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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	BNPP ABS FOR CLIMATE ACTION
Project Number:	20220972
Country:	FRANCE
Project Description:	<i>Operation dedicated to finance energy efficiency building renovation, including integrated renewables in France.</i>
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no
(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")	

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The project is related to improving the energy performance of residential and potentially other buildings. Energy consumption for heating purposes in the buildings targeted by this project will be reduced while the use of renewable energies will be increased. Temporary nuisance due to construction works (dust, noise) are mitigated through appropriate site organisation and construction management. Due to the nature of the investment very limited environmental impacts are expected. The cumulative impact of sub-projects could generate significant environmental benefits in terms of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The expected primary energy savings as compared to the baseline scenario are estimated at c. 147 GWh/yr.

The capacity of the FI to carry out environmental assessment of projects in line with the Bank's requirements and the national legislation has been appraised and is deemed satisfactory.

The projects are not expected to require an EIA and will be required to comply with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive as transposed by the national legislations.

Social Assessment

The Project is expected to improve the living conditions for the tenants in the modernised buildings through better indoor air quality and the renewal of the facades. The attractiveness of these buildings will increase. Where rented property is modernised, the refurbishment may also lead to an increase in rent limited by legal regulations and by the competitive rental market environment. The rent increase will be partially offset through the heating cost reductions, which are borne by the tenants.

The FI has environmental and social policies in place which includes a Human Rights Policy and a Code of Ethics, rejecting the use of any form of forced or compulsory labour², applicable inter alia to the supply chain of the targeted solar PV projects, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the relevant E&S standards of the Bank (including Standard 8 (Labour) of EIB E&S Standards).

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.

² [Modern Slavery Statement \(bnpparibas-pf.co.uk\)](https://bnpparibas-pf.co.uk/modern-slavery-statement)

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The FI will be required to undertake, on a best effort basis, enhanced due diligence (supply chain mapping of the PV module manufacturers reaching the level of silicon/polysilicon suppliers and/or declarations by the PV module manufacturers concerning the origin of the components used in the PV modules, per project) also guided by the FI's human rights commitment, and ensuring that appropriate contractual provisions are cascaded to contractors/suppliers of the sub projects.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

BNP is in scope for PATH procedure for financial intermediaries. It already publishes dedicated reporting in line with TCFD recommendations (the 2021 report is available at the following [tcf_d_report_2021_eng.³pdf \(bnpparibas.com\)](https://cdn-group.bnpparibas.com/uploads/file/tcf_d_report_2021_eng.pdf)). It is hence considered to meet the PATH requirements.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Bank has assessed the capacity of the Intermediary to on-lend to green eligible projects. The FI has systems, processes and procedures in place and adequate resources to implement its E&S policy and procedures, which are deemed to be acceptable to manage Environmental, Climate and Social (ECS) risks related to this operation.

This operation intends to bring about environmental benefits by supporting projects that reduce energy consumption, increase the use of renewable energy and help to mitigate climate change.

The individual schemes to be financed are likely to be small and are expected to have limited negative environmental impacts. If, exceptionally, a scheme falls under Annex II of the EIA Directive, the Bank will require the Promoter to act according to the provisions of the aforementioned Directive as transposed into national law. Should the relevant competent authority screen in a scheme, the Promoter shall deliver to the Bank the Environmental Impact Study and relevant Authorisation for publication.

The legal documentation to be concluded between the Promoter and the Bank shall include an obligation on the Promoter to ensure that all projects comply with national and European legislation (where applicable), as well as the Bank's Environmental and Social standards.

Under these conditions, the project is therefore considered to be acceptable for Bank financing from an environmental and social compliance perspective

³ https://cdn-group.bnpparibas.com/uploads/file/tcf_d_report_2021_eng.pdf