

CREDIT OPINION

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RATINGS

Autobahnen-Und Schnellstrassen Finanzierungs

Domicile	Austria
Long Term Rating	Aa1
Type	Senior Unsecured - Dom Curr
Outlook	Stable

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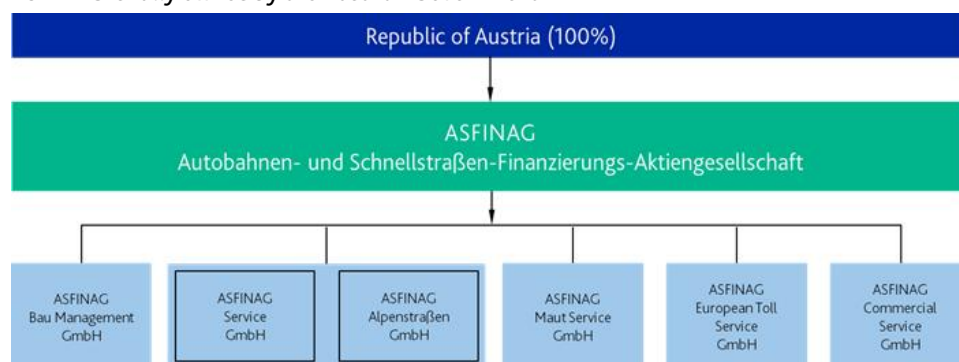
Update to credit analysis

Summary

The credit profile of [Autobahnen- und Schnellstrassen-Finanzierungs-Aktiengesellschaft](#) (ASFINAG, Aa1 stable) reflects the full, explicit, direct, unconditional and irrevocable guarantee for its debt from the [Government of Austria](#) (Aa1 stable). Therefore, we rate ASFINAG's sovereign-guaranteed euro medium-term notes (EMTN) and its EMTN programme at the same level as the Austrian sovereign rating.

Exhibit 1

ASFINAG is fully owned by the Austrian Government



Source: ASFINAG

Credit strengths

- » Guaranteed debt and full ownership by the Austrian government
- » Role as the implementer of the government's expressway network plans, ministry representation on the supervisory board and budget control

Credit challenges

- » Relatively high leverage
- » Low revenue and expenditure flexibility

Rating outlook

The stable rating outlook on ASFINAG's debt and EMTN programme reflects the outlook on the rating of its guarantor, the Austrian government.

Factors that could lead to an upgrade

The rating on ASFINAG's backed senior unsecured debt and EMTN programme would be upgraded if the Austrian sovereign rating is upgraded.

Factors that could lead to a downgrade

The rating on ASFINAG's backed senior unsecured debt and EMTN programme would be downgraded if the Austrian sovereign rating is downgraded. Any weakening of the government guarantee would also lead to a rating downgrade.

Key indicators

Exhibit 2

Autobahnen- und Schnellstrassen-Finanzierungs-Aktiengesellschaft

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EUR mn)	1,193	1,188	1,332	1,286	1,123	1,132	1,095
Operating Margin (%)	46.1	46.8	46.5	42.5	37.5	41.2	38.6
EBIT / Interest Payable	5.5x	6.2x	6.8x	6.5x	5.8x	5.2x	5.3x
Financial Debt / EBITDA	7.9x	7.3x	6.6x	6.8x	7.6x	7.6x	8.1x
Financial Debt / Equity	1.4x	1.3x	1.1x	1.0x	1.0x	1.0x	1.0x
Liquidity (Current Assets / Current Liabilities) (%)	36.91	26.81	43.79	27.53	16.64	29.28	16.89

Figures for 2025 and 2026 are estimated values.

Source: Issuer and Moody's Ratings

Profile

ASFINAG is an Austrian government-owned corporation responsible for the financing, planning, construction, maintenance, and tolling of the country's motorway and expressway network. Founded in 1982, ASFINAG operates under the jurisdiction of the Austrian Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure. It primarily generates revenue through tolls collected from vehicles using the road network, including vignette sales and distance-based tolling for heavy goods vehicles. ASFINAG's strategic focus includes modernizing infrastructure, enhancing road safety, and integrating smart traffic management technologies to improve efficiency and reduce environmental impact. As a key player in Austria's transportation infrastructure, ASFINAG supports economic growth and connectivity within the region.

Detailed credit considerations

We rate ASFINAG's sovereign-guaranteed EMTN programme and notes at the same level as the Austrian sovereign rating. The EMTN programme benefits from a full, explicit, direct, unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from the Austrian government.

Guaranteed debt and full ownership by the Austrian government

The unconditional and irrevocable guarantee provided by the Austrian government to ASFINAG's €12 billion EMTN programme enables the company to seek funding under favourable conditions on the capital markets. The EMTN programme is sufficient to fully cover the company's foreseeable funding needs.

ASFINAG is 100% owned by the Austrian government. As of year-end 2024, it was a holding company of six operating companies and had nearly 3,300 employees. We do not expect any changes in the company's ownership structure over the next five years. The motorway system is an integral part of the state infrastructure, thus there is no political plan to privatise the company in the foreseeable future.

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In 2007, the state took two major steps that have financially benefited ASFINAG, reflecting the ongoing support for the company. The government signed a contract (usufruct agreement) with the company to form a basis for the activities of the company and allowing it to discount depreciation that would otherwise have been necessary following the implementation of the new IFRS accounting rule. In addition, the government introduced legislation stipulating that - in principle - ASFINAG's toll revenue must correlate with the annual consumer price index from 2008 onwards.

Role as implementer of the government's expressway network plans, government supervision and budget control

The company is responsible for planning, financing, building and maintaining the Austrian motorway and high-speed road network, which is 2,266 kilometres long by the beginning of 2025. It is also in charge of road safety and traffic management. Because the company is responsible for implementing projects under the long-term infrastructure plan of the ministry in charge of transport affairs (i.e., the Ministry of Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure), the ministry is required to allocate sufficient funds to ASFINAG.

The close link between the company and the Austrian government is further demonstrated by the government's supervision and involvement in the company's operations. The government is represented on ASFINAG's supervisory board through representatives of the ministry. The government is responsible for approving the company's budget and reviewing its quarterly reports, including the status of its debt. The Austrian Parliament sets the ceiling for the amount of guaranteed debt that the company can raise annually.

Relatively high leverage

ASFINAG's balance sheet is progressively growing because of its peculiar financing mechanism. As of year-end 2024, the group's financial debt remained relatively stable at around €9.3 billion, with the outstanding debt largely consisting of drawdowns of the government-backed €12 billion EMTN programme. Similar to last year, the interest-rate risk is limited, because nearly all debt is fixed-rate and of longer maturities, while a foreign-exchange swap contract to euro is in place with the OeBFA (the Austrian Treasury) as counterparty to avoid foreign-currency risk. The company has a long-term debt maturity of nearly €1.5 billion in 2025, but no refinancing needed in 2026. Over the next 10 years, we consider the maturity profile to be well-distributed, reducing refinancing risk. Overall, we expect the debt level to be well manageable because of excellent capital market access.

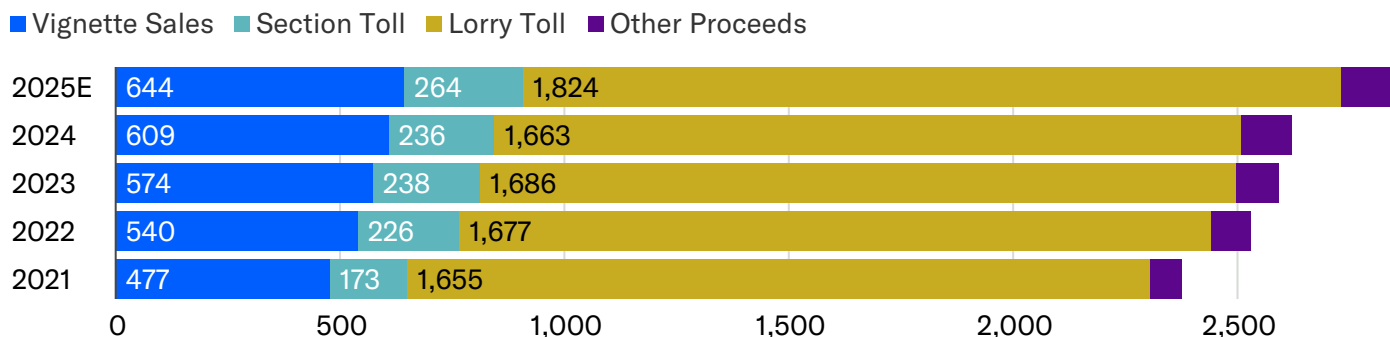
Low revenue and expenditure flexibility

The company can propose new toll charges, but the central government must approve the changes. Over the last few years, revenue has grown steadily because of economic growth, an increase in traffic and the indexation of toll prices.

In 2024, with a 1% increase from the year prior, ASFINAG continues to record their highest revenue collection reaching a total of €2,620 million (see Exhibit 3). Revenue in 2025 is likely to increase further, due to planned price increases of 7.7% for truck and car vignettes.

Exhibit 3

ASFINAG's revenue in 2024 was the highest in the past 10 years and is set to increase in 2025



Sources: Issuer and Moody's Ratings

ASFINAG has the right to collect tolls, or road use charges, but it does not own the infrastructure, in accordance with the terms of the usufruct contract. Since 1997, it has been able to charge fees and tolls from vignettes for the use of roads. From 2004, its powers were further enhanced to allow it to charge tolls for lorries based on distance.

The company's most recent plan shows that investments will peak in 2027 because of shifts in initial timelines and a bigger construction programme, equivalent to a total of nearly €2.1 billion. A considerable portion of the investment is earmarked for improving the project quality to address environmental issues (including the development of charging infrastructure), introducing noise reduction measures and for overall maintenance works.

In 2024, ASFINAG distributed a dividend of EUR 255 million to the Republic of Austria. In light of the federal government's ongoing fiscal consolidation efforts, we understand that a special dividend is under consideration, which could weigh on ASFINAG's financial metrics in 2025. However, we view such measures as well manageable within ASFINAG's current financial framework, given its robust liquidity position and continued state support.

ESG considerations

How environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks inform our credit analysis of ASFINAG

We take into account the effect of ESG factors when assessing sub-sovereign issuers' economic and financial strength. In the case of ASFINAG, the significance of ESG factors to the credit profile is as follows:

Environmental risks are not significant to ASFINAG's rating. There are several natural hazards (like avalanche, earthquake, flood, landslide, stone or wind damage) that could mean environmental risk for the road network and infrastructure, nevertheless, these risks are not significant to the rating because of the company's strategic role and the support of the federal government.

Social risks are not material to the rating because of the company's support and guarantee from the Austrian government, which would manage any potential social issues such as the need for extension of the road network.

Governance risks are material to ASFINAG's rating. The company is responsible for implementing the government's plans. However, the governance framework is intrinsically intertwined with the supporting government, which exerts decision-making power and strong oversight of the entity.

Further details are provided in the "Detailed credit considerations" section above. Our approach to ESG is explained in our cross-sector methodology [General Principles for Assessing Environmental, Social and Governance Risks Methodology](#).

Rating methodology

We rate ASFINAG's backed senior unsecured debt and EMTN programme at the same level as its guarantor, the Austrian government, because of the full, explicit, direct, unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from the central government. For details about our rating approach, please refer to the [Guarantees, Letters of Credit and Other Forms of Credit Substitution Methodology](#), published in July 2022.

Ratings

Exhibit 4

Category	Moody's Rating
AUTOBAHNEN-UND SCHNELLSTRASSEN FINANZIERUNGS	
Outlook	Stable
Bkd Senior Unsecured -Dom Curr	Aa1

Source: Moody's Ratings

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