iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party;
   iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
   v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Company or an entity related to the Company. If the Company is itself such a plan, the sponsoring employees are also related to the Company;
   vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a); or
   vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).

3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in Note 2, management made judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that were not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions were based on historical experience and other factors that were considered to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

These estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

3.1 Critical judgements made in applying the accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimates that management has made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and which have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

i) Leases

A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'. As such the Group has identified right-of-use assets for fibre, cross connects, colocation, datacentres and POPs, office space and vehicles. Other commonly bought services like ethernet or wavelength services don't constitute a right-of-use asset due to either not being identifiable or the Group not receiving substantially all of the economic benefit.

Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 12 months to 30 years, but may have extension options. Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices.

Lease terms are often negotiated on a supplier by supplier basis and contain a wide range of different terms.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:
• fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
• variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
•amounts expected to be payable by the group under residual value guarantees, if applicable
• the exercise price of a purchase option if the group is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
•payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd.)

3.1 Critical judgements made in applying the accounting policies (cont'd.)

i) Leases (cont'd.)

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the group:
• uses recent third-party financing received by the group as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received
• makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term, country, currency and security

The group is exposed to potential future increases in variable lease payments based on an index or rate, which are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset. Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Extension and termination options are included in a number of leases across the group. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). The Group considers other factors including historical lease durations and the costs and business disruption required to replace the leased asset.

For leased fibre and colocation the average contract length is approximately five years whereas cross connects have typically a shorter average contract length of three years. As such these leases are deemed fairly certain to be extended by five or three years respectively once the original contract length has expired. For datacentres, POPs and offices extensions are applied on a case by case basis. Extension options for vehicle leases have not been included in the lease liability, because the Group could replace the assets without significant cost or business disruption.

The lease term is reassessed if an option is actually exercised (or not exercised) or the group becomes obliged to exercise (or not exercise) it. The assessment of reasonable certainty is only revised if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs, which affects this assessment, and that is within the control of the lessee.

ii) Income taxes

The management has exercised significant judgment when determining the Group's and the Company's provisions for income taxes. These involve assessing the probabilities that deferred tax assets resulting from deductible temporary differences, unutilised tax losses and unabsorbed tax allowances, if any, can be utilised to offset future taxable income. There are certain transactions and computations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of action. Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of complex tax regulations and the amount and timing of future taxable income.

Given the wide range of international business arrangements, the long-term nature and complexity of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate adjustments to tax income and expense in future periods. Such differences of interpretation may arise on a wide variety of issues depending on the conditions prevailing in the respective Group and Company domicile. The carrying amount of the Group's income tax payable as at 31 December 2021 is €7.3m (2020: €4.4m) and the carrying amounts of deferred tax liabilities as at 31 December 2021 are disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements.

3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd.)

3.2 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the statement of financial position date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and reported amounts of revenue and expense within the next financial year, are discussed below.

i) Depreciation of plant and equipment

The Group depreciates the plant and equipment, using the straight-line method, over their estimated useful lives *after taking into account their estimated residual values. The estimated useful life reflects management's* estimate of the period that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of the Group's plant and equipment. The residual value reflects management's estimated amount that the Group would currently obtain from the disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, as if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life. Changes in the expected level of usage and technological developments could affect the useful economic lives and the residual values of these assets which could then consequentially impact future depreciation charges. The carrying amounts of the Group's plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements.

ii) Impairment of plant and equipment

At the end of each financial year, an assessment is made whether there is objective evidence that plant and equipment is impaired.

An impairment exists when the carrying value of plant and equipment exceed their recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use. The recoverable amount of plant and equipment is determined based on value-in-use, by discounting the expected future cash flows for each cash generating unit ("CGU"). Management considers that the Network business and the Data Centre and colocation business each constitute a CGU.

The expected future cash flows are based on financial budgets approved by Management for a period up to 4 years using a discount rate of 8.98% (2020: 9.46%) and a long term growth rate of 2.5% (2020: 3.5%). Based on this, Management estimated that recoverable amount for plant and equipment is in excess of its carrying value and accordingly no allowance for impairment was deemed necessary for plant and equipment as at 31 December 2021 (2020: €nil). The carrying amounts of the Group's plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements.

iii) Impairment of intangible assets

At the end of each financial year, an assessment is made whether there is objective evidence that the intangible assets are impaired.

Impairment exist when the carrying value of intangible assets, comprising of customer contracts, trademarks, software and goodwill, exceed their recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use. The recoverable amounts of intangible assets are determined based on value-in-use, by discounting the expected future cash flows for each CGU. Management considers that the Network business and the Data Centre and colocation business each constitute a CGU.

Management estimated that the recoverable amount for intangible assets is in excess of its carrying value and accordingly no allowance for impairment was deemed necessary for intangible assets as at 31 December 2021 (2020: €nil).

3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd.)

3.2 Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd.)

iii) Impairment of intangible assets (cont'd.)

The recoverable amount is sensitive to the discount rate used for the discounted cash flow model as well as the expected future cash inflows and the growth rates used. For further details of assumptions applied in the impairment assessment of intangible assets and carrying amounts of Group's intangible assets, refer to Note 12 to the financial statements.

iv) Impairment of investments in subsidiary

At the end of each financial year, an assessment is made whether there is objective evidence that the investments in subsidiaries are impaired. Management's assessment is based on the estimation of the value-in-use of the CGU by forecasting the expected future cash flows for a period up to 4 years, using a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. The Company's carrying amount of investments in subsidiaries at 31 December 2021 was €1,066.6m (2020: €1,101.6m).

v) Allowance for doubtful receivables

Impairment provisions for trade receivables are recognised based on the simplified approach within IFRS 9 using the lifetime expected credit losses. During this process the probability of the non-payment of the trade receivables is assessed. This probability is then multiplied by the amount of the expected loss arising from default to determine the lifetime expected credit loss for the trade receivables. For trade receivables, which are reported net, such provisions are recorded in a separate provision account with the loss being recognised within cost of sales in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. On confirmation that the trade receivable will not be collectable, the gross carrying value of the asset is written off against the associated provision.

vi) Long term incentive plan

The charge for the long term incentive plan is calculated in accordance with estimates and assumptions which are described in Note 31 to the financial statements. The valuation model used required highly subjective assumptions to be made including expected dividend yields, risk-free interest rates and expected staff turnover. The management drew upon a variety of external sources to aid them in determination of the appropriate data to use in such calculations.

vii) Going concern

In the light of the Covid 19 pandemic that started in the prior year the Board have again considered the appropriateness of the going concern assumption under which these financial statements are prepared and have again concluded that the business will not be materially affected by the pandemic and that there is sufficient available funding to see the business through the next 12 months from date of approval of these financial statements.

In February 2022 Russia invaded the Ukraine, as a result, sanctions have been introduced against certain Russian businesses, the Group has assessed its position as regards its customers and suppliers that fall within these sanctions and the directors have concluded that there is no material impact on the Group.

4. Revenue

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Network services and sale of network infrastructure	182.3	167.0
Colocation services	11.5	11.2
	193.8	178.2
Timing of revenue recognition:		
Over time	193.8	178.2

Revenue based on geographical location of customers are as follows:

Germany	64.8	61.9
United Kingdom	52.4	46.5
Ireland	35.6	28.0
Netherlands	13.4	13.3
United States of America	11.6	11.5
Switzerland	3.3	3.7
France	3.7	3.9
Others	9.0	9.4
	193.8	178.2

The Group has contracts with financing components where the period between the transfer of the promised services to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, the Group adjusted the time value of money component.

The contract assets and liabilities arising as a result of this, and included in the balance sheet as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Contract assets - included within prepayments		
Financing component prepayment - Current	1.1	0.5
Financing component prepayment - Non-current	8.2	1.8
	9.3	2.3
Contract Liabilities - included in deferred revenue		
Financing component deferred revenue - Current	0.8	0.7
Financing component deferred revenue - Non current	9.1	2.3
	9.9	3.0

Revenue and finance costs recognised in the income statement as a result of adjusting for the time value of money component on revenue contracts were as follows:

	Contract Assets 2021 €'m	Contract Assets 2020 €'m	Contract Liabilities 2021 €'m	Contract Liabilities 2020 €'m
At 1 January	2.3	2.1	3.0	3.0
Additions during the year	7.8	0.8	7.8	0.8
Finance costs charged for the time value of money component on contracts	(0.8)	(0.6)	-	-
Increase in revenue arising from the time value of money component on contracts	-	-	(0.9)	(0.8)
At 31 December	9.3	2.3	9.9	3.0

5. Administrative expenses

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Network operating expenses	25.7	21.9
Staff costs (Note 6)	41.0	37.8
Other expenses	5.5	6.1
Depreciation and amortisation	136.1	129.3
Depreciation of right-of-use assets under IFRS 16	34.5	33.1
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment	1.8	1.1
	244.6	229.3

Network operating expenses include those costs that relate to the general operation and maintenance of the Group's network assets, and network related charges.

6. Staff costs

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Wages and salaries	36.5	32.7
Social security costs	4.9	4.3
Pension costs	1.0	0.9
Long term incentive plan	9.0	9.0
Termination costs	0.1	0.1
Other staff costs	0.6	0.8
	52.1	47.8
Less: cost capitalised		
Network equipment	(10.2)	(9.1)
Software	(0.9)	(0.9)
	41.0	37.8

Wages and salaries include Directors' remuneration and Directors' fees. Other staff costs include costs of recruitment and costs of interim staff.

The average number of employees of the Group including directors during the year were:

	31 Dec 2021 No.	31 Dec 2020 No.
Administration	58	55
Operation	209	193
Sales and marketing	81	76
	348	324

The Company has no employees (2020: €nil).

7. Key management personnel

The key management personnel, who have authority for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group are the officers authorised by the Board of Directors.

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Short term employee benefits	1.8	1.8
Long term incentive plan	2.8	3.5
	4.6	5.3

There were 4 officers (2020:3) in the Group's defined contribution plan during the period. Group pension contributions of €18k (2020: €40k) were paid to a money purchase scheme on their behalf.

The total amount payable to the highest paid director in respect of emoluments including the attributed value for the long term incentive plan was €3.30m (2020: €3.52m).

8. Financial costs

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Debt cost amortised	6.2	1.2
Interest on bank loans	15.1	14.4
Interest on leases capitalised under IFRS 16	5.0	4.7
	26.3	20.3

9. Auditors' remuneration

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Group and Company audit	0.6	0.5
Tax advisory	0.1	0.1
Tax compliance	0.1	0.1
	0.8	0.7

10. Corporation tax charge/(credit)

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Corporation tax:		
- Current year charge	3.4	2.3
Deferred tax:		
- Current year credit	10.1	(4.1)
	13.5	(1.8)

Domestic income tax is calculated at 19% of the estimated assessable loss for the year. Taxation for other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

The income tax expense varied from the amount of income tax expense determined by applying the UK income tax rate of 19% to profit before income tax as a result of the following differences:

	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Year ended 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Loss before income tax	(87.9)	(80.9)
Income tax at statutory rate of 19%	(16.7)	(15.4)
Tax effect of:		
- Different tax rates of overseas operations	-	0.1
- Movement on unrecognised deferred tax	2.3	1.3
- Income not taxable for tax purposes	-	(0.7)
- Movement on recognised deferred tax	-	(4.1)
- Movement in deferred tax due to change in tax rates	24.8	-
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3.1	17.0
Total taxation (credit)	13.5	(1.8)

The tax rates of overseas operations range from 12.5% to 33% (2020: 12.5% to 33%).

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11. Plant and equipment

Group	Telecom networks €'m	Network equipments €'m	Office furniture & equipment €'m	Assets under construction €'m	Right of use assets €'m	Total €'m
Cost						
At 1 January 2021	969.4	285.1	5.5	20.3	176.7	1,457.0
Additions during the year	89.2	42.6	2.8	7.0	35.9	177.5
Modifications	-	-	-	-	21.2	21.2
Disposals during the year	(2.6)	(0.2)	(1.5)	-	(22.7)	(27.0)
Reclassifications	20.3	-	-	(20.3)	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	1,076.3	327.5	6.8	7.0	211.1	1,628.7
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 January 2021	241.0	100.9	4.0	-	51.9	397.8
Depreciation during the year	87.4	42.0	0.5	-	34.5	164.4
Disposals during the year	(1.4)	(0.2)	(1.5)	-	(9.2)	(12.3)
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	327.0	142.7	3.0	-	77.2	549.9
Accumulated Impairment						
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment on active lease	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5
Balance at 31 December 2021	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5
Net book value 31 December 2021	749.3	184.8	3.8	7.0	131.4	1,076.3
Net book value 31 December 2020	728.4	184.2	1.5	20.3	124.8	1,059.2

Right-of-use assets

Group	Telecom Networks €'m	Datacentres €'m	Offices €'m	Total €'m
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	156.3	16.6	3.8	176.7
On lease commencement	32.1	-	3.8	35.9
On lease modification	20.6	0.6	-	21.2
On lease expiration	(19.9)	-	(2.8)	(22.7)
Balance at 31 December 2021	189.1	17.2	4.8	211.1
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	45.2	5.1	1.6	51.9
Depreciation on active lease	31.4	2.5	0.6	34.5
Depreciation on lease expiration	(7.3)	(0.0)	(1.9)	(9.2)
Balance at 31 December 2021	69.3	7.6	0.3	77.2
Accumulated Impairment				
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-	-
Impairment on active lease	-	2.5	-	2.5
Balance at 31 December 2021	-	2.5	-	2.5
Net book value 31 December 2021	119.8	7.1	4.5	131.4
Net book value 31 December 2020	111.1	11.5	2.2	124.8

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12. Intangible assets

Group	Customer contracts €'m	Software €'m	Intellectual property €'m	Goodwill €'m	Total €'m
Cost					
At 1 January 2021	49.9	9.9	0.3	275.4	335.5
Additions	-	2.6	-	-	2.6
Balance at 31 December 2021	49.9	12.5	0.3	275.4	338.1
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 January 2021	13.3	4.2	-	-	17.5
Amortisation	4.2	2.0	-	-	6.2
Balance at 31 December 2021	17.5	6.2	-	-	23.7
Net book value at 31 December 2021	32.4	6.3	0.3	275.4	314.4
Net book value 31 December 2020	36.6	5.7	0.3	275.4	318.0

12. Intangible assets (cont'd.)

The goodwill has been allocated to two CGUs, which are also the reportable operating segments, for impairment testing as follows:

	Network business 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Data centres & colocation 31 Dec 2021 €'m	Total 31 Dec 2021 €'m
Goodwill	254.6	20.8	275.4

	Network business 31 Dec 2020 €'m	Data centres & colocation 31 Dec 2020 €'m	Total 31 Dec 2020 €'m
Goodwill	254.6	20.8	275.4

The recoverable amounts of the CGUs are determined from value-in-use calculations. The key assumptions for these value-in-use calculations are those regarding the discount rates, growth rates and expected changes to revenue and costs during the year. Management estimates discount rates using pre-tax rates that reflect current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the CGUs. The growth rates are based on industry growth forecasts. Changes in revenue and costs are based on past practices and expectations of future changes in the market.

The key assumptions adopted for the testing include:

a) Pre-tax discount rate - management assessed its weighted average cost of capital and adjusted this rate for asset specific risks as at 31 December 2021 in determining an appropriate pre-tax discount rate for impairment purposes. The resulting discount rate calculated was 8.98% (2020: 9.46%).

b) Cash flows – Value-in-use calculations are based on cash flows expected to be generated by the Group over the next 4 years, and are aligned with the long-term forecast approved by the Board of Directors of euNetworks GP LLC who manage euNetworks Holdings LP, the ultimate parent. The long-term forecast approved by the Board incorporates forecast operating cash flows for the Network business and Data centres and colocation cash generating units. All cash flow projections were completed in Euros.

c) The terminal value growth rate applied is 2.5% (2020: 3.5%).

d) *Sensitivity testing has been performed on the value-in-use model applied for a reasonably possible change in key* assumptions. For both the Network business and Data Centre and colocation CGUs, the model showed sufficient headroom over the carrying value of assets, further indicating no impairment loss is required at 31 December 2021 (2020: €nil).

The testing carried out at the end of the period indicated that both the Network business and Data Centre and colocation assets and associated goodwill do not require impairment. Management believes that any reasonably possible change in the above key assumptions applied is not likely to materially cause the recoverable amounts to be lower than their carrying amounts.

13. Deferred tax assets / (liabilities)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current income tax assets against current income tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxation authority. The amounts, determined after appropriate offsetting, are shown on the statement of financial position of the Group as follows:

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Deferred tax assets		
- to be recovered after one year	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities		
- to be settled after one year	(108.2)	(98.1)

The movements in deferred tax assets are as follows:

Group	Difference in amortisation of intangibles €'m	Difference in depreciation for tax purposes €'m	Losses Provisions €'m	Total €'m
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-	-
Charged to profit or loss deferred tax assets	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-	-

Group	Difference in amortisation of intangibles €'m	Difference in depreciation for tax purposes €'m	Losses Provisions €'m	Total €'m
At 1 January 2020	-	-	0.6	0.6
Charged to profit or loss deferred tax assets	-	-	(0.6)	(0.6)
At 31 December 2020	-	-	-	-

13. Deferred tax assets / (liabilities) - (cont'd.)

The movements in deferred tax liabilities are as follows:

Group	Difference in amortisation of intangibles €'m	Difference in depreciation for tax purposes €'m	Provisions €'m	Total €'m
At 1 January 2021	7.4	90.7	-	98.1
Charged to profit or loss	-	10.1	-	10.1
At 31 December 2021	7.4	100.8	-	108.2

Group	Difference in amortisation of intangibles €'m	Difference in depreciation for tax purposes €'m	Provisions €'m	Total €'m
At 1 January 2020	7.4	91.0	-	98.4
Purchase of euNetworks AT GmbH	-	3.8	-	3.8
Charged to profit or loss	-	(4.1)	-	(4.1)
At 31 December 2020	7.4	90.7	-	98.1

At the end of the financial period, the Group had unutilised tax losses of approximately €170.5m (2020: €184.5m) which are available for offset against future taxable profits. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of such losses (2020: €nil)

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the remaining €170.5m (2020: €184.5m) tax losses due to uncertainty of their future realisation. These losses may be carried forward indefinitely subject to agreement by relevant tax authorities.

The Company has not recognised, nor has available any deferred tax assets or liabilities (2020: €nil).

14. Prepayments

Group	**31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Non-current	9.5	3.1
Current	6.1	6.4
	15.6	9.5

Prepayments mainly pertain to network expense, fibre and office rentals and insurance paid in advance.

The Company had no prepayments (2020: €nil).

15. Investment in subsidiary

	Company 31 Dec 2021 €'m	**Company 31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Unquoted equity shares, at cost		
At 1 January	1,101.6	1,066.6
Additions in the year	50.0	35.0
Capital distribution received from euNetworks Holdings Limited	(85.0)	-
At 31 December	1,066.6	1,101.6

The addition to investments in the year to 31 December 2021 was an additional investment in the share capital euNetworks Holdings Limited of €50m (2020: €35m), also in the year euNetworks Holdings Limited made a capital distribution of €85m.

The details of subsidiaries are as follows:

Name	Country of incorporation	Registered address	Nature of business
euNetworks Holdings Limited	United Kingdom (England)	5 Churchill Place London E14 5HU	Investment holding company
euNetworks Group Limited	United Kingdom (England)	5 Churchill Place London E14 5HU	Investment holding company
euNetworks 1 Pte. Limited	Singapore	50 Raffles Place #32-01 Singapore Land Tower, Singapore 0489623	In liquidation
euNetworks GmbH	Germany	Theodor-Heuss-Allee 112, 60486 Frankfurt am Main Deutschland	Data network services
euNetworks Ireland Private Fiber Limited	Ireland	Suite D16 (2nd Floor M), The Cubes Offices, Beacon South Quarter, Sandyford, Dublin 18, Ireland	Data network services
euNetworks B.V.	The Netherlands	Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16, 1096 BL Amsterdam, The Netherlands.	Data network services

15. Investment in subsidiary (cont'd.)

The details of subsidiaries are as follows (cont'd):

Name	Country of incorporation	Registered address	Nature of business
euNetworks Data Centres BV	The Netherlands	Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16, 1096 BL Amsterdam, The Netherlands.	Data network services
euNetworks DCH BV	The Netherlands	Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16, 1096 BL Amsterdam, The Netherlands.	Data network services
euNetworks Fiber UK Limited	United Kingdom (England)	5 Churchill Place London E14 5HU	Data network services
euNetworks SAS	France	16-18 rue de Londres 75009 Paris, France	Data network services
euNetworks BVBA	Belgium	Blvd Louis Schmidtlaan 119, Bus 3, Brussels 1040	Data network services
euNetworks AG	Switzerland	c/o Kämpfen Rechtsanwälte Gerechtigkeitsgasse 23 8001 Zürich, Switzerland	Data network services
euNetworks srl	Italy	Viale Abruzzi, 94, 20131 Milan, Italy.	Data network services
euNetworks Fiber S.L.	Spain	Calle Velázquez , 53, Madrid, Spain	Infrastructure provision
euNetworks AT GmbH	Austria	Modecenterstraße 22, 1030 Wien Austria	Infrastructure provision
Rockabill Cable Systems Limited	Ireland	Unit 1, 2050 Orchard Avenue Citywest Business Campus Dublin 24, Ireland	Infrastructure provision
euNetworks The Loop Ltd	UK	5 Churchill Place London E14 5HU	Infrastructure provision

The Company has an effective equity interest of 100% in all subsidiaries as at 31 December 2021 (2020: 100%).

16. Infrastructure assets held for resale

The infrastructure assets held for resale is €0.1m at 31 December 2021 (2020: €0.1m) which comprised specific network assets.

17. Trade receivables

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
Group	**€'m**	**€'m**
Amounts due from third parties	27.0	19.1
Allowance for doubtful trade receivables	(0.4)	(0.5)
	26.6	18.6

The Group does not hold collateral as security for its trade receivables.
The Company has no trade receivables (2020: €nil)
Movements in allowance for doubtful trade receivables are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
	€'m	**€'m**
Balance at 1 January	0.5	0.3
(Deducted)/added to allowance	(0.1)	0.2
Balance at 31 December	0.4	0.5

31 December 2021		**Current**	**More than 30 days past due**	**More than 60 days past due**	**More than 90 days past due**	**Specific provisions**	**Total**
Expected loss rate		0.2%	0.3%	0.6%	1.7%	0.0%	
Gross carrying amounts - trade receivables	€'m	17.8	3.4	0.9	4.9	-	27.0
Loss allowance	€'m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4

The age analysis of trade receivables past due but not impaired is as follows:

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
	€'m	**€'m**
Days due:		
0 - 90 days	4.3	6.3
91 - 180 days	3.5	0.2
181 days and over	1.4	0.7
Total	9.3	7.2

Management considers that the carrying amount of trade receivables in the financial statements approximates to their fair values.

Trade receivables that were past due and not impaired are due from substantial companies with a good collection track record with the Group.

The currency profiles of the Group's trade receivables as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
	€'m	**€'m**
Euro	18.9	12.6
Pound Sterling	7.2	5.7
US Dollar	0.2	0.1
Swiss Franc	0.3	0.2
	26.6	18.6

18. *Other receivables*

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Group		
Deposits	0.4	0.3
Sundry receivables	13.5	5.6
	13.9	5.9

The currency profiles of the Group's other receivables as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Euro	12.8	4.5
Pound Sterling	1.0	1.4
Swiss Franc	0.1	
	13.9	5.9

The Company had no other receivables (2020: €nil).

19. Cash and cash equivalents

The currency profiles of the Group's cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Bank balances	133.0	28.4
Short-term deposits	1.5	1.2
	134.5	29.6

The Company had no cash and cash equivalents.

The currency profiles of the Group's cash and cash equivalents at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Euro	123.7	24.2
Pound Sterling	9.1	3.7
Singapore Dollar	-	0.6
US Dollar	1.5	0.8
Others	0.2	0.3
	134.5	29.6

Bank deposits are mainly deposits with banks with high credit ratings assigned by international rating agencies. The majority of the short term deposits are bank accounts that guarantee services provided by certain suppliers and are therefore in place month to month as long the Group uses those suppliers.

20. Deferred revenue

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Group		
The deferred revenue will be released		
- within one financial year	20.0	10.7
Total current deferred revenue	20.0	10.7
- Between two and five financial years	28.6	20.8
- more than five financial years	42.8	19.4
Total non-current deferred revenue	71.4	40.2
Total deferred revenue	91.4	50.9

Deferred revenue is a contract liability and comprises dark fibre leases, operational and maintenance services as well as installation fees paid in advance.

The Company had no deferred revenue (2020: €nil)

21. Liabilities - right of use assets

Group

Lease payment ageing profile	Telecom Network €'m	Datacentres €'m	Offices €'m	Total €'m
Up to 3 months	10.7	0.6	0.1	11.4
3 to 12 months	18.8	1.8	0.3	20.9
1 to 2 years	25.5	2.4	0.8	28.7
2 to 5 years	38.5	4.9	1.8	45.2
More than 5 years	29.9	0.5	1.6	32.0
At 31 December 2021	123.4	10.2	4.6	138.2
Due within one year	29.5	2.4	0.4	32.3
Due in more than a year	93.9	7.8	4.2	105.9
At 31 December 2021	123.4	10.2	4.6	138.2

Group

Lease payment ageing profile	Telecom Network €'m	Datacentres €'m	Offices €'m	Total €'m
Up to 3 months	10.7	0.6	0.2	11.5
3 to 12 months	16.9	1.8	0.4	19.1
1 to 2 years	23.4	2.3	0.3	26.0
2 to 5 years	42.4	6.0	0.8	49.2
More than 5 years	19.8	1.4	0.6	21.8
At 31 December 2020	113.2	12.1	2.3	127.6
Due within one year	27.6	2.4	0.6	30.6
Due in more than a year	85.6	9.7	1.7	97.0
At 31 December 2020	113.2	12.1	2.3	127.6

22. Trade and other payables

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Group		
Current liabilities		
Trade payables - owed to third parties	18.2	19.6
Amounts due to Group undertakings	94.7	-
Accrued expenses	38.3	34.6
	151.1	54.2

No interest is charged on the trade and other payables (2020: none).

The Company had no trade or other payables (2020: €nil).

The currency profiles of the Group's trade and other payables as at 31 December are as follows:

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Euro	130.9	35.0
Pound Sterling	18.2	17.3
US Dollar	0.5	0.4
Swedish Krona	-	0.1
Swiss Franc	1.5	1.4
	151.1	54.2

Management considers that the carrying amount of trade and other payables in the financial statements approximates their fair value.

23. Interest bearing borrowings

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Group		
Non-current		
Bank facilities and senior secured notes		
At 1 January	365.0	330.0
Repayment of previous Term loan B	(365.0)	-
New bank facilities and senior secured notes drawn down	520.0	-
Increased facility drawdown	-	35.0
at 31 December	520.0	365.0
Revolving credit facilities ("RCF")		
At 1 January	45.0	25.0
RCF draw downs in the year/period	20.0	50.0
Repayments made in the year	(65.0)	(30.0)
At 31 December	-	45.0
Gross loan and senior secured debt at 31 December	520.0	410.0
Less: amortised debt raise costs on acquisition	(9.0)	(5.9)
Bank facilities and senior secured debt at 31 December	511.0	404.1
Maturity of the loan:		
In 2 to 5 years	-	410.0
Over 5 years	520.0	-
	520.0	410.0

Secured debt facilities

In December 2021 the Group refinanced its borrowings, the group now has total facilities of €760m (made up as follows: bank facilities and senior secured notes €520m, capital expenditure facility €200m and working capital facility of €40m). These new borrowings were used to 1) repay the previous borrowings, 2) to make a capital distribution of €85m in January 2022 and 3) to provide sufficient funding going forward for the foreseeable future.

The Group's secured debt facilities are secured by a fixed and floating charge over certain of the Group's assets.

The average effective borrowing rate during the current and prior financial periods is Euribor plus 2.85% (2020: 3.5%) per annum in respect of the new bank facilities and senior secured notes and 2.5% in respect of the capital expenditure facility and the working capital facility.

The Group has undrawn committed borrowings available at 31 December 2021 of €240m (2020: €30m), for which all conditions have been met, as part of a revolving facility of €200m (2020:€nil) for capital expenditure and €40m (2020: €75m) for working capital requirements on a mix of fixed and floating rates expiring in 7 years (2020: 3 years).

The bank loan is denominated in Euro

23. Interest bearing borrowings (cont'd.)

Costs taken to the balance sheet in respect of this debt, to be amortised over its life, have been netted off against the debt in the consolidated statement of financial position. The amortised debt costs on the balance sheet at 31 December 2021 were €9.0m (2020: €5.9m).

Management estimates that the carrying amount of the bank loan approximates its fair value due to frequent re-pricing.

The Company has no interest-bearing borrowings (2020: €Nil).

24. Provisions

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
At 1 January	2.5	2.7
Additions in year	-	-
Reversal of provisions during the period	-	(0.2)
At 31 December	2.5	2.5

The provision relates to restoration costs of the rebuilding obligations that exist on the points of presence locations in Germany.

The Company has no provisions (2020: €nil)

25. Amount due to related companies

The Company has an amount due to its subsidiary undertaking, euNetworks Holdings Limited. The amount is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The Company also has amounts due to its Holding undertakings which are also unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Amounts due to Group holding undertakings	94.7	-
Amount due to euNetworks Holdings Ltd	105.1	199.7
	199.8	199.7

26. Share capital and share premium

	Company	
	31 Dec 2021 units	31 Dec 2021 €'m
Allotted, called up and fully paid equity		
Authorised ordinary shares of €978.4619 each		
At 1 January (as restated)	835,845	817.9
Issued in the year	10,000	9.8
Cancellation of shares on distribution to shareholders	(10,000)	(9.8)
At 31 December	835,845	817.9

	Company	
	31 Dec 2020 units	31 Dec 2020 €'m
Allotted, called up and fully paid equity		
Authorised ordinary shares of €978.4619 each		
At 1 January (as restated)	825,845	808.1
Issued in the year	10,000	9.8
At 31 December (as restated)	835,845	817.9

Share Premium

	31 Dec 2021 €'m	31 Dec 2020 €'m As restated
At 1 January	84.0	58.8
Premium on shares issued in the period (10,000 shares issued at a premium of €4021.54 per share)	40.2	25.2
Distribution of share premium to shareholders	(75.2)	-
At 31 December	49.0	84.0

26. Share capital and share premium (cont'd.)

In 2021 10,000 ordinary shares were issued at €5,000 per share giving rise to additional share capital of €9.8m and share premium of €40.2m (2020: 10,000 shares at €3,500 per share giving rise to additional share capital of €9.8m and share premium of €25.2m). On 17 December 2021 a capital distribution of €85m was made to shareholders whereby 10,000 shares were cancelled reducing share capital by €9.8m and at the same time share premium was reduced by €75.2m.

Prior period adjustment

The comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2020 have been restated as a result of a previous error in the split between share capital and share premium in 2019. The impact of the correcting journal to the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020 has reclassified €40.2m from share capital to share premium which occured in 2019. The adjustment impacted equity only and as such there has been no change to the net assets as previously presented as at 31 December 2020

27. Reserves

i) Share capital
The nominal value of the issued and paid up share capital.

ii) Employee share option reserve
In 2018 a new Long term Incentive plan was set up by the Company's ultimate holding parent, euNetworks Holdings LP, the interests in which, could be realised on the investors in euNetworks Holdings LP realising their investments. The movement in incentive plan reserves is disclosed on Page 18.

iii) Retained earnings
The profit and loss reserve contains the gains and losses recognised in the consolidated income statement. The movement in profit and loss reserves is disclosed on Page 18.

28. Changes in working capital

Group	**31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**31 Dec 2020 €'m**
(Increase)/Decrease in trade receivables	(8.0)	1.1
Increase in other receivables and prepayments	(17.3)	(0.6)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	96.9	(9.7)
Increase in deferred revenue	40.5	4.8
(Decrease) in provisions	-	(0.2)
	112.1	(4.6)

There were no Company changes in working capital.

29. Commitments

Capital commitments

As at the end of the financial period, commitments in respect of capital expenditure are as follows:

Group	**31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Capital expenditure contracted but not provided for		
- Commitments for the acquisition of plant and equipment	47.4	39.4

The Company had no capital commitments (2020: €nil).

30. Related parties disclosures

Related party transactions in the year to 31 December 2021
Key management personnel remuneration is disclosed in Note 7.

On 19 November 2021 the company issued 10,000 ordinary shares for a total consideration of €50m (€5,000 per share) to its existing shareholders. Accordingly the share capital of the company has increased by 10,000 shares at nominal value of €978.4619 per share amounting to an increase in share capital of €9.8m and the balance of the proceeds of the issue of €40.2m has increased share premium.

On 17 December 2021 a capital distribution of €85m was made to shareholders whereby 10,000 shares were cancelled reducing share capital by €9.8m and at the same time share premium was reduced by €75.2m.

Transactions with other related companies

The Company is a subsidiary of euNetworks Holdings LP, a partnership formed in the Cayman Islands, which is regarded by the directors as ultimate holding parent.

Amounts owing by/(to) other related companies, which arose mainly from trade transactions and payments on behalf, are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

During the financial year, the Company assumed inter-company debt as part of a restructure of the Group's inter-company debt to satisfy the requirements of the new facilities agreement (2020: €nil).

Group	**31 Dec 2021**	**31 Dec 2020**
	€'m	**€'m**
Amounts due to euNetworks Holdings LP	1.7	1.7
Amounts due to euNetworks Holdings 3 Limited	36.5	-
Amounts due to euNetworks Holdings 4 Limited	56.4	7.4
	94.7	9.1

31. Long term incentive plan

In the period to 31 December 2018 a Long Term Incentive Plan was set up by euNetworks Holdings LP. Certain employees received Class B Profits Interest Units in the LP, these interests vest either; i) over 4 years commencing on their date of issue or ii) they fully vest on a disposal or change of control of euNetworks Holdings LP and its subsidiary undertakings. There were 200,899 Class B Profits Interest Units in issue as at 31 December 2021 (2020: 183,213).

The fair value of the Class B Profits Interest Units in Long Term Incentive Plan which was calculated using a Monte Carlo simulation at the time of the initial issue of the interests was €35.9m. The fair value charge for the period in respect of the Class B Profits Interest Units that vested in the period was €9.0m (2020: €9.0m), this charge has been taken to the income statement in the period.

32. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's activities expose it to credit risks, market risks (including foreign currency risks and interest rate risks) and liquidity risks. The Group's overall risk management strategy seeks to minimise adverse effects from the volatility of financial markets on the Group's financial performance.

The Group uses financial instruments such as foreign currency forward contracts and interest rate swaps to hedge certain financial risk exposures.

The Board of Directors of euNetworks GP LLC who control and manage euNetworks Holdings LP was, during the period, responsible for setting the objectives and underlying principles of financial risk management for the Group. The management then established the detailed policies such as authority levels, oversight responsibilities, risk identification and measurement, exposure limits in accordance with the objectives and underlying principles approved by the Board of Directors.

Financial risk management is carried out by a central finance team in accordance with the policies set by the management. Risk management is integral to the whole business of the Group. The Group has a system of controls in place to create an acceptable balance between cost of risks occurring and the cost of managing risks. The management continually monitors the Group's risk management process to ensure that an appropriate balance between risk and control is achieved.

There have been no changes to the Group's exposure to these financial risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk: Market risk exposures are measured using sensitivity analysis as indicated below.

32. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a loss to the Group.

The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, trade receivables are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant. The Group recognises the risk that the Covid-19 pandemic presents in respect of the creditworthiness of it's customers and has implemented enhanced monitoring procedures to identify customers that may be in difficulty.

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk because trade receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas. Ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial conditions of trade receivables.

For banks and financial institutions, only independently rated and regulated parties are accepted. If customers are independently rated, these ratings are used. Otherwise, if there is no independent rating, the Group assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set based on internal or external ratings in accordance with limits set by the management.

With respect to credit risk arising from the other financial assets of the Group and the Company, which comprise cash and cash equivalents and other receivables, the Group's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparties, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. The management does not expect counterparties to fail to meet their obligations.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group and the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group and the Company manage the liquidity risk by maintaining a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate to finance the Group's and the Company's business operations, future capital expenditure and for working capital purposes. The Group's and the Company's objectives are to maintain a balance between continuing of funding and flexibility through the use of term loans and revolving credit facilities and may consider other fund raising exercise such as convertible bond issues, right issues, private placements or equity-related exercise.

The Group prepares regular rolling cash flow forecasts which are reviewed by management. Liquidity is managed centrally by the Group finance function. The following table detail the Group's and Company's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial instruments. The table has been drawn up based on undiscounted cash flows of financial instruments based on the earlier of the contractual date or when the Group is expected to receive (or pay). The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

32. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

Group	Effective interest rate %	Up to 3 months €'m	Between 3 to 12 months €'m	Between 1 to 2 years €'m	Between 2 to 5 years €'m	Over 5 years €'m	Total €'m
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents		134.5	-	-	-	-	134.5
Trade and other receivables		31.9	1.0	1.3	3.9	2.5	40.6
At 31 Dec 2021		166.4	1.0	1.3	3.9	2.5	175.1
Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables		151.1	-	-	-	-	151.1
Bank loan	2.8%	-	-	-	-	520.0	520.0
At 31 Dec 2021		151.1	-	-	-	520.0	671.1

Group	Effective interest rate %	Up to 3 months €'m	Between 3 to 12 months €'m	Between 1 to 2 years €'m	Between 2 to 5 years €'m	Over 5 years €'m	Total €'m
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents		29.6	-	-	-	-	29.6
Trade and other receivables		19.1	1.1	1.4	3.1	-	24.7
At 31 Dec 2020		48.7	1.1	1.4	3.1	-	54.3
Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables		54.2	-	-	-	-	54.2
Bank loan	3.5%	-	-	-	-	410.0	410.0
At 31 Dec 2020		54.2	-	-	-	410.0	464.2

The Company did not have any financial obligations during the period (2020: €nil).

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that fluctuations in interest rates could result in changes in interest income and expense as well as the value of financial instruments.

The Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rate. The Group has no significant interest-bearing assets and liabilities other than the bank debt drawn down during the financial period.

The Group's policy is to maintain an efficient and optimal interest cost structure using a combination of fixed and variable rate debts, and long and short term borrowings. The Group uses derivative financial instruments to hedge its interest rate risk.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rate risks for non-derivative instruments at the end of the financial period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of liability outstanding at the end of the financial year was outstanding for the whole period. The sensitivity analysis assumes an instantaneous 5% change in the interest rates from the end of the financial period, with all variables held constant.

32. Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd.)

Interest rate sensitivity analysis (cont'd.)

Increase / (decrease) in consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	**Group 31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**Group 31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Bank loan		
Interest rate increases by 5%	(26.0)	(20.5)
Interest rate decreases by 5%	14.6	14.4

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates could result in fluctuation in the value of assets, liabilities, revenue and costs where the underlying transactions and balances are held in foreign currency.

The Group mainly operates in the Euro zone, most of the transactions in relation to the European business are concluded in Euro and the functional currency of all subsidiaries is Euro.

The Group did not use derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency risk in financial period ended 31 December 2021 (2020: none).

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to Pound sterling. During 2021 this exposure was mitigated by the fact that Pound Sterling revenue and Pound Sterling costs, excluding capital expenditure, were closely matched and therefore the Group was naturally hedged.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a change of 10 eurocent against the Pound sterling. The sensitivity analysis assumes an instantaneous change of 10 eurocent for a Pound sterling in the foreign currency exchange rates from the statement of financial position date, with all variables held constant.

Increase / (decrease) in consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	**Group 31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**Group 31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Pound Sterling		
Strengthens against Euro	(0.2)	(0.8)
Weakens against Euro	0.2	0.8

33. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

Management considers that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

A summary of the financial instrument held by category is provided below:

Group	**31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	134.5	29.6
Trade and other receivables	40.6	24.5
Total loans and receivables	175.1	54.1
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	151.1	54.2
Interest bearing borrowings	511.0	404.1
Total financial liabilities at amortised cost	662.1	458.3

34. Capital management policies and objectives

The management's policy is to ensure that the Group is able to continue as a going concern and to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investors, creditors and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. The Group regards the equity attributable to shareholders as capital. Equity is represented by net assets.

The Group's management reviews the capital structure on a regular basis. As part of this review, management considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The Group balances its overall capital structure through new share issues, the issue of new debt and the redemption of existing debt.

Group	**31 Dec 2021 €'m**	**31 Dec 2020 €'m**
Interest bearing borrowings	511.0	404.1
Cash and cash equivalents	(134.5)	(29.6)
Net debt	376.5	374.5
Total equity	571.7	699.1
Total capital	948.2	1,073.6
Gearing ratio	39.7%	34.9%

The gearing ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as borrowings less cash and cash equivalents. The total capital is calculated as equity plus net debt.

The Board regularly reviews the funding profile of the Group and determines the issue or redemption of financial instruments to meet the Group's funding requirement while ensuring an appropriate balance between debt and equity.

There are no further changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the financial period.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

35. Post balance sheet events

In January 2022 a distribution of €85m was made to the shareholder in the form of a capital repayment.

In February 2022 Russia invaded the Ukraine, as a result, sanctions have been introduced against certain Russian businesses, the Group has assessed it position as regards its customers and suppliers that fall within these sanctions and the *directors have concluded that there is no material effect on the Group.*

36. Ultimate parent undertaking

The Directors considered Stonepeak Infrastructure Fund II Cayman (S) Upper LP a Cayman Islands limited partnership to be the ultimate parent undertaking as at the years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020.

As at the date of signing these financial statements in the opinion of the Directors, Michael Dorrell is the controlling party.