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Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	<i>Mirova Energy Transition 6 SLP</i>
Project Number:	2024-0030
Country:	Regional – EU countries
Project Description:	Greenfield fund targeting energy and mobility investments, including green H ₂ and e-fuels.
EIA required:	Multiple project schemes, some may require an EIA
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

Mirova Energy Transition Fund 6 (“MET6” or the “Fund”) is the sixth Fund of Mirova, which is a French investment platform dedicated to energy transition, active since 2002 and originally focused on windfarms in France. The Fund is mainly active in core infrastructure in renewable energy (wind, solar, hydro, biomass), energy storage (pumped storage, batteries), and mobility (electric vehicles, charging stations). A significant majority of the Fund’s investments will be located in EU countries and up to 15% in certain OECD countries (which will exclude Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, Israel and Turkey).

This operation will contribute to the EU-wide 2030 target of 32% final energy consumption coming from renewable energy (RE) sources as laid out in RE Directive 2018/2001. It further contributes to the security of energy supply, environment, and climate change mitigation. The operation is aligned with the Bank’s objectives on Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action. The investments will generate environmental benefits in terms of reduction of pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. It will contribute to the Bank’s objectives to develop a more sustainable bio-economy.

Most of the Fund’s underlying infrastructure investments in the EU will fall under Annex I or II of EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU, requiring a full Environmental Impact Assessment including public consultation or screening by the national competent authority on the basis of Annex III of the same Directive to determine the need for a full EIA. Those investments outside the EU would in principle be required to undergo an ESIA process in the targeted countries under the relevant national legislation. If they were located within the EU, they would fall under Annex II of Directive 2014/52/EU amending EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, requiring the competent authorities to determine whether an EIA is required. If an underlying investment is subject to an EIA, the Fund Manager will be required to publish it on its website or provide a website link to the location where the EIA is published. The Fund Manager will ensure that the project incorporates all mitigating measures recommended as a result of the EIA.

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



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The Fund Manager will be required to verify that none of the projects has a significant negative impact on any site of nature conservation importance, including sites protected under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Birds Directive and the associated Natura 2000 network, Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), national legislation and international agreements. If in the reasonable view of the Fund Manager a project has the potential to significantly affect sites of nature conservation importance, it shall ensure that an appropriate assessment is carried out for the potentially affected sites and obtain written confirmation from the competent authority as defined in the relevant EU Directives, or an equivalent assessment satisfactory to the EIF that the project will not have a significant negative impact on any protected site. If an underlying investment is subject to an EIA or biodiversity assessment, the Fund Manager will be required to publish the Environmental Impact Study (or a link) on its website for access by stakeholders.

The Fund will ensure that all projects are in compliance with national and European legislation, as well as the EIB's E&S standards for projects outside the EU and relevant Invest EU sustainability proofing requirements. The Fund is not allowed to invest in activities marked as 'Not Supported' in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025.

EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework

The Fund Manager has more than 500 MEUR of assets under management. As such, the Fund Manager is in scope of and screened into the PATH framework. Hence, the EIF will require the Fund Manager to report – at the latest 12 months after signature – in line with the TCFD recommendations, including in particular information in relation to transition and physical climate risk.

Social Assessment

There are no material issues identified at this stage in relation to social aspects in the expected pipeline. However, the ESMS duly defines the policies and procedures related to social aspects that will apply to the investments.

In particular, the ESMS will include compliance with national laws and the principles and standards of ILO conventions², in particular prohibition of child or bonded labour, non-discrimination and equal opportunity of employment, occupational health and safety, as well as EIB Standards. The Fund will be required to undertake reasonable efforts to mitigate risks of forced labour in the supply chain. This will include, on a best effort basis, enhanced due diligence and ensuring that appropriate contractual provisions are cascaded to contractors/suppliers of the sub projects.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

Where required by EU Member States' laws and regulations, the Fund Manager shall ensure that a consultation process with relevant stakeholders takes place and that an appropriate grievance mechanism is in place, including the development of a communication mechanism with external stakeholders as part of its Grievance Redress Mechanism for the underlying investments. The Fund Manager will ensure that a grievance mechanism at Fund level is also in place.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The Fund has good expertise and appropriate procedures to ensure E&S due diligence as part of its investment process. In addition, these will be complemented with EIBG requirements.

As part of its Environmental and Social Governance, the Fund Manager will have a designated environmental responsible who manages all the environmental and social activities and aspects and maintains and operates an appropriate environmental and social management system (ESMS).

² International Labour Organisation



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Conclusions and Recommendations

Overall, the project is expected to bring positive environmental and social impacts, with acceptable environmental and social risks.

In addition to the requirements already mentioned, the following loan conditions will be included in the legal documentation:

- The Fund shall not invest in companies that do not comply with EIB environmental and social standards – for projects outside the EU.
- The Fund Manager will publish the E(S)IA studies on the Fund's website or insert the link where the E(S)IA is published.
- The Fund Manager will maintain its ESMS in line with the EIB's environmental and social requirements to the satisfaction of the Bank, including the development of a communication mechanism for external stakeholders as part of its Grievance Mechanism.
- The Fund Manager will, on an annual basis, prepare and submit to the Bank an aggregated E&S performance report that will include an update on its ESMS procedures as well as the E&S performance of its sub-projects. The Fund Manager shall also ensure immediate reporting to the EIB of any serious incidents, such as fatalities or breaches of law, in any of its activities or sub-projects.
- The Fund shall undertake reasonable efforts to assess and address the risks of forced labour in the supply chain. This will include, on a reasonable effort basis, enhanced due diligence, commensurate with the capacity and leverage of the developers regarding labour issues in the supply chain (supply chain mapping and/or declarations from the supplier, per project) ensuring that appropriate contractual provisions are cascaded to contractors/suppliers of the sub projects.

In view of the above findings and conditions, the operation is deemed satisfactory from an environmental and social compliance perspective.