

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: CCB ENERGY EFFICIENCY FL-PF4EE
Project Number: 2017-0350
Country: CYPRUS
Project Description: A Framework Loan that will finance small-scale investments targeting energy efficiency measures mainly undertaken by households in Cyprus.

EIA required: Some of the sub-schemes may exceptionally require an EIA.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise¹: no

Environmental and Social Assessment

This framework loan concerns the co-financing of energy efficiency (EE) and small renewable energy (RE) investments in the residential building sector in Cyprus. The investments involve a variety of EE and RE measures such as the construction of small residential buildings as Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEBs), improvements of the building envelope, wall and roof insulation and small-scale solar panels.

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 bring about positive environmental impacts, notably by generating energy savings and promoting the small-scale application of renewable sources of energy for own consumption by the final beneficiaries, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Eligible investments will be limited to an investment cost of EUR 10 million, will be fully aligned with the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan, and will be consistent with the Energy Performance Building Directive (2010/31/EU) and the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU).

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 financial intermediary will be required to provide the Bank with a copy of the corresponding Environmental Impact Study (EIS) including the Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

In addition, the financial intermediary 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 financial intermediary has been assessed by the Bank as acceptable for the scale and nature of the projects.

The Bank's E&S standards and requirements will be included into the financial intermediary'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.