

# Corporates

Telecommunications Belgium

# **Telenet Group Holding N.V**

Telenet Group Holding N.V's rating reflects its strong market position, scaled network infrastructure that drives profitability and operating cash flow. Fibre network capex and entry of a fourth mobile network operator (Digi) could result in mounting competitive pressure and raise leverage, albeit within the rating's thresholds.

Digi's market share gains in Belgium will shape the credit profile in the short to medium term, along with reductions in Telenet's shareholding of Wyre (with potential gross debt reduction from sale proceeds), a wholesale agreement between Telenet and Orange (giving Telenet access to Wallonia and the remainder of Brussels) and benefits of an agreement with Proximus, which will increase fixed market penetration and remove fibre overbuild risk in semi-dense and rural areas.

# **Key Rating Drivers**

Increased Competition: Digi launched in December 2024 as Belgium's fourth mobile network operator with materially lower-priced offers. As of mid-2025, Digi's share remains modest, with about 78,000 mobile subscribers reported at end-September 2025, and operations still ramping up while it builds its own mobile and fibre networks through a joint venture with Citymesh. Our base case assumes Digi reaches around 10% mobile subscriber share within five years; this may prove ambitious if execution or network roll-out underperform.

We expect competitive pressure to weigh on Telenet's mobile top line, with mid-single-digit revenue declines in 2025 and further mid- to low-single-digit declines through 2026–2028.

**Fibre Rollout Plan Advanced**: Proximus and Telenet moved their Flanders fibre cooperation forward by launching commitments to accelerate build-out, streamline deployment and lower wholesale access costs, targeting wider gigabit coverage and faster migration in medium-density and rural areas amid Belgium's low fibre penetration.

Key value drivers include reduced network overbuild, increased penetration and network utilisation from the Proximus wholesale traffic in additional to Telenet's and Orange's wholesale access. The deal, which is subject to regulatory approval, will strengthen the collateral value of Telenet's assets.

Leverage to Increase, Within Thresholds: Fitch Ratings forecasts EBITDA net leverage to increase to 4.3x by end-2025 from 4x at end-2024 and gradually rise towards 4.7x at end-2028. We expect leverage to remain within our rating thresholds of 4.3x to 5.0x. Leverage increased in 2023 due to Telenet's additional EUR890 million debt in 4Q23 and a subsequent EUR1,190 million dividend paid to Liberty Global (LG), which gained a full ownership if Telenet in October 2023. This aligned with previously announced change in target company-defined EBITDA (after leases) net leverage threshold to 4.0x-5.0x from previous 3.5x-4.5x.

FTTH Investments to Drive Leverage: We expect capex to peak at 39% of revenue in 2025 from 27.3% in 2024 and remain at 36%-38% of revenue in the following three years, due to the intensified FTTH roll-out. This will result in negative free cash flow (FCF) margins and cash from operations (CFO)-capex/debt over the forecast horizon, leading to a gradual decrease in cash balance and an increase in EBITDA net leverage, but still below the 5.0x downgrade threshold. However, capex above our base case and increased competitive strain could pressure the rating. We do not expect Telenet to pay dividends as long as the company remains FCF negative.

**Lower EBITDA Margin Remains Stable:** We expect the Fitch-defined EBITDA margin to decline to 42.4% in 2025, from 43% in 2024, and decline slightly to 41.4% over 2026-2028. The lower margin is due to a competitive market, especially following Digi's launch; increased marketing investments; and the ramp-up of entering the Wallonia market and previously unserved communes of Brussels.

# Ratings

Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR)
Short-Term IDR B
Outlook

Long-Term Foreign-Currency IDR Stable

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### **ESG** and Climate

# Highest ESG Relevance Scores Environmental 3 Social 3 Governance 3

2035 Climate Vulnerability Signal: 15

### **Applicable Criteria**

Corporates Recovery Ratings and Instrument Ratings Criteria (August 2024)

Corporate Rating Criteria (June 2025) Sector Navigators – Addendum to the Corporate Rating Criteria (June 2025)

**Related Research** 

Global Corporates Macro and Sector Forecasts

European Altnets & Cable — Peer Credit Analysis (July 2025)

Western European Telecoms Outlook 2025 (January 2025)

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Ramp-Up Phase in New Regions: Telenet gained access to Wallonia and the remaining third of Brussels under a 2023 15-year agreement between Telenet and Orange Belgium, granting each other access to their respective hybrid-fibre coaxial and future FTTH networks. This will solidify Telenet's status as a nationwide fixed-mobile convergence provider. Telenet is currently in a ramp-up phase to build momentum in a new market it has entered with the alternative "value-for-money" BASE brand which performed strongly by reversing negative broadband additions during Q3 2025. This expansion will involve additional expenses and lower revenue margins due to wholesale costs.

Infrastructure Impact on Credit Profile: Telenet's rating is based on a full consolidation of network infrastructure provider Wyre, in line with the company's financial accounting. A reduction in Telenet's 66.8% stake in Wyre could lead to a proportionate or deconsolidated financial approach to incorporating its ownership in Wyre and lead to a reassessment Telenet's operating profile. It may also lead to a tangible tightening of the leverage thresholds, reflecting the loss of a core operating asset and a change in operating profile following reduced exposure to network infrastructure cashflows.

# **Financial Summary**

(EURm)	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Gross revenue	2,665	2,855	2,851	2,843	2,845	2,849
EBITDA margin (%)	43.8	42.0	43.1	42.4	41.9	41.4
(CFO-capex)/debt (%)	8.0	3.9	1.7	-3.0	-2.8	-2.4
EBITDA net leverage (x)	3.5	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6
EBITDA interest coverage (x)	6.3	3.5	3.0	5.0	4.9	4.7

# **Peer Analysis**

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

Telenet's ratings are driven by a solid operating profile, underpinned by a strong network footprint in Flanders and part of Brussels, expansion in other parts of Belgium through wholesale agreement with Orange Belgium, and a sustainable competitive position. Cash flow generation has been strong, but will be tempered by significant capex related to the fibre roll-out. We expect Telenet's market position to erode gradually, due to our assumption that Digi will increase market share.

Following LG's acquisition of the remaining stake in Telenet in October 2023, Telenet has increased its net debt/EBITDA (after leases) leverage target to 4.0x-5.0x, from the mid-point of a 3.5x-4.5x range, and subsequently increased leverage to 4x by end-FY24 through a dividend recapitalisation. This is higher than western European investment-grade telecom peers and more aligned with other peers from the LG portfolio, such as VMED O2 UK Limited (BB-/Negative) and The Sunrise Holding Group (BB-/Positive).

Telenet has a similarly strong operating profile to that of NOS, S.G.P.S., S.A. (BBB/Stable), with higher leverage accounting for Telenet's lower rating. Its revenue visibility is strong across the sector (both investment grade and sub-investment grade).

# **Navigator Peer Comparison**

	IDR/Outlook	Operating Environment	Management and Corporate Governance		n Diversification	Technology and Infrastructure	Regulatory Environment	Profitability	Financial Structure	Financial Flexibility
Royal KPN N.V.	BBB/Stable	aa	a-	bbb+	bbb	a-	bbb	bbb+	bbb	a
Telenet Group Holding N.V	BB-/Stable	aa	bbb+	bbb+	bb+	bbb+	bbb-	bbb+	b+	bbb
The Sunrise Holding Group	BB-/Positive	aa	bbb	bbb-	bbb-	bbb+	bbb	bbb	b+	bb
VMED O2 UK Limited	BB-/Negative	aa	bbb	bbb	bbb	a-	bbb	bbb+	b+	bb
VodafoneZiggo Group B.V.	B+/Stable	aa	bbb	bbb+	bbb-	bbb+	bbb	bbb+	b	bb+
Source: Fitch Ratings			Rela	ative Importance	of Factor	Higher	Moderate	Lower		
Name	IDR/Outlook	Operating Environment	Management and Corporate Governance		n Diversification	Technology and	Regulatory Environment	Profitability	Financial Structure	Financial Flexibility
Royal KPN N.V.	BBB/Stable	+6	+2	+1	0	+2	0	+1	0	+3
Telenet Group Holding N.V	BB-/Stable	+10	+5	+5	+2	+5	+3	+5	-1	+4
The Sunrise Holding Group	BB-/Positive	+10	+4	+3	+3	+5	+4	+4	-1	+1
The surfrise Holding Group			+4	+4	+4	+6	+4	+5	-1	+1
	BB-/Negative	+10	74	1.4	1.75	.0			*	
VMED O2 UK Limited VodafoneZiggo Group B.V.	BB-/Negative B+/Stable	+10	+5	+6	+4	+6	+5	+6	-1	+3



# **Rating Sensitivities**

# Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

- A weaker operating environment due to increased competition from either mobile or cable wholesale, or a new market entrant, such as Digi, leading to a larger market share loss than Fitch expects and a decrease in EBITDA;
- Fitch-defined EBITDA net leverage consistently above 5.0x and EBITDA interest cover consistently below 4.5x;
- A change in financial or dividend policy leading to higher leverage targets;
- CFO-capex/debt below 3.0% on a sustained basis.

### Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

Positive rating action is unlikely in the short to medium term, given our base case FCF and leverage profiles, but would be driven by the following two factors if performance was better than we expect.

- Fitch-defined EBITDA net leverage falling below 4.3x on a sustained basis;
- CFO-capex/debt above 7.5% on a sustained basis.

# **Liquidity and Debt Structure**

Telenet had a cash balance of EUR975.2 million at end-September 2025. Telenet's liquidity position is further supported by undrawn revolving credit facilities of EUR600 million due in 2026 (EUR20 million) and 2029 (EUR580 million), and a EUR25 million overdraft facility maturing end-September 2026.

The group has a long-dated debt maturity profile, with no significant debt maturities until 2028. We expect the cash position to gradually decrease as it is used to support the fibre roll-out plan.

# **Liquidity and Debt Maturities**

### **Liquidity Analysis**

(EURm)	2025F	2026F	2027F
Available liquidity	·	•	
Beginning cash balance	1,072	891	716
Rating case FCF after acquisitions and divestitures	-182	-174	-151
Total available liquidity (A)	891	716	566
Liquidity uses			
Debt maturities	-500	_	_
New debt	500	_	_
Total liquidity uses (B)	_	_	_
Liquidity calculation			
Ending cash balance (A+B)	891	716	566
Revolver availability	625	625	625
Ending liquidity	1,516	1,341	1,191
Liquidity score (x)	3.0	Not meaningful	Not meaningfu

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Telenet Group Holding N.V

### Scheduled Debt Maturities

(EURm)	31 Dec 2024
2025	500
2026	_
2027	_
2028	4,114
2029	1,110
Thereafter	281
Total	6,005
Total	6,0

 $Source: Fitch\ Ratings, Fitch\ Solutions, Telenet\ Group\ Holding\ N.V$ 

# Fitch's Key Rating-Case Assumptions

- Revenue decline of 0.3% in 2025 and then flat revenue, affected by a decline in mobile revenue following Digi's entrance.
- Fitch-defined EBITDA margin to decline to 42.4% in 2025, from 43% in 2024, and decline further to 41.4% through 2028, affected by competitive market environment, wage cost inflation, and increased marketing spend. We forecast EBITDA margins will be affected by the pricing pressures from the fourth market participant in 2025 and beyond.
- Capex/sales ratio (excluding spectrum payments and amortisation of broadcasting rights) to peak at 39% of revenue in 2025, decreasing to around 36% in 2027-2028, driven by Wyre's fibre roll-out ramp-up. Investment plan continues beyond our forecast horizon.
- No dividend payments in 2025-2028.



# **Financial Data**

(EURm)	2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Summary income statement						
Gross revenue	2,665	2,855	2,851	2,843	2,845	2,849
Revenue growth (%)	2.7	7.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.1
EBITDA before income from associates	1,167	1,198	1,227	1,206	1,191	1,179
EBITDA margin (%)	43.8	42.0	43.1	42.4	41.9	41.4
EBITDA after associates and minorities	1,167	1,198	1,227	1,206	1,191	1,179
EBIT	533	421	413	276	227	196
EBIT margin (%)	20.0	14.8	14.5	9.7	8.0	6.9
Gross interest expense	-222	-349	-420	-243	-244	-248
Pretax income including associate income/loss	1,143	400	124	53	1	-35
Summary balance sheet						
Readily available cash and equivalents	1,064	823	1,072	977	902	852
Debt	5,183	5,812	6,005	6,105	6,205	6,305
Net debt	4,119	4,989	4,933	5,129	5,303	5,454
Summary cash flow statement						
EBITDA	1,167	1,198	1,227	1,206	1,191	1,179
Cash interest paid	-186	-346	-408	-243	-244	-248
Cash tax	-87	-86	-86	-84	-83	-81
Dividends received less dividends paid to minorities (inflow/outflow)	_	_	_	_	_	_
Other items before FFO	-3	-8	-23	_	_	_
FFO	891	789	744	899	884	866
FFO margin (%)	33.4	27.7	26.1	31.6	31.1	30.4
Change in working capital	37	95	134	28	28	28
CFO (Fitch-defined)	928	884	878	927	912	895
Total non-operating/nonrecurring cash flow	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capex	-514	-660	-779	_	_	_
Capital intensity (capex/revenue) (%)	19.3	23.1	27.3	_	_	_
Common dividends	-149	-109	-14	_	_	_
FCF	265	115	86	_	_	_
FCF margin (%)	9.9	4.0	3.0	_	_	_
Net acquisitions and divestitures	740	-10	0	_	_	_
Other investing and financing cash flow items	29	-1,100	69	_	_	_
Net debt proceeds	-87	753	94	100	100	100
Net equity proceeds	-22	8	1	-14	_	_
Total change in cash	925	-242	250	-96	-74	-51
Calculations for forecast publication						
Capex, dividends, acquisitions and other items before FCF	77	-779	-792	_	_	_
FCF after acquisitions and divestitures	1,005	106	87	-182	-174	-151
FCF margin after net acquisitions (%)	37.7	3.7	3.0	-6.4	-6.1	-5.3
Gross leverage ratios (x)						
EBITDA leverage	4.4	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3
FFO leverage	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7
(CFO-capex)/debt (%)	8.0	3.9	1.7	-3.0	-2.8	-2.4
Net leverage ratios (x)						
EBITDA net leverage	3.5	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.6
FFO net leverage	3.8	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0
(CFO-capex)/net debt (%)	10.0	4.5	2.0	-3.5	-3.3	-2.8



2022	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
6.3	3.5	3.0	5.0	4.9	4.7
5.8	3.2	2.7	4.6	4.5	4.4
5.8	3.2	2.7	4.6	4.5	4.4
	6.3 5.8	6.3 3.5 5.8 3.2	6.3     3.5     3.0       5.8     3.2     2.7	6.3       3.5       3.0       5.0         5.8       3.2       2.7       4.6	6.3     3.5     3.0     5.0     4.9       5.8     3.2     2.7     4.6     4.5

CFO – Cash flow from operations Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions

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# **Ratings Navigator**



Bar Chart Legend:							
Vertical Bars = Range of Rating Factor	Bar Arrows = Rating Factor Outlook						
Bar Colors = Relative Importance	↑ Positive						
Higher Importance							
Average Importance							
Lower Importance	□ Stable						

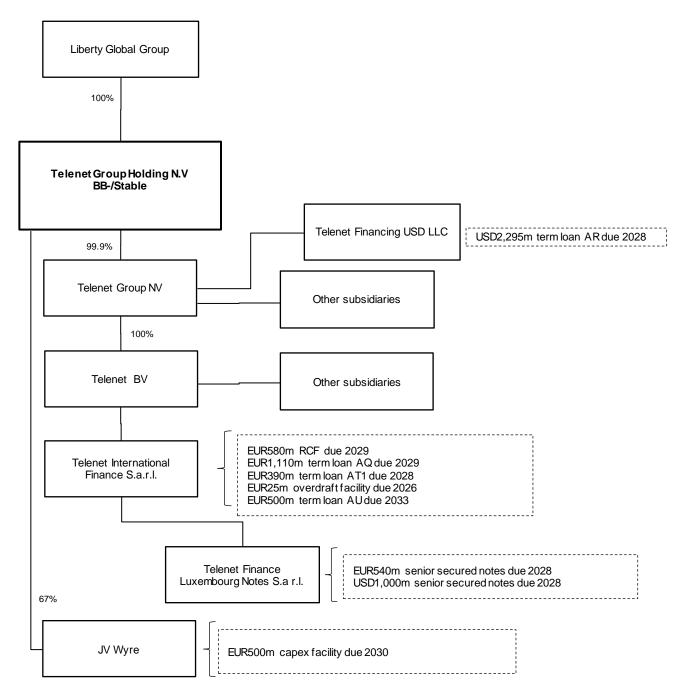


**Corporates Ratings Navigator** 

### **Telenet Group Holding N.V Fitch**Ratings **Telecommunications** Operating Environment Management and Corporate Governance a Coherent strategy and good track record in implementation Economic Environmen Management Strategy bbb Good CG track record but effectiveness/independence of board less ob power even with ownership concentration. Some group complexity leading to somewhat less transparent account related-party transactions. bbb+ bbb Good quality reporting without significant failing. Consistent with the aw major exchanges. bbb Financial Transparency ccc+ bbb-Market Position Diversification а bbb Service Platform Diversification Competition bbb-Geographic Diversification Scale - EBITDA bbb >\$1 billion bb+ bbb bb bbbbb-Technology and Infrastructure Regulatory Environment Ownership of Network bbb Moderate Network and Service Quality Market leading network in terms of coverage and technology deployment, with good quality of service. bbb bbb+ bbbbbb bb+ bbbbb Profitability Financial Structure Volatility of Cash Flow bb b 5.5x а bbb Volatility and visibility of cash flow in line with industry average EBITDA Leverage bb-EBITDA Net Leverage EBITDA Margin bb 3.6x Flat to Negative bbb-Financial Flexibility Credit-Relevant FSG Derivation abbb Financial policies less conservative than peers but generally applied consistently. Telenet Group Holding N.V has 8 ESG potential rating drivers 0 5 bbb One-year liquidity ratio above 1.25x. Well-spread maturity schedule of debt but funding may be less diversified. bbb+ Energy and fuel use in networks and data centers 4 driver 0 issue bbb EBITDA Interest Coverage bb 6.0x Networks exposed to extreme weather events (e.g. hurricanes) a Profitability potentially exposed to FX but efficient hedging in place. Debt and cash flows well-matched. bbb-FX Exposure Data security; service disruptions 3 8 Impact of labor negotiations and employee (dis)satisfaction 2 Governance is minimally relevant to the rating and is not currently a driver How to Read This Page: The left column shows the three-notch band assessment for the overall Factor, illustrated by a bar. The right column breaks down the Factor into Sub-Factors, with a description appropriate for each Sub-Factor and its corresponding category. 5

For further details on Credit-Relevant ESG scoring, see page 3.

# **Simplified Group Structure Diagram**



Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Telenet Group Holding N.V. As of November 2025



# **Peer Financial Summary**

Company	Issuer Default Rating	Financial statement date	Gross revenue (EURm)	EBITDA margin (%)	FCF margin (%)	EBITDA net leverage (x)	EBITDA interest coverage (x)
Telenet Group Holding N.V	BB-						
	BB-	2024	2,851	43.1	3.0	4.0	3.0
	BB-	2023	2,855	42.0	4.0	4.2	3.5
	BB-	2022	2,665	43.8	9.9	3.5	6.3
VodafoneZiggo Group B.V.	B+	•		•			
	B+	2024	4,114	46.8	4.6	5.5	2.6
	B+	2023	4,115	45.2	3.6	5.7	3.2
	B+	2022	4,066	48.0	12.7	5.5	4.2
The Sunrise Holding Group	BB-						
	BB-	2023	3,172	34.2	10.0	6.0	2.9
	BB-	2022	3,069	36.6	12.8	5.5	4.2
Royal KPN N.V.	BBB						
	BBB	2024	5,603	44.2	2.3	2.4	9.3
	BBB	2023	5,439	43.8	4.4	2.3	9.8
	BBB	2022	5,374	44.3	4.9	2.3	10.9
VMED O2 UK Limited	BB-						
	BB-	2024	12,893	34.8	-3.2	5.6	3.3
	BB-	2023	12,611	35.5	-4.5	5.3	4.3
	BB-	2022	11,722	35.4	-1.6	5.2	4.6



# **Fitch Adjusted Financials**

(EURm as of 31 Dec 2024)	Notes and formulas	Standardised values	Lease treatment	Other adjustments	Adjusted values
Income statement summary					
Revenue		2,851	_	_	2,851
EBITDA	(a)	1,300	-78	5	1,227
Depreciation and amortisation		-855	45	53	-757
EBIT		445	-32	-0	413
Balance sheet summary					
Debt	(b)	6,076	_	-70	6,005
Of which other off-balance-sheet debt		_	_	_	_
Lease-equivalent debt		_	_	_	_
Lease-adjusted debt		6,076	_	-70	6,005
Readily available cash and equivalents	(c)	1,072	_	_	1,072
Not readily available cash and equivalents		_	_	_	_
Cash flow summary					
EBITDA	(a)	1,300	-78	5	1,227
Dividends received from associates less dividends paid to minorities	(d)	_	_	_	_
Interest paid	(e)	-441	33	0	-408
Interest received	(f)	33	_	_	33
Preferred dividends paid	(g)	_	_	_	_
Cash tax paid		-86	_	_	-86
Other items before FFO		36	-1	-58	-23
FFO	(h)	842	-45	-53	744
Change in working capital		134	_	_	134
CFO	(i)	976	-45	-53	878
Non-operating/nonrecurring cash flow		_	_	_	_
Capex	(j)	-752	_	-27	-779
Common dividends paid		-14	_	_	-14
FCF		211	-45	-79	86
Gross leverage (x)					
EBITDA leverage	b/(a+d)	4.7	_	_	4.9
FFO leverage	b/(h-e-f-g)	4.9	_	_	5.4
(CFO-capex)/debt (%)	(i+j)/b	3.7	_	_	1.7
Net leverage (x)					
EBITDA net leverage	(b-c)/(a+d)	3.9	_	_	4.0
FFO net leverage	(b-c)/(h-e-f-g)	4.0	_	_	4.4
(CFO-capex)/net debt (%)	(i+j)/(b-c)	4.5	_	_	2.0
Coverage (x)					
EBITDA interest coverage	(a+d)/(-e)	3.0	_	_	3.0
	(), ()	0.0			0.0

CFO – Cash flow from operations

Note: The standardised items presented above are based on Fitch's taxonomy for the given sector and region. Reported items may not match the Fitch taxonomy, but they are captured into corresponding lines accordingly.

Debt includes other off-balance-sheet debt.

Debt in the standardised values column excludes lease liabilities of EUR630.5 million.

Source: Fitch Ratings, Fitch Solutions, Telenet Group Holding N.V

# **Recovery Analysis**

We apply a generic approach to assign instrument ratings for issuers with IDR in the 'BB' rating category. Telenet has only senior secured debt in its capital structure. Therefore, the senior secured debt is labelled as "Category 2 first lien", and we apply 'RR2', reflecting a maximum of two notches uplift from the IDR of 'BB-' for the instrument rating, thus resulting in 'BB+' instrument ratings.

# **Climate Vulnerability Considerations**

Fitch uses Climate Vulnerability Signals (Climate.VS) as a screening tool to identify sectors and Fitch-rated issuers that are potentially most exposed to credit-relevant climate transition risks and, therefore, require additional consideration of these risks in rating reviews. Climate.VS range from 0 (lowest risk) to 100 (highest risk). For more information on Climate.VS, see Fitch's Corporate Rating Criteria. For more detailed, sector-specific information on how Fitch perceives climate-related transition risks, see Climate Vulnerability Signals for Non-Financial Corporate Sectors.

The 2025 revenue-weighted Climate.VS for Telenet for 2035 is 15 out of 100, suggesting low exposure to climate-related risks in that year.

### Climate.VS Evolution As of 30 November 2025



2035

Source: Fitch Ratings

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2025

# **ESG Considerations**

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The highest level of ESG credit relevance is a score of '3', unless otherwise disclosed in this section. A score of '3' means ESG issues are credit neutral or have only a minimal credit impact on the entity, either due to their nature or the way in which they are being managed by the entity. Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores are not inputs in the rating process; they are an observation on the relevance and materiality of ESG factors in the rating decision. For more information on Fitch's ESG Relevance Scores, visit www.fitchratings.com/topics/esg/products#esg-relevance-scores.

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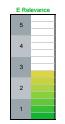
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### **Corporates Ratings Navigator** Telecommunications

Credit-Relevant ESG Derivation					Relevance to edit Rating
Felenet Group Holding N.V has 8 ESG potential rating drivers	key driver	0	issues	5	
Telenet Group Holding N.V has exposure to energy productivity risk but this has very low impact on the rating.					
Telenet Group Holding N.V has exposure to extreme weather events but this has very low impact on the rating.	driver	0	issues	4	
Telenet Group Holding N.V has exposure to customer accountability risk but this has very low impact on the rating.	potential driver	8	issues	3	
Telenet Group Holding N.V has exposure to labor relations & practices risk but this has very low impact on the rating.					
Governance is minimally relevant to the rating and is not currently a driver.	not a rating driver	1	issues	2	
	not a rating driver				

### Environmental (E) Relevance Scores

General Issues	E Score	Sector-Specific Issues	Reference
GHG Emissions & Air Quality	1	n.a.	n.a.
Energy Management	3	Energy and fuel use in networks and data centers	Profitability
Water & Wastewater Management	1	n.a.	n.a.
Waste & Hazardous Materials Management; Ecological Impacts	1	n.a.	n.a.
Exposure to Environmental Impacts	3	Networks exposed to extreme weather events (e.g. hurricanes)	Profitability



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Red (5) is most relevant to the credit rating and green (1) is least relevant.
The Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (6) tables break out the
ESG general issues and the sector-specific issues that are most relevant to
each industry group. Relevance scores are assigned to each sector-specific issue, signaling the credit-relevance of the sector-specific issues to the issuer's overall credit rating. The Criteria Reference column highlights the factor(s)

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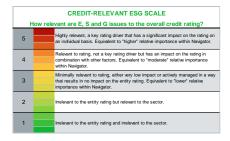
### Social (S) Relevance Scores

General Issues	S Score	Sector-Specific Issues	Reference
Human Rights, Community Relations, Access & Affordability	1	n.a.	n.a.
Customer Welfare - Fair Messaging, Privacy & Data Security	3	Data security; service disruptions	Market Position; Profitability
Labor Relations & Practices	3	Impact of labor negotiations and employee (dis)satisfaction	Market Position; Profitability
Employee Wellbeing	1	n.a.	n.a.
Exposure to Social Impacts	2	Social attitudes toward network infrastructure	Diversification; Technology and Infrastructure; Profitability



Governance (G) Relevance General Issues	G Score	Sector-Specific Issues	Reference
Management Strategy	3	Strategy development and implementation	Management and Corporate Governance
Governance Structure	3	Board independence and effectiveness; ownership concentration	Management and Corporate Governance
Group Structure	3	Complexity, transparency and related-party transactions	Management and Corporate Governance
Financial Transparency	3	Quality and timing of financial disclosure	Management and Corporate Governance





# **ESG Scoring**

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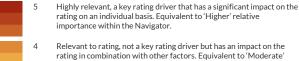
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### Credit-Relevant ESG Scale

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relative importance within the Navigator.

Minimally relevant to rating, either very low impact or actively managed in a way that results in no impact on the entity rating. Equivalent to 'Lower' relative importance within the Navigator.

Irrelevant to the entity rating but relevant to the sector.

Irrelevant to the entity rating and irrelevant to the sector.



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