

## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name:	SAAR LB RENEWABLE ENERGY FL
Project Number:	2024-0621
Country:	France, Germany, Regional - EU countries
Project Description:	Framework loan with a well-known EIB counterpart, with first-time focus on financing mid-sized energy projects in Germany, France and other EU countries.
E&S Risk Categorisation	Medium risk
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise <sup>1</sup> :	No

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The operation is a Framework Loan (FL) with the Financial Intermediary (FI) Saarländische Landesbank to finance medium and large-scale renewable energy projects (onshore wind farms) in Germany and France. The operation will contribute to EU energy objectives by supporting investments in new renewable energy generation capacity. The investments will generate environmental benefits in terms of reduction of air pollutants and GHG emissions, ultimately helping to mitigate climate change.

#### Environmental Assessment

Most of the projects are expected to fall under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Directive 2014/52/EU amending Directive 2011/92/EU, requiring the competent authorities to determine whether an EIA is required or not. Most of the projects are likely to have limited negative environmental impacts, provided that all mitigation measures are implemented. For projects that require an EIA, the Bank will require the Financial Intermediary (FI) to store and keep updated any documents that may be relevant for the project (including EIA screening decisions, environmental studies, environmental monitoring reports or equivalent documents) supporting the compliance with the EIA Directive and national environmental regulations. The Financial Intermediary shall upon request promptly deliver such documents to the Bank. The FI will be required to verify that none of the projects has a significant adverse impact on any site forming part of the EU Natura 2000 network. For each project that may have an impact on a nature conservation site, written confirmation from the competent nature conservation authority, or an equivalent confirmation satisfactory to the Bank that the mentioned project does not have a significant negative impact on any site of nature conservation importance should be presented, as a condition of disbursement. Projects with significant negative impacts on areas with high biodiversity value shall not be eligible. The operation is fully aligned with the goals and principles of the Paris Agreement as set out in the Bank's Climate Bank Roadmap.

<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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EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework The counterparty SaarLB is screened out of the PATH framework because of its asset base size of under EUR 30bn.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

For projects subject to an environmental impact assessment as defined by national legislation, the FI shall ensure that an E&S assessment is carried out and that public consultation is undertaken in accordance with national legislation and the EIA Directive.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

The FI has an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) in place and ensures compliance with environmental and social regulations within the jurisdictions in which it operates. The FI further has an ESG strategy and risk policy in place including reporting and monitoring processes, making annual reporting on sustainable activities available to the public.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The projects targeted by the operation are expected to have limited social and environmental impacts, provided that all relevant mitigation measures are implemented. The FI is considered to have the expertise and the capabilities to verify the environmental procedures carried out for individual schemes, appropriately addressing environmental issues and ensuring that the schemes to be part-financed under this framework loan comply with national and EU legislation.

### **Environmental and Social Conditions**

- If a scheme falls under Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive, the FI shall ensure that the sub-project's promoters comply with the provisions of the EIA Directive as transposed into national law. When relevant, the Financial Intermediary shall deliver to the Bank the EIA report and other relevant environmental documents.
- For projects that may have an impact on a nature conservation site, the FI shall obtain confirmation from the competent nature conservation authority, or an equivalent confirmation satisfactory to the Bank, that the project does not have a significant negative impact on any site of nature conservation importance.

Based on the information available and with appropriate conditions and monitoring in place, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.