

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	CUBE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND II (2015-0585)
Project Number:	2015 0585
Country:	Luxembourg
Project Description:	Multi-sector infrastructure fund targeting equity investments in Western Europe
EIA required:	Multiple projects schemes, some may require an EIA

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

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

Cube Infrastructure Fund II will focus on three key sectors: (i) energy (including district heating and cooling networks, as well as electricity and gas supply) (ii) communication infrastructure (including fibre-optic cable network operators), and (iii) public transport (including rail, bus and ferry operators). The Fund may also invest in environmental services and power generation (including water and waste management, hydropower and gas-fired generation) as well as in other core infrastructure assets.

Most of the Fund's underlying infrastructure investments will fall under Annex I or II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, requiring a full Environmental Impact Assessment including public consultation or screening by the national competent authority on the basis of Annex III to determine the need for further assessment.

If an underlying investment is subject to an EIA, the Fund Manager will be required to provide to the Bank a copy of this study, including a non-technical summary (NTS), or provide a website link to the location where the EIA is published in compliance with the EIB's group Transparency Policy. The Fund Manager will confirm that the project incorporates all mitigating measures recommended as a result of the EIA. Where relevant, the Fund Manager shall obtain written confirmation from the competent authority that the investment will not have any significant negative impact on sites of nature conservation importance, including sites protected under the "Habitats" and "Birds" Directives (92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC respectively) and the associated Natura 2000 network.

The legal documentation to be entered into by the Bank will require the Fund Manager to ensure that its underlying investments respect the requirements and/or principles of the EU Directives and comply with the Bank's environmental and social standards. The Fund Manager is informed of the relevant EU legislation and of the Bank's E&S requirements.

Under these conditions the project is acceptable for the Bank financing.

Environmental and Social Aspects

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.

The Bank has reviewed the capacity of the Fund Manager to pre-screen the project pipeline and assess investment opportunities and determine applicable environmental and social requirements. A detailed list of eligibility criteria is submitted to the Fund's Manager to ensure that the sub-projects financed are in line with the Bank's requirements including environmental and social sustainability. Based upon the capacity of the management team and the Fund's governance, the promoter is a very well positioned to secure participation in sound projects from an environmental and social perspective.

Minimum information according to the requirements shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Bank. In addition to the standard reporting obligations of the Fund Managers to all investors, the Fund Manager will also have a direct obligation to provide to the Bank all information necessary to verify compliance with the Bank's eligibility criteria, such as environmental (including EIA) and procurement issues. The Fund Manager will also include a section on EIB Eligibility in its investment proposal reports to the investment committee.

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