## Creditreform ⊆ Rating

Rating object Rating incl. outlook / watch

ENEL S.p.A.

ENEL Finance International N.V.

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Long-Term Local Currency Senior Unsecured Issues ENEL S.p.A.

BBB+ / negative

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### Date of inception / disclosure to rated entity / maximum validity:

Rating object ENEL S.p.A.	Date of inception 27.11.2020	Disclosure to rated entity 30.11.2020	<b>Maximum validity</b> Until withdrawal
LNEL 3.p.A.	27.11.2020	30.11.2020	of the rating
ENEL Finance International N.V.	27.11.2020	30.11.2020	Until withdrawal of the rating
Long-Term Local Currency Senior Unsecured Issues ENEL S.p.A.	27.11.2020	30.11.2020	Until withdrawal
Long-Term Local Currency Senior Unsecured Issues ENEL Finance International N.V.	27.11.2020	30.11.2020	of the rating Until withdrawal of the rating

There occured no changes after the communication of the rating to the rating object.

#### Rating summary:

Creditreform Rating (CRA) has changed the outlook of the unsolicited corporate issuer rating of ENEL S.p.A. (Enel or the Company) and ENEL Finance International N.V. as well as their unsolicited corporate issue rating of the long-term local currency senior unsecured notes from stable to negative, and confirmed the ratings at BBB+.

This change is based on an expected economic deterioration or at least a postponement of the economic recovery to pre-crisis levels in Enel's central markets, in particular Italy. On 21.08.2020, CRA revised the outlook of the Italian Republic from stable to negative and affirmed the unsolicited long-term sovereign rating of BBB-. In November 2020, renewed containment measures were taken to counteract the worsening pandemic, having further economic consequences for the country. Other countries representing Enel's central markets (Spain, countries of Latin America) are also affected by the worsening situation. The Latin American economy has a strongly devalued currency against the EUR, which also affects Enel's operating performance, as already visible in the fiscal period 9M 2020. In the first nine months of 2020, the Company recorded a decline of 19% in revenues, primarily due to lower demand and adverse FX effects as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the existing uncertainty, the pandemic has also affected the financial markets. In particular, the exchange rates of Latin American countries have been strongly devalued. Another negative consequence in the course of the Covid-19 pandemic has been an increase in depreciations on trade receivables in Italy, Spain and Latin America, illustrating the currently worsening economic situation. Enel was, however, able to realize a positive net income of EUR 2,921million (9M 2019: EUR 813 million) thanks to its systemically important, geographically and offer-related, diversified business model. The significant increase in earnings compared to the previous year was due to that in the fiscal period 9M 2019 earnings were considerably adversely affected by one-off effects.

As a result of the negative effects of COVID-19 pandemic, in H1 2020 Enel slightly adjusted its forecasts for results and net financial debt for 2020, while the forecasts for the following years of the Strategic Plan 2020-2022 currently remain valid. The Strategic Plan 2020-2022 of November 2019 requires large investments, compensated by EBITDA improvements. Nevertheless, the Company's high dependency on the economic situation of its main countries in order to achieve the objectives results in some uncertainty as to whether the objectives can be achieved in the current deteriorating economic environment. If not, it could mean a possible impairment of the key figures relevant to the rating. However, if the economic situation stabilizes earlier than we currently expect, or if there are no significant adverse effects on Enel's performance in H1 2021, we will revise the outlook back to stable. The rating remains at BBB+, attesting Enel S.p.A and the associated rating objects a highly satisfactory level of creditworthiness, mainly due to the strong position of the Company in its relevant geographical markets, as well as Its diversified, systemic-relevant and partly sustainable, innovative business model. The Company's solid financial figures and good access to the capital market also provide a good basis for coping with potential challenges.

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#### Primary key rating drivers:

- + Leader in the main areas of the energy transition and largest electricity supplier in Italy with global presence
- + Partially crisis-robust, broadly- based, and partly sustainable and innovative product portfolio,
- + Generally solid financial key ratios before the COVID-19 pandemic, including 2019
- + Good access to financial markets
- Significant declines in sales and increased depreciations of trade receivables as a result of the crisis in 9M 2020
- Deterioration of the economy in the central markets, revised outlook of the rating of Italy and Spain
- Renewed containment measures, worsening domestic economy
- Uncertainty regarding the further development of Enel key metrics
- Generally high degree of uncertainty as to the further economic consequences as well as the further course of the pandemic

### **ESG-criteria:**

CRA generally considers ESG factors (environment, social and governance) within its rating decisions. In the case of ENEL S.p.A. we have not identified any ESG factor with significant influence.

Already, 43.4% of the Company's electricity generation stems from renewable sources, which will further increase due to the planned investments of the new Strategic Plan 2020-2022. Among other sustainability goals to prevent climate change, the Company plans for 60% of the Group's total installed capacity to be renewable by 2022. Sustainability could be therefore a key driver of the Company's performance, as well as a significant competitive factor for Enel in the long run. Overall, we see Enel as a sustainable and well-positioned company. Particularly with regard to its latest measures, set in the annual report 2019, we see Enel as a sustainable and well-positioned company.

A general valid description of Creditreform Rating AG, as well as a valid description of corporate ratings for understanding and assessing ESG factors in the context of the credit rating process, can be found here:

https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-

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### **Rating scenarios:**

Please note: The scenarios are based on information available at the time of the rating. Within the forecast horizon, circumstances may occur that could lead to a change of the rating out of the indicated range.

Best-case scenario: BBB+

In our best-case-scenario for one year, we assume a rating of BBB+. In this scenario, we expect that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic only has a limited influence on the rating relevant key figures due to a rapid economic recovery in 2021, especially in Italy and Spain in the wake of successful government measures. In addition, the currencies in Latin America are stabilizing and gradually returning to pre-crisis levels. In this scenario, there will be no sovereign rating downgrade.

Worst-case scenario: BBB

In our worst-case scenario for one year, we assume a rating of BBB. In this scenario, we expect longer-lasting economic consequences in the course of the COVID-19-pandemic, slowing economic recovery causing a further fall in demand, as well as higher depreciations on trade receivables; at the same time, debt increases due to planned investment and M&A activities, with significant adverse effects on the Group's operating performance and financial key figures. In this scenario, the sovereign rating of Italy is downgraded.

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### Initital rating:

Rating object	Event	Rating created	Publication date	Monitoring until	Result
Corporate Issuer Rating der ENEL S.p.A.	Initialrating	06.06.2019	11.06.2019	26.11.2020	BBB+ / stabil
Corporate Issuer Rating der ENEL Finance International N.V	Initialrating	06.06.2019	11.06.2019	26.11.2020	BBB+ / stabil
LT LC Senior Unsecured Issues Issued von ENEL S.p.A.	Initialrating	06.06.2019	11.06.2019	26.11.2020	BBB+ / stabil
LT LC Senior Unsecured Issues Issued von ENEL Finance International N.V	Initialrating	06.06.2019	11.06.2019	26.11.2020	BBB+ / stabil

## Status of solicitation and information basis:

The present rating is an **unsolicited** rating. The rating object participated in the creation of the rating as follows:

Unsolicited Corporate Issuer / Issue Rating		
With rated entity or related third party participation	No	
With access to internal documents	No	
With access to management	No	

## Rating methodology / Version / Date of application:

Rating methodology	Version number	Date	Website
Corporate	2.3	29.05.2019	https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-
Ratings			requirements.html?file=files/content/downloads/Externes%20Rating/Regulatorische%20Anfor
			derungen/EN/Ratingmethodiken%20EN/Rating%20Methodology%20Corporate%20Ratings.pdf
Government-	1.0	19.04.2017	https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-
related			requirements.html?file=files/content/downloads/Externes%20Rating/Regulatorische%20Anfor
Companies			derungen/EN/Ratingmethodiken%20EN/Rating%20Methodology%20Government-
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Non-financial	1.0	October	https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-
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