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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: Eiffel Transition Infrastructure Fund  
 Project Number: 2022-0351  
 Country: Regional-EU countries

EIA required: Equity investment. Recurrent client. Multi-scheme projects targeting solar photovoltaic (PV), onshore wind, and, on opportunistic basis, energy storage. Depending on the technical characteristics of the investments financed by the Fund, sub-projects may be subject to an EIA.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: No

(details for projects included are provided in section: "EIB Carbon Footprint Exercise")

### Environmental and Social Assessment

#### Key Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

The operation consists of an equity investment into a fund that will finance predominantly solar photovoltaic plants, onshore wind farms and, on an opportunistic basis, energy storage. A significant majority of the Fund's investments will be located in EU countries and up to 20% in other OECD countries.

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.

The Fund has good expertise and appropriate procedures to ensure E&S due diligence as part of its investment process. The fund plans to become an Article 9 fund under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) by the end of June 2022. The fund has developed an Environmental and Social Management System that complies with the SFDR and EU Taxonomy regulations. In addition, the existing procedures will be complemented with EIBG requirement, including initiating public reporting in line with the TCFD requirements and thus in line with the Path requirements.

As part of its Environmental and Social Governance, the Fund Manager shall designate an environmental responsible, who manages all of the environmental and social activities and aspects and maintains and operates an appropriate environmental and social management system (ESMS). The Fund has already an ESG Committee in charge of the deployment of the FM's ESG strategy (including climate-related policies/procedure), which provides expert advice to the management committees for

<sup>1</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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complex or sensitive cases. The fund has already enhanced its ESMS to include Climate Risk Assessment, whose results will be part of EIBG reporting requirements.

Some of the Fund's underlying investments may fall under Annex I or II of EIA (environmental impact assessment) Directive 2014/52/EU amending EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. In these cases, the Bank requires the Fund Manager to ensure that investee companies act according to the provisions of the aforementioned Directive as transposed into national law. Should the relevant competent authority screen in an investment project, the Fund Manager should ensure that the EIA documents are published on the website of the promoter or of the Fund. The Fund Manager will be required to verify that none of the schemes has a significant adverse impact on any site of nature conservation importance and will be required to obtain and provide the EIBG with written confirmation to this effect from the competent authority, or an equivalent confirmation satisfactory to the EIBG.

The legal documentation to be concluded between the Fund and the EIF will include an obligation on the Fund to ensure that all projects are in compliance with national and European legislation (where applicable), as well as the EIB's E&S standards. The Fund is not allowed to invest in activities marked as 'Not Supported' in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025.

### **Social Assessment**

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

In particular, the EIB will ensure that the fund manager's social requirements include social assessment and development of a management plan for mitigation and remediation of social impacts (as applicable), compliance with national laws and the principles and standards of ILO conventions<sup>2</sup>, in particular prohibition of child or bonded labour, non-discrimination and equal opportunity of employment, occupational health and safety, as well as EIB Standard 8 – Labour.

### **Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement**

Where required, 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.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Fund will incorporate the EIB's environmental and social requirements into its legal documentation to the satisfaction of the EIB, and will enhance its ESMS to incorporate the EIB's environmental and social requirements, including:

- Establishing and implementing a procedure for external communication allowing for receiving and registering communication from the public regarding environmental, climate and social issues, including making available ESIA studies;

<sup>2</sup> International Labour Organisation



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- The Fund will integrate the EIB E&S standards into its existing E&S procedure and shall not invest in companies which operate in areas of activities excluded from EIB activity nor in companies which do not comply with EIB E&S standards;
- Provide regular updates on the Environmental and Social performance of its investments and include appropriate E&S conditions in its finance contracts with the project developers.

With these requirements in place, the operation is acceptable for EIB financing in environmental and social terms.