

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	BPI ENERGY EFFICIENCY FL PF4EE
Project Number:	2016-0472
Country:	PORTUGAL
Project Description:	Framework loan for financing small scale investments targeting energy efficiency and small renewable energy (RE) investments mainly in the private sector and in particular for SMEs
EIA required:	Some of the sub-schemes may exceptionally require an EIA
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

This framework loan concerns the co-financing of energy efficiency (EE) and small renewable energy (RE) investments mainly in the corporate and SME sectors in Portugal. The investments involve a variety of EE and RE measures, such as EE improvements in buildings (heating and cooling, building shell, building management system and lighting), industrial energy efficiency interventions, energy efficient public lighting, and small renewable energy installations for self-consumption.

The schemes under this framework loan will typically be small-scale projects and are expected to have limited negative environmental and social (E&S) impacts. Overall, the supported investments are expected to generate positive environmental impacts, notably by generating energy savings and promoting small-scale application of renewable sources of energy for own consumption by the final beneficiaries, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Exceptionally, some schemes may fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive requiring a screening decision by the competent authority on the need to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). If an underlying investment is subject to an EIA, the promoter will be required to provide the Bank with a copy of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the corresponding Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for publication at the time when allocating funds. In addition, the promoter will be required to verify that none of the schemes have a significant negative impact on any site of nature conservation importance, including sites protected under national legislation and international agreements.

The environmental capacity of the promoter has been assessed by the Bank as satisfactory. The Bank's E&S standards and requirements will be included into the promoter's due diligence procedures and in the Finance Contract with the Bank.

In view of the above findings and conditions, the operation is deemed satisfactory from an E&S compliance perspective.

¹ Framework loans are not included in the Carbon Footprint Exercise.