

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	EU MALARIA FUND SENIOR PARTICIPATION
Project Number:	2019-0684
Country:	Regional-EU countries
Project Description:	Malaria is one of the most lethal infectious diseases in absolute terms, killing around 700 children below the age of five every day, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa. The EU Malaria Fund presents an opportunity to address a concrete market failure and contribute, directly or indirectly, to the financing of a promising portfolio of research and development malaria projects.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	no

(details for projects included are provided in section: “EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise”)

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The operation consists of an investment in a thematic fund that aims to support research and development for new vaccines, therapeutic drugs and diagnostic devices against malaria (the “EU Malaria Fund”, or “EUMF”). The fund will be managed by Investitionsbank Berlin (IBB), the business development bank of the Federal Land of Berlin in Germany, and kENUP Ltd., the investment vehicle of kENUP, a not-for-profit Maltese foundation focused on research and innovation.

Malaria is still one of the deadliest infectious diseases and it represents a high burden for the healthcare systems of low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). In this context, the EUMF is expected to enhance the mobilisation and deployment of both public and private financing in such a critical therapeutic area for global health, where new solutions and treatments are desperately needed to end the epidemic of the disease, according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3.3).

In accordance with the Bank’s policy to ensure the investments comply with the EU acquis in the field of Environment and Social aspects (E&S), the Bank will require the fund manager to take all the necessary measures (including by obtaining contractual obligations) to ensure the E&S procedures carried out by the final beneficiaries (i.e., the investee companies) comply with the relevant EU legislation and the applicable national legislation, as well as with the EIB’s E&S standards. This includes *inter alia* the creation of an E&S Policy and the appointment of a dedicated staff member to coordinate E&S practices within the portfolio, monitor E&S compliance and measure and report on E&S progress at the portfolio company and the fund levels.

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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Prior to signature, the E&S Policy will be negotiated and agreed between the fund and the Bank, to ensure full compliance with the Bank's requirements, as a condition for disbursement. Moreover, the EIB will receive updates on the project and annual portfolio reports, which will include also E&S follow-up. The fund manager undertakes to make available any additional information concerning the investee companies and assure that relevant documentation is properly archived. It shall also report on any claim or equivalent communication from any authority concerning any investee company.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Bank will ensure through its legal documentation that the projects financed by the fund are in eligible areas/sectors for the Bank, and that the Bank's requirements on procurement, environment and social matters will be respected. More specifically, the validation of the promoter's Environmental & Social Policy by the Bank's Environment, Climate and Social Office is a condition for the legal documentation signature.

With these conditions in place, the investment in the EU Malaria Fund has been classified as acceptable in environmental and social terms for the Bank's financing.

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