

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	FONDS INGRAGREEN III
Project Number:	2017-0136
Country:	50% France and the rest in other EU countries and Switzerland.
Project Description:	Fund providing equity and debt to developers of small and medium size renewable energy projects
EIA required:	Multi scheme project. Depending on the technical characteristics of the investments financed by the fund, sub-projects may be subject to an EIA.
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The proposal consists in investing up to EUR 50m in InfraGreen III (“Fund”), a Renewable Energy (“RE”) fund with a target size of EUR 250m. The goal is support small and medium size developers and independent power producers (IPPs), in order to accelerate their growth and increase their market share in a very competitive and capital-intensive market.

Based on the indicative pipeline, 45% of the investments will be onshore wind farms, 40% solar photovoltaic plants and the rest, 15%, biomass and biogas projects. All projects will be located exclusively in the European Economic Area (EEA), i.e. EU27 and EFTA countries; and Switzerland.

The Fund will extend debt and equity to small RE developers that will use the proceeds to invest in the development of new generation assets, and therefore, this operation would contribute to EU objectives by supporting investments in renewable energy generation.

The investments will generate environmental benefits, in terms of reduction of air pollutants and GHG emissions, and are not likely to have a significant negative environmental impact. Some of the Fund’s underlying investments may fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU (or they may do so if they were located inside the EU).

The legal documentation to be concluded between the Fund and the Bank shall include obligations on the Fund to ensure that all projects are in compliance with national legislation (all projects), European legislation (projects located inside the EU), and the Bank’s Environmental and Social standards (projects located outside the EU), respectively. EIB-

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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eligible investments into biomass facilities must comply with the Bank's criteria for sustainable biomass supply.

During appraisal it has been verified that the Fund Manager has fully understood the Bank's E&S requirements and it is willing and capable to fully implement them. In order to strengthen the coordination and accountability aspects, the Fund has designated a responsible environmental expert, who will oversee all the environmental and social aspects of the investments.

Climate Mitigation

The Fund will contribute by 100% of its investment to climate mitigation/ renewable energy.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Bank's E&S requirements are to be included in the Fund's legal documentation.

In view of the above findings and conditions, the operation is deemed satisfactory from an environmental and social compliance perspective.