

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	GLOBAL CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP FUND
Project Number:	2010-0085
Country:	Global – EIB Focus on sub-Saharan Africa
Project Description:	Global debt fund focusing on the finance of small scale energy efficiency and renewable energy investments
EIA required:	Multi-investment scheme ¹
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise:	no

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

With this operation the EIB intends to make use of this existing Fund to invest in small scale RE/EE and energy access projects with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa. The operation would form part of EIB's contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative.

This operation intends to bring about environmental benefits by supporting energy efficiency and small renewable energy projects. The Fund invests through credit lines with financial institutions and through direct project loans covering the ALA and ACP regions.

The Fund has implemented environmental and social performance standards that are acceptable to the Bank. As part of this, the Fund performs environmental and social due diligence to ensure that potential risks and appropriate prevention, mitigation and compensation measures are identified through an environmental and social impact screening/assessment, when relevant, including satisfactory and meaningful public consultation and participation.

Projects with significant negative impact on areas with high biodiversity value, nature conservation, bird or fish migration routes are not eligible for EIB funding. If a project has the potential to affect a nature conservation zone or other sensitive area as defined in national or international environmental legislation, the Fund shall obtain confirmation from the competent nature conservation authority - following a biodiversity assessment satisfactory to the Bank - that the scheme does not have significant negative impacts on any site of nature conservation or biodiversity importance.

With regards to financial intermediaries, the Fund requires adherence to its environmental and social performance standards, and it requires financial intermediaries to maintain an environmental and social management system and to provide regular reporting to the Fund. Promoters directly financed by the Fund must undertake environmental and social assessment of the project, monitor compliance with environmental and social performance standards and mitigation measures, and maintain an occupational health and safety management system. A Technical Assistance Facility operates alongside the Fund, which can be used to provide dedicated services to local banks and projects, including assistance with: energy efficiency and renewable energy credit lines, environmental and social impact assessment, energy audits and capacity building.

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

For each investment, the Fund will ensure that compliance with environmental and social performance standards and legal obligations is enforced and monitoring is in place to verify implementation of legal obligations. Where deficiencies are found, the Fund's Technical Assistance Facility can be engaged to provide appropriate support and corrective measures.

An external audit of the Fund's E&S performance, not more frequently than every three years, is foreseen. The first external monitoring is expected to take place no later than December 31, 2013.

If an underlying investment is subject to an E(S)IA or biodiversity assessment, the Fund Manager is required to publish the study or the NTS on its website for access to stakeholders. The capacity of the Fund manager to ensure compliance to the Bank E&S requirements is considered to be good. Going forward, the Bank will suggest a continuous ex-ante vetting of E&S studies for small RE projects under credit lines using TA, given the generally weaker capacity and experience of the local banks and the quality the regulatory system. Finally, the Bank will share updated E&S clauses for inclusion by the Fund in its investment guidelines and E&S procedures.

EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise

The operation is not included in the EIB carbon footprint exercise. Carbon Footprints are currently calculated for emissions above the methodology thresholds for investment loans and large allocations under Framework Loans.

Social Assessment

The Fund's social performance requirements include, for each project, social assessment and development of a management plan for mitigation of social impacts (as applicable), compliance with national law and the principles and standards of ILO conventions, in particular prohibition of child or bonded labour, non-discrimination and equal opportunity of employment, occupational health and safety, and maintenance of an occupational health and safety management system.