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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	MDB CLIMATE ACTION MBIL
Project Number:	2023-0176
Country:	Malta
Project Description:	A Multiple Beneficiary Intermediated Loan (MBIL) for the national promotional institution of the Republic of Malta, the Malta Development Bank (MDB) to finance eligible green projects carried out by SMES, Mid-caps or public entities.
EIA required:	some sub-projects may require an EIA
Project included in Carbon:	No
Footprint Exercise ¹ :	

Environmental and Social Assessment

The operation concerns a multi-beneficiary intermediated loan to the Malta Development Bank (MDB), a national promotional institution of the Republic of Malta, for onward lending support to SMEs, Midcaps and public entities in Malta. The investments will be small-scale projects targeting the energy efficiency, renewable energy generation (wind, solar) and transportation sectors.

The investments will generate environmental benefits and most of the investments are expected to be small-scale and have limited negative environmental impact. Some of the sub-projects, e.g. in the renewable energy sector, may fall under the scope of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU and may require an EIA.

Climate change mitigation and Paris Alignment

The Project is aligned with the Paris Agreement according to Annex 2 of the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap (2020). It supports investments in zero emission transport infrastructure and vehicles, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Project provides a substantial contribution to Climate Mitigation according to Annex 4 of EIB's Climate Bank Roadmap and a substantial contribution to Environmental Sustainability.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

National Promotional Institutions (NPIs) are out of scope of the PATH Framework. The EIB has shared best practices on Paris alignment, including on disclosure, during appraisal.

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.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The FI's E&S policies and management capacity to comply with EIB requirements have been assessed and found to be adequate and commensurate with the E&S risk of the sub-projects which don't require an EIA.

For schemes requiring an EIA, the FI shall request from the final beneficiaries and send the complete EIA report, including the NTS, to the Bank prior to allocation.

Technical Assistance will be provided to support MDB in improving its E&S risk management capacities including for high-risk projects.

In view of the above, the operation is considered acceptable for EIB financing from an environmental and social point of view.