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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	FRANFINANCE LEASING PF4EE COLLATERAL AGREEMENT
Project Number:	2021-0141
Country:	France
Project Description:	PF4EE collateral agreement for Energy Efficiency projects promoted by Franfinance via leasing in France in conjunction with a framework loan operation 2021-0142
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

This guarantee will support the installation of energy efficient (EE) equipment and renewable energy (RE) systems in existing tertiary buildings and premises in France. The underlying projects will be financed by FranFinance, acting as the financial intermediary (FI), in partnership with technology suppliers, which will originate them.

The individual projects under this guarantee will be relatively small-scale and are expected to bring positive environmental impacts, notably by increasing energy efficiency and promoting the use of renewable energy sources for self-consumption by the final beneficiaries, thus lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

Overall, the operation should lead to primary energy savings of about 10.2 GWh per year, as well the generation of 6.9 GWh of renewable energy per year, which collectively will avoid annual greenhouse gas emissions of approximately 17,994 tCO₂e.

Eligible investments will be consistent with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) 2018/844/EU amending 2010/31/EU and the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) 2018/2002 amending 2012/27/EU.

None of the underlying projects is expected to be subject to an EIA.

¹ 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 CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

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Other Environmental and Social Aspects

No social risks are foreseen for this project. The FI will implement the investment portfolio in partnership with technology and equipment suppliers through leasing and performance-based contracts. This model has an important role in improving access for small and medium-size enterprises to sustainable energy solutions and supporting the national energy climate priorities.

Through the supported EE and RE investments, the operation will generate local and regional economic activity, thus maintaining or even increasing employment in the concerned sectors. Temporary employment equivalent to some 211 person-years is expected to be created during the planned 3-year implementation period.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The environmental capacity of the financial intermediary has been assessed by the Bank as acceptable for the scale and nature of the intended projects.

The Bank's E&S standards and requirements will be included in the financial intermediary's due diligence procedures and in the Finance Contract with the Bank.

In view of the above findings and conditions, the operation is deemed satisfactory from an E&S compliance perspective