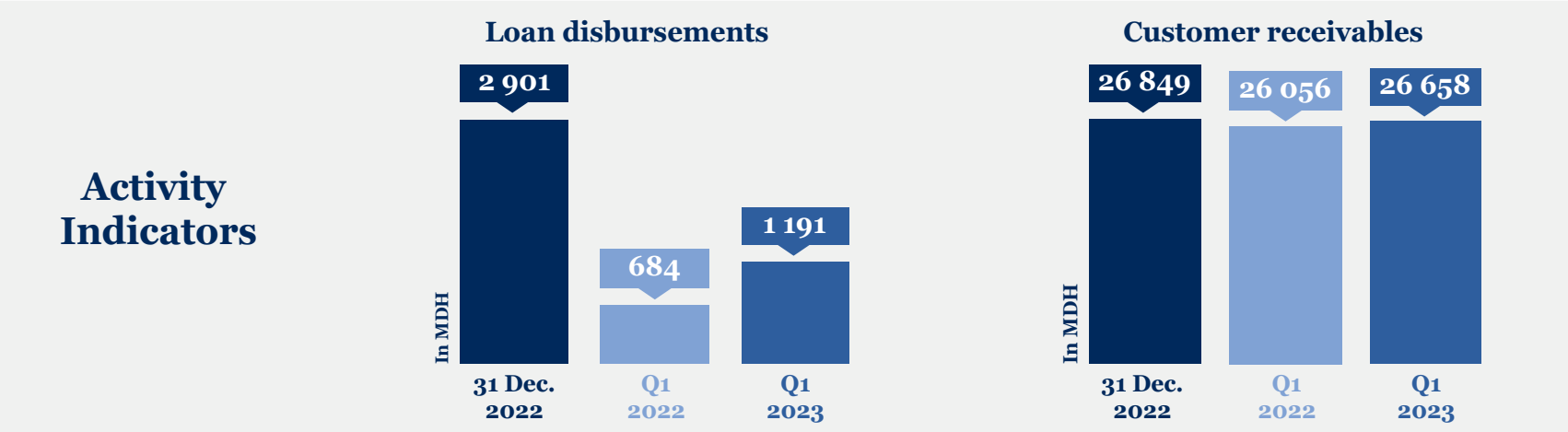


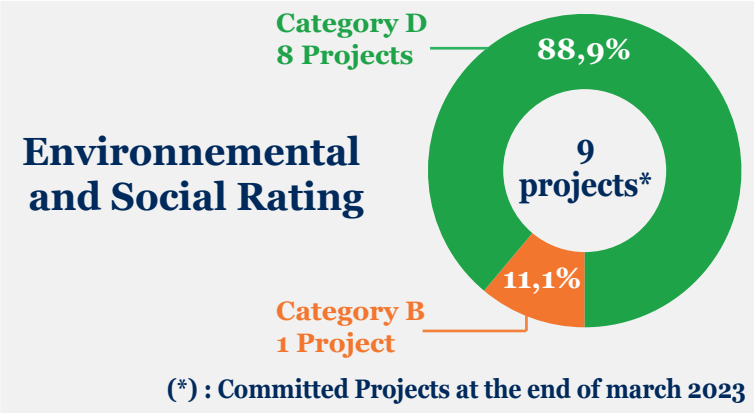
Press release of the Fonds d'Equipement Communal for the 1st quarter of 2023



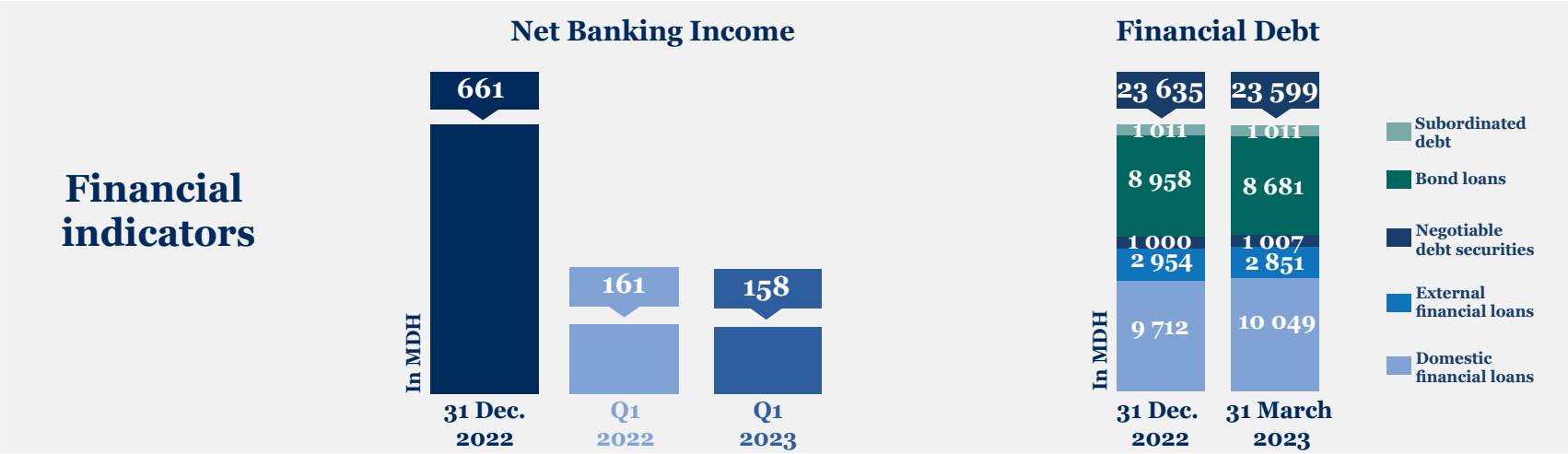
At the end of Q1 2023, loan commitments more than doubled compared to Q1 2022, reaching over 2.2 BDH. This significant increase is primarily due to the commitment of two loans totaling 2 BDH, to finance a strategic national project aimed at combating water stress and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

On the other hand, loan disbursements amounted to nearly 1.2 BDH in Q1 2023, an increase of 74% compared to Q1 2022, and contributed to the financing of several projects undertaken by Territorial Communities, notably the aforementioned strategic project. These financings also supported the implementation of urban development and road infrastructure projects, particularly for the strengthening of basic infrastructure, as well as the construction of socio-cultural and sports facilities.

Through these new financings, customer receivables reached over 26.6 BDH by the end of March 2023, representing an increase of more than 2% compared to the same period last year.



In accordance with its Environmental and Social (E&S) policy, the Fonds d'Equipement Communal systematically assesses the E&S risks of projects submitted for its financing, thanks to the implementation of an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) operational since April 2022, making the FEC one of the pioneering institutions in this field. Thus, the results of this rating for Q1 2023 demonstrate the controlled level of E&S risks of the evaluated projects. In this context, the majority of projects are classified in "Category D", accounting for 88.9%, and present minimal and easily manageable risks.



The NBI amounted to 158 MDH at the end of Q1 2023, a level comparable to that recorded at the end of March 2022, despite a challenging environment of tightening monetary policies that led to significant increases in interest rates in the national and international markets.