

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	CDP CLIMATE CHANGE IP
Project Number:	2016-0283
Country:	<i>Italy</i>
Project Description:	Investment platform, developed jointly with CDP, based on a linked funded and/or unfunded risk sharing instrument to cover, together with CDP on a pari-passu / prorata basis, up to 50% of the credit risk associated with a new portfolio of energy efficiency, renewable energy and circular economy medium-sized projects originated by Italian financial intermediaries.
EIA required:	depending on the underlying investment
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

This operation intends to bring about environmental benefits by supporting sound Energy Efficiency (EE), Renewable Energy (RE) and Environmental protection / circular economy (CE) including bio methane sectors. The operation is organised with multiple intermediary banks and is developed in close cooperation with Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. (CDP), the Italian National Promotional Bank. EIB will provide, together with CDP, financing/guarantee to a group of intermediary banks which commit to build a portfolio of eligible projects in Italy in abovementioned sectors.

The FIs (Financial Intermediaries) will review the environmental authorisation process of each scheme that is proposed for the new portfolio. The first FI has been selected and appraised and its capacity is satisfactory to ensure compliance with the relevant environmental requirements. Potential additional FIs may be selected to participate in the operation, subject to a separate appraisal by the Bank.

Most of the projects to be guaranteed by the FIs are expected to fall under Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive. Therefore they should be subject to a screening decision by the competent authority based on Annex III of the same Directive.

Should any scheme have a potentially significantly negative impact on an area forming part of the EU Natura 2000 network (falling under Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC or Birds Directive 79/409/EEC), then the Bank would require the FI and the borrower to act according to the provisions of the aforementioned directives as transposed in the national law. Schemes with significant negative impacts on areas with high biodiversity value, nature conservation areas, including bird migration routes shall not be eligible.

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.

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Any inclusion of a scheme into the “new portfolio” will further be subject to pre-approval including the screening of the environmental aspects by the Bank’s Services. Schemes can be excluded from the “new portfolio” by the Bank’s Services at any time if new information makes this necessary.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Conditions will be included in the legal documentation in order to ensure compliance of all schemes in the “new portfolio” with the relevant EU Directives and the Bank’s environmental requirements.

Based on the above it is concluded that this operation is acceptable to the Bank from an environmental and social point of view.

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