InvestEU Scoreboard

Presentation of the financing or investment operation:

Implementing Partner: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Name of the Operation: EBRD InvestEU Green Capped Portfolio Guarantee - Eurobank Bulgaria

Type of approval:

□ Individual financing or investment operation

Name of the financial intermediary (for intermediated operations): Eurobank Bulgaria AD

Country(-ies) of implementation: Bulgaria

Short description of the financing or investment operation:

Capped unfunded portfolio guarantee provided by EBRD under the EU Compartment of InvestEU to cover Eurobank's newly generated portfolio of loans to private and public companies financing investments across industry sectors in Bulgaria, contributing to energy savings and CO2 emission reductions.

Public Statement

100% of the aggregate signed amount of the proposed operation will support climate and environment objectives, ensuring full alignment with the objectives set out in the environmental policies of the Union, and also Bulgaria.

The operation will address the issue of limited availability of financing resources designated for financing high-performing sustainable investments by providing a risk-sharing instrument to a leading commercial bank in Bulgaria that is well placed to meet the investment financing needs, scale up and reach out to a multitude of final recipients, from micro businesses and SMEs, to large companies that invest in improved energy performance across industry sectors.

The operation will support Postbank in the optimisation of its risk weighted assets structures, by providing capital relief on the EBRD risk share of the portfolio, thereby expanding the PFI's lending capacity and incentivising it to prioritise and upscale high-performing sustainable investments.

The operation will also be supported by advisory services ("AS") structured and managed by the EBRD and funded under the InvestEU Advisory Hub. The dedicated AS will support end-borrowers and the PFI in the project preparation and implementation, through provision of capacity building to facilitate the structuring of eligible projects, selection of eligible high-performing equipment and materials, project implementation, accompanied by impact measurement and reporting, as well as market awareness activities, ultimately facilitating the demand for energy efficient technologies and increasing potential outreach to end-borrowers.

Pillar 3 - Market failure or sub-optimal investment situation addressed by the financing or investment operation (Very Good)

Pillar 4 - Financial and technical contribution by the Implementing Partner (Excellent)

Pillar 5 - Impact of the financing or investment operation (Very Good)

Pillar 7 - Complementary indicators

a) Leverage effect: minimum 5.26 times

b) Multiplier effect: minimum 6.6 times

- c) <u>Investment supporting climate and environmental objectives</u>: minimum 16,371 tonnes CO2 reductions / year (preliminary indicative estimate)
- d) <u>Number of households, number of public and commercial premises with improved energy consumption classification:</u> minimum 160 (preliminary indicative estimate)
- e) <u>Estimated energy savings generated by the projects (in kilowatt-hours (kWh / year)):</u> 55,185,000 kWh / year (preliminary indicative estimate).
- f) Additional renewable and other safe and sustainable zero and low-emission energy generation capacity installed (in megawatts (MW)): to be reported as available and on best effort basis.
- g) Annual green-house gas emissions reduced/avoided in tonnes of CO2 equivalent /year: 16,371 CO2/ year (preliminary indicative estimate).

ESG Aspects:

This operation passed EBRD's environmental and social due diligence. The operation has been assessed for Paris alignment, following the Bank's Paris Agreement alignment methodology for indirect investments and was assessed to be Paris aligned. The EBRD entered into a Risk Participation Agreement with Postbank that clearly specifies eligible use of proceeds in a policy statement, providing control over EBRD-supported financial flows. The residual risks of non-alignment with the goals of the Paris Agreement are expected to be low.