

InvestEU Scoreboard¹

Presentation of the financing or investment operation:

Implementing Partner: EIB

Name of the Operation: ATLAS IBERIA RE GREEN LOAN

Type of approval :

- Individual financing or investment operation or
 Framework Operation

Name of the final recipient: SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY(IES)

Country(-ies) of implementation: Spain, Portugal

Short description of the financing or investment operation:

The Project consists of financing part of a portfolio of renewable energy (“RE”) plants, for about 2.6 GW, located in Spain and Portugal. Its scope includes also the ancillary infrastructures for the interconnections to the grid.

The operation comprises the pipeline of new projects that the German asset manager, Aquila Capital, intends to implement in Spain and Portugal between mid-2021 and end-2023.

The Bank will support each sub-projects or group of sub-projects through individual financings to newly incorporated SPVs in the form of Construction Financings: 3 to 5 years non-recourse Construction Financings aimed at getting the assets built and in operation.

Aquila expects initially to finance all the sub-projects through short term non-recourse financings (“Construction Financings”) until the construction is completed and the assets are fully operational. Once in operation, the Construction Financings will be refinanced either on a long-term Project Finance basis or through a full equity contribution from one of Aquila’s funds or institutional investors (which are usually not equipped to take construction risk).

Public Statement

The Project consists in the partial financing of a portfolio of solar photovoltaic plants and onshore wind farms in Spain and Portugal with a total capacity of 2.6 GW, to be developed by Aquila Capital over the years 2021-2023. The pipeline is split between PV plants (88%) and onshore wind farms (12%) and the assets will be mainly located in Spain (87.5% vs. 12.5% in Portugal).

The project increases renewable energy generation capacity in Spain and Portugal and contributes to national and EU 2030 climate objectives. Electricity is produced from low carbon sources (onshore wind and solar PV), addressing the market failure of negative climate and environmental externalities, through the reduction of carbon emissions and air pollution emissions. The project thus contributes to the EIB's priority of supporting the transition to a low carbon, environmentally friendly and climate resilient economy. The financing of this project is in line with the Bank's lending priority objectives on renewable energy as well as the on climate action, environmental sustainability as well as social and economic cohesion.

¹ This Scoreboard of indicators reflects the information presented to the InvestEU Investment Committee (IC) for its decision on the use of the EU guarantee for this operation. Therefore, the document does not take into account possible developments that could have occurred after this decision.

As it relies on revenues from the market (the wholesale market and unsubsidized commercial Power Purchase Agreements, ("PPA")), in a sector characterised by incomplete markets, the project improves market efficiency and competition. It is expected to yield very good quality and results due to excellent social benefits, fair employment creation and a fair ESG rating.

The Bank will provide a meaningful part of the overall financing needs for this important Project through a construction facility of between 3-5 years aimed at getting the assets built and in operation. This type of loan with a bullet payment at the end of the tenor, with full merchant risk would be the first for EIB on a Project Finance (PF) basis. Currently, most commercial banks are still reluctant to offer such type of financing.

EIB is also offering the possibility to support the Project through a long-term structure on a PF basis. This approach gives the Promoter the necessary flexibility to roll out its sizable portfolio of assets within a quite short time horizon given that the initial formalisation of the Bridge Financings is much quicker than the execution of a long-term PF transaction, and does not require the signature of a PPA.

Aquila attaches great value added to the signaling effect provided by the EIB, as a reference financier with the strictest standards in terms of sustainability and environmental protection. Accordingly, EIB's financing standards label the loan as a "Green Loan" due to the quality it places on its investment and environment-related procedures, which contributes to attract investors and co-financiers to Aquila Capital's project.

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

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

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

Pillar 7 - Complementary indicators²**Key project characteristics****Expected at PCR**

Start of works	01.07.2021
End of works	31.12.2024
Project investment cost	1,260.00 MEUR
EIB eligible investment mobilised	1,058.00 MEUR
External EIB multiplier	2.65
Mandate eligible investment mobilized	1,058.00 MEUR
Mandate multiplier effect	10.31
Mandate leverage effect	3.89
Amount of private financing	860.00 MEUR
Co-financing with national promotional banks	0.00 MEUR
Co-financing with structural funds (ESIF)	0.00 MEUR
Energy efficiencies realised	0.00 MWh/a
Climate Action indicator	100.00% Mitigation - Renewable Energy (transversal)
Employment during construction temporary jobs	2,400 person years
Employment during operation - new permanent jobs	150 FTE
Gender Tag	No Significant contribution to Gender Equality

Outputs**Expected at PCR**

Electricity generation capacity from renewable energy sources	1,844.00 MW
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Outcomes**Expected at PCR**

Electricity produced from renewable energy sources	3,571.00 GWh/yr
Households which could be supplied with the energy generated by the project	900,000.00
Cost of electricity generated with environmental externalities	40.00 EUR/MWh

² The abbreviation PCR stands for Project Completion Report. EIB internal methodologies are used in order to calculate the figures presented in this document. The Promoter's estimates might differ.