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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>BBVA ABS OPERATION FOR GREEN FINANCING</i>
Project Number:	<i>2023-0928</i>
Country:	<i>SPAIN</i>
Project Description:	<i>Operation targeting climate financing on Energy Efficiency projects (new construction of NZEBs+ residential buildings) carried out by SMEs and MidCaps in Spain (real estate developers).</i>
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

The underlying projects are expected to improve the energy performance of buildings through construction of new Energy Efficiency buildings in Spain. Projects will follow the Bank's climate action and environmental sustainability guidelines and be in line with the relevant requirements from the Energy Lending Policy. High-risk sub-projects will not be eligible under this operation.

The operation will contribute to the EU energy and climate objectives by supporting investments in energy efficiency and by supporting the implementation of the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).

Spain, as an EU Member State, has harmonised its environmental legislation with the relevant EU Directives: EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending 2011/92/EU, SEA Directive 2001/42/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, and with the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (2018/844/EU).

The project will comply with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive as transposed by national legislation. Moreover all eligible cost categories related to the construction of new buildings will be compliant with the technical screening criteria for substantial contribution criteria to climate change mitigation for new buildings (article 7.1) set out in the EU Taxonomy, Commission delegated regulation (EU) 2021/2139 of 4 June.

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. Due to the nature of the underlying projects, very limited environmental impacts are expected. Temporary nuisance due to construction works (dust, noise) shall be mitigated through appropriate site organisation and construction management. However, the cumulative impact of sub-projects could generate significant environmental benefits in terms of reduction of air pollutants and GHG emissions.

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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The capacity of the Financial Intermediary (FI) in line with the Bank's requirements and the national legislation has been appraised and is deemed satisfactory. The FI has an acceptable record and experience in financing new energy efficiency buildings in Spain.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The counterparty is in scope (bank), screened in, and in compliance with the PATH Framework requirements as the FI group's reporting is in line with TCFD recommendations.

Social Assessment

The investments will generate social benefits, by supporting better health through improving indoor air quality and supporting employment generation.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Given the size and nature of the underlying projects and their location in built-up urban areas, any negative environmental impacts are expected to be limited and adequately mitigated. The financial intermediary is deemed to have sound environmental and social capabilities, commensurate to the risk of the operation.

The Financial Intermediary will be required to follow the contractual undertakings below:

- Projects requiring an environmental impact assessment or affecting nature conservation areas are not allowed under this facility.
- All projects will be compliant with the technical screening criteria for substantial contribution to climate change mitigation for new buildings (article 7.1) set out in the EU Taxonomy.

The project is therefore considered to be acceptable for Bank financing from an environmental and social perspective.