

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the meeting held in Luxembourg
on Thursday, 14 November 2019

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Those attending

Chairman:

Mr W. HOYER

EIB Vice Presidents:

Messrs D. SCANNAPIECO
A. FAYOLLE
A. McDOWELL
A. STUBB
Ms E. NAVARRO
Ms L. PAVLOVA

Directors:

Messrs K.J. ANDREOPOULOS
L. BARANYAY
F. CARTAXO
D. CARVILLE
P. DEBATTISTA
M. DESCHEEMAECKER
Ms C. DIAZ
Messrs A. EBERHARDS
A. GYÖRGY
Ms E. HAGHANIPOUR
Mr A. JACOBY
Ms K. JORNA
Messrs K. KAKOURIS
A. KAVČIČ
A. KUNINGAS
I. LESAY
E. MASSÉ
P. NOWAK
P. PAVELEK
Ms M. PETROVA
Ms K. RYSAVY
Ms K. SARJO
Ms M. SCHOCH
Ms J. SONNE
Ms G. VIGLIOTTI
Mr T. WESTPHAL

Expert Members:

Ms I. HENGSTER
Mr J. LEOPOLD

Alternate Directors:

Ms B.F. CUCU
Mr O. DAAIR
Ms E. GONCALVESOVÁ
Ms C. GOSTNER
Messrs M. HEIPERTZ
R. LEPERS
Ms T. LINDBERG
Mr F.J. MARTÍN
Ms F. MERCUSA
Mr R. RØNNE-AHM
Ms L. STEINS
Mr S. TABARIÉ

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| Ms | S. | VALTONEN |
| Ms | J. | YOUNG, representing Mr LUNN |
| Ms | A. | ZITCERE, representing Ms TUSKIENĚ |
| Ms | A | ZORIĆ* |

Alternate Expert
Members:

Secretary:

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| Ms | M. | FALKSTEDT |
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Absent:

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| Ms | L. | BRETON-MOYET |
| Messrs | G. | GOBBI |
| | D. | LUNN |
| Ms. | B.N. | MARKUSSEN |
| Messrs | A. | OPORTO |
| | S. | SCALERA |
| Ms | M. | TUSKIENĚ |

* Representing the seat of the Director to be nominated by the Republic of Croatia

The CHAIRMAN declared the meeting open at 9.15 a.m.

1. Quorum

The CHAIRMAN recorded that there was a quorum.

The CHAIRMAN introduced and welcomed to her first EIB Board meeting Ms Lilyana PAVLOVA who had been appointed as Vice-President and Member of the Management Committee of the EIB to succeed Mr Vazil HUDÁK.

2. Agenda and declaration of conflicts of interest

The agenda (Doc. 19/700) was adopted.

Conflicts of interest were declared by Mr Lesay on item 23: VENTURE TO FUTURE FUND (SK).

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 in Luxembourg, (PV/19/09), with modifications requested by Board members.

General Questions

4. Energy Lending Policy
(Doc 19/797)

The Bank outlined the importance of the EIB Energy Lending Policy (ELP) in the ambitious energy and climate transition agenda with the urgent need to reprioritise energy sources. The policy would address how to best deploy the EIB's resources as the EU Bank to drive the global efforts to decarbonise energy.

The energy transition would entail challenges. To manage the changes in the ELP smoothly, the Bank would continue to approve gas infrastructure projects already formally under appraisal until the end of 2021. During this period, the Bank could approve gas infrastructure projects on the 4th PCI list co-financed with EU budget. The Bank offered to engage in parallel appraisals in the context of projects on that list. The importance of reaching a decision during the November Board meeting was underscored. The ELP had drawn increased attention and the Bank would continue the open and transparent communication on the Policy.

In the ensuing discussion, Board members commended the Bank on the effective consultation process with Member States and exchanged views on the ELP's standard ceilings, transition timelines as well as the role of low carbon gases, nuclear energy and energy security including during peak consumption. The Board also discussed the application of the policy to activities outside the EU. In this context, it was noted that the content of the letter sent by VP McDowell to the Board was a source of comfort concerning EIB activities outside the Union, including the right of the Board to decide to derogate from its established policies in cases of overriding public interest. The Bank's policy for support for nuclear power generation and fuel cycle projects would remain unchanged from the previous policy.

The Commission provided information on the Green Deal foreseen to be adopted by the new European Commission and elaborated on the role of the Energy Union in the context of the ELP. The possibility of the Bank to work with other IFIs on a clean energy platforms was also discussed. It was agreed that the ELP would be reviewed in early 2022 to allow for discussion on the implications of the EU Sustainable finance Taxonomy and the Green Deal.

While several Board members welcomed an ambitious approach including for gas, others underscored the challenges of a fast transition from coal to renewable energy sources including issues such as potential stranded assets. It was acknowledged that the role of national energy strategies and the political situation in Member States played a role in these positions. Accordingly, Board members noted that providing a pathway for energy transition was crucial. In this context, the role of advisory

support was highlighted and it was agreed that the ELP would reference EIB's commitment to work with the European Commission on the Just Transition Initiative in order to unlock finance and expertise in the areas covered by this Initiative, consistent with the policy.

The importance of alignment with the Paris agreement was outlined - the Bank should take a long-term view to act as a global leader on climate issues and the decarbonisation of energy production. The Bank also elaborated on the positive effects of a greener balance sheet regarding the credit risks associated with climate change.

In the course of the discussion, Board members made the following statements:

Mr Jacoby:

"We regret that the EIB Energy Lending Policy (ELP) related to nuclear energy has not been considered during this policy review and remains unchanged at this stage. We recall that nuclear energy is not a safe and sustainable energy source and that the EIB should subsequently not support nuclear power generation and nuclear fuel cycle projects. In particular, we consider that the EIB should not support the construction of any new nuclear power plant nor investment allowing the long-term operation of existing nuclear power plants."

Ms Diaz, Mr Kakouris, Ms Rysavy, Mr Westphal subscribed to Mr Jacoby's statement.

"As to the Bank's stance on rehabilitation and adaptation of existing gas infrastructures, the current wording provides that support is needed for integration of low carbon gases and in particular hydrogen; our proposal is to strengthen language and to indicate that support is needed for short-term integration of sustainable renewable gases and in particular renewable hydrogen."

Ms Diaz and Ms Rysavy subscribed to Mr Jacoby's statement.

Ms Diaz:

"Spanish authorities emphasise the key role of the EIB in supporting efforts in the EU towards carbon neutrality. Spain would have been in a position to support the phase-out of fossil fuels by the end of 2020. In addition, the 250 g CO₂ standard falls short of ambitions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 in the EU. Therefore, Spanish authorities expect to make use of the review clause to align the ELP to EU targets and policy developments in due time."

Mr Nowak:

"Let me reiterate that I believe that increasing EIB support for climate action projects is much needed and expected by the outside world. But at the same time we should remember that the EIB's member countries still differ in their level of economic development and infrastructure, in particular in the energy sector.

Quick and smooth transition from a coal-based economy to economy based solely on renewable energy sources is impossible in one decade. Financing only the renewable energy sources can slow down the process of energy transition, due to the significant capital consumption of this type of investments. Moreover, excluding fossil fuels from financing means ceasing financing of heat and electricity in large energy-intensive industries. Thus, I believe that natural gas should continue to be eligible for financing. The current draft of the new EIB lending policy, even after recent amendments, is a huge concern for Poland. We have set very ambitious goals to reduce carbon intensity of our economy, improve air quality and improve energy security. Phasing out support to gas infrastructure and gas-fired power plants from 2021 will significantly undermine our goals.

Thus, we need transition period long enough to help some Member States to kick-off or complete most important projects needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure energy security.

Given that I am asking you to continue gas investments, at the same time we are aware that this must be an exception, therefore we propose a transition period for everyone for natural gas generation projects and gas infrastructure projects eligible for EIB financing until the end of 2027.

Moreover, I would like to be assured that the support for nuclear energy plants will be maintained as a part of the EIB policy, which is crucial for the achievement of climate goals by 2050.

Last but not least, let me emphasize this again, excluding investments related to natural gas in EIB Lending Policy, especially in coal dependent countries, may occur contradictory to EU climate policy goals. Thus, we should first wait for the outcome of the decisions currently discussed at the political level in the EU. I would like to see a new and truly compromise proposal that will take into account many Member States' concerns expressed so far."

The CHAIRMAN concluded the discussion and recorded that the Board of Directors approved the EIB Energy Lending Policy with six abstentions from Mr Debattista, Mr Jacoby, Mr Andreopoulos on behalf of Mr Kakouris, Mr Kuningas, Ms Rysavy and Ms Zitcere on behalf of Ms Tuskené and three votes against from Mr Baranyay, Mr György and Mr Nowak.

Mr Nowak provided the following justification for his vote. He considered the decision to be a political mistake as in his view it would, on the one hand promote climate alignment, while on the other hand cut financing from countries that needed it. Consequently, countries open to using gas technology would seek financing from the private sector without receiving it and therefore rely on financing from states interested in wielding political power to undermine the European Union. Mr Nowak felt that the decision was against the spirit of the European Union as countries in energy transition needed financing and some countries would be left behind in this respect. Furthermore, Mr Nowak could not support the proposal as he recalled energy experts outlining that the transition would need to go through natural gas technology in order to reach zero emissions. In his view, the decision to approve this proposal would therefore be counterproductive.

5. EIB Group Proposal for increased ambition in Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability
(Doc 19/772)

The Bank underscored the importance of this proposal to set out the strategic framework ensuring compliance with the Paris Agreement, dedicating a share of its activity towards climate and environmental sustainability, while ensuring a just transition. The Bank indicated that this proposal was in line with its existing Climate Strategy and could be delivered within the upcoming Operational Plan and Capital Sustainability Plan, provided access to the EU budget under the next MFF was maintained.

The increased ambition of the Bank in climate action and environmental sustainability could be implemented within the existing Public Policy Goals, with some adjustments, including in products and applied methodologies that would be key in achieving the targets. In this respect, increasing the share of climate action contribution of projects from all types of products in the Bank would be paramount. Furthermore, depending on the market gaps analysis as well as on the resulting business mix, new instruments might need to be developed. The Bank highlighted the importance of the just transition commitments included in the proposal.

In the ensuing discussion, Board members commended the Bank for its ambition and underscored the need to provide significant value added in its operations without lowering its climate action standards, and articulating adequately this climate component with the other objectives of the Bank, in particular concerning cohesion, growth and employment. Following Board members comments, the Commission provided information on the instruments being developed, in particular the Just Transition Fund and the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan. The Commission explained the work carried out on the methodologies to compute the various actors' contributions in view of the decarbonisation of the economy. Board members further exchanged views on means to meet the set objectives while preserving the capital sustainability of the Bank.

Answering Board members questions, the Bank further elaborated on the way it integrated environmental externalities, such as pollution or carbon footprint, in its economic appraisal techniques. The Bank also described its methodology to record carbon footprint of its activity published in its sustainability report. Finally, with respect to the technology to be financed within the scope of the climate

action, the Bank provided information on the work carried out to set the criteria of the Paris Alignment, which once approved would have to be translated by the EU institutions and EIB into lending guidelines.

Concluding the discussion and highlighting that the EIB was the EU's climate bank, the CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the EIB Group Proposal for increased ambition in Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability.

Operations

The Board of Directors considered and discussed the following proposals on the agenda as follows:

Operations within the European Union

INVESTMENT LOAN

6. PANNONIA ONSHORE WIND Project (AT)
(Doc 19/740)

Financing of the construction and operation of two wind farms in Burgenland

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| Borrower | : | Special Purpose Vehicles | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 121m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Austria | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

7. TTTECH AUTONOMOUS DRIVING RDI Project (AT, ES)
(Doc 19/741)

Financing of selected RDI activities for the development of advanced driver-assistance systems, as well as software autonomous driving technologies

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| Borrower | : | TTTech Auto AG | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 30m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Kingdom of Spain | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

8. KCM LEAD ZINC CAPACITY EXPANSION Project (BG)
(Doc 19/743)

Financing of investments in a new lead refining plant and zinc electrolysis unit both replacing outdated units, and the upgrade of the zinc recycling unit resulting in lower production costs, better environmental performance, increased recycling rates of lead and zinc containing waste, and better working conditions

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| Borrower | : | KCM AD | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 65m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

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11. ORANGE FRANCE THD NETWORK EXPANSION Project (FR)
(Doc 19/745)

Financing of the roll-out of a fibre to the home telecommunication network

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| Borrower | : | Orange S.A. | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 700m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

12. RESEAU LIAIN – TRES HAUT DEBIT AIN Project (FR)
(Doc 19/746)

Financing of the design, building, financing, operation and commercialisation of an open access ultra-high speed broadband telecommunications network

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| Borrower | : | Syndicat Intercommunal d'énergie et de e-communication de l'Ain | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 120m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

13. ENERGY SECURITY OF SUPPLY IN POLAND – PCI Project (PL)
(Doc 19/747)

Financing of a loan contributing to increased system capacity, energy security and diversification of natural gas supplies

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| Borrower | : | Operator Gazociagow Przesylowych Gaz-System SA | |
| Max. amount | : | PLN 1bn (approximately EUR 228m) | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Poland | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

14. PORTUGAL SOLID WASTE INVESTMENT PLAN PROGRAMME (PT)
(Doc 19/748)

Financing of an investment programme of the EGF Group in solid waste collection and treatment facilities in mainland Portugal over the period 2019 – 2021

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| Borrower | : | Empresa Geral do Fomento, S.A. and subsidiaries | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 75m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Portuguese Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal, with an abstention by Ms Jorna.

15. AGRICULTURE AND BIOECONOMY II PROGRAMME LOAN (Regional – EU countries)
(Doc 19/750)

Financing of a programme loan aimed at investing in agriculture and bioeconomy

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| Borrower | : | Non-investment grade companies and cooperatives active in the agriculture and bioeconomy sectors | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 700m | |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

FRAMEWORK LOAN

16. ACTION LOGEMENT – ONV Framework Loan (FR) (Doc 19/751)

Financing of the construction of around 80,000 new social housing units by providing them own funds from the proceeds of the sale by the SHEs to the ONV of around 32,000 existing social housing units

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| Borrower | : | Opérateur National de Vente | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 376m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

17. FLEET RENEWAL PROGRAMME FOR SMES AND MID-CAPS (ES) (Doc 19/752)

Financing of investments in fleet acquisition and renewal, including commercial fleet for land transport and agricultural machinery

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| Borrower | : | Acceptable banks | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 500m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

EQUITY TYPE

18. IM2 SOLAR DEVELOPER FINANCE (ES) (Doc 19/719)

Financing of a platform to develop and operate 218 MW solar projects

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| Borrower | : | A new company incorporated in Spain | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 26m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

19. EIB-CDC PLATFORM – CLEAN BUSES (FR)
(Doc 19/753)

Financing of an Investment Platform for the renewal of zero-emission bus fleets promoted and co-financed by the French National Promotional Institution Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations

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| Fund Manager | : | Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 100m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

20. INFRAGREEN IV SLP (Regional – EU countries, FR, IT)
(Doc 19/754)

Financing of an investment fund focusing on renewable energy projects in the European Economic Area

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| Fund Manager | : | RGreen Invest SAS | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 75m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

21. QUAERO EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE II FUND (Regional – EU countries, FR)
(Doc 19/755)

Financing of equity investments in small to medium-sized infrastructure projects

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| Fund Manager | : | Quaero Capital S.A. | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 90m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

22. GAGEO I FUND (FR, Regional – EU countries)
(Doc 19/756)

Participation in a fund providing mid to long-term collateralised lending to European SMEs and Mid-Caps, backed by inventory and equipment critical to business continuity

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| Fund Manager | : | France Titrisation | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 30m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

23. VENTURE TO FUTURE FUND (SK)
(Doc 19/757)

Equity participation in a Fund investing mainly in SMEs based in Slovakia

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| Fund Manager | : | Slovak Asset Management, správ. spol., a. s. | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 10m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Slovak Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

GUARANTEE

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Operations outside the European Union

INVESTMENT LOAN

26. BHOPAL METRO RAIL PHASE 1 Project (India)
(Doc 19/759)

Financing of the construction of two lines of metro totaling 31 km with 30 stations and purchase of a related fleet of metro cars in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, central India

Borrower : Republic of India, through its Ministry of Finance
Max. amount : EUR 400m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

27. LEBANON ROUND 1 WIND – PPP Project I (Lebanon)
(Doc 19/760)

Financing of two onshore wind farms in the North-Eastern region of Akkar under the Round 1 Wind Independent Power Producer programme

Borrowers : Special Purpose Vehicles
Max. amount : USD 120m (approximately EUR 109m)
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal, with an abstention by Ms Petrova.

28. AGRO-FOOD PROGRAMME (Morocco)
(Doc 19/761)

Financing of a programme including grain storage facilities and chicken broiler farms

Borrower : Zalar Holding SA
Max. amount : EUR 25m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

29. UKRAINE GRAIN STORAGE AND EQUIPMENT Project (Ukraine)
(Doc 19/721)

Financing of grain silos, agriculture equipment and grain railcars

Borrower : [...]
Max. amount : [...]
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal, with a vote against by Ms Petrova and an abstention from Ms Schoch.

FRAMEWORK LOAN

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31. MODERNISATION ETABLISSEMENTS SCOLAIRES II Framework Loan (Tunisia)
(Doc 19/763)

Financing of the construction of new public primary education infrastructure and school complexes including the provision of new equipment and innovative pedagogical equipment for selected schools as well as state-of-art school transportation means

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| Borrower | : | Republic of Tunisia, through its Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 81m | |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

32. BELAGROPROMBANK LOAN FOR SMES (Belarus)
(Doc 19/722)

Financing of small and medium-sized enterprises to enable long-term investment projects with foreign currency needs

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| Borrower | : | JSC Belagroprombank | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 20m | |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

33. BELARUSBANK LOAN FOR SMES (Belarus)
(Doc 19/723)

Financing of small and medium-sized enterprises to enable long-term investment projects with foreign currency needs

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| Borrower | : | JSC Savings Bank Belarusbank | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 85m | |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

34. BANCOLDEX PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT LOAN (Colombia)
(Doc 19/764)

Financing of projects exclusively in relevant areas for the successful implementation of the peace process

Borrower : Banco de Comercio Exterior de Colombia S.A.
Max. amount : USD 150m (approximately EUR 137m)
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

35. KAZAKHSTAN MICRO LENDING LOAN (Kazakhstan)
(Doc 19/765)

Financing of micro projects targeting climate action and environmental protection

Borrower : Microfinance organization KMF LLC
Max. amount : USD 30m (approximately EUR 28m)
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

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EQUITY TYPE

38. TCX-THE CURRENCY EXCHANGE FUND CAPITAL INCREASE (Regional – ACP)
(Doc 19/713)

Equity participation in the capital increase of TCX

Fund Manager : TCX Investment Management Company BV
Max. amount : EUR 15m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

39. BLUE ORCHARD RESILIENCE FUND (Regional – Africa, Regional – Asia, Regional – Latin America)
(Doc 19/766)

Equity participation in Blue Orchard InsuResilience Investment Equity Sub-Fund, targeting climate change adaptation and resilience high growth innovative companies operating in the insurance industry

Fund Manager : BlueOrchard Asset Management SA
Max. amount : USD 25m (approximately EUR 23m)
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

40. GREEN FOR GROWTH IV FUND (Regional – Russia, E. Europe, S. Cauc., Regional – North Africa) (Doc 19/725)

Participation in a Fund targeting energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in South-Eastern Europe and in the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood regions

Investment advisor : Finance in Motion GmbH
Max. amount : EUR 25m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

41. JANNGO CAPITAL STARTUP FUND (Regional – West Africa)
(Doc 19/714)

Equity participation in a venture capital fund targeting African technology startups

Fund Manager : Janngo Capital Partners
Max. amount : EUR 15m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

Other Operational Questions

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43. ROMANIA MUNICIPAL EE PROGRAMME LOAN (RO)
(Doc 19/749)

Allocation to sub-project: BUCHAREST S4 ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the proposed allocation.

General Questions

44. EIB Group Operational Plan 2020 – First Reading
(Doc 19/737)
[...]

45. EIB Additionality and Impact Measurement Framework (AIM)
(Doc 19/773)

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the item was postponed to the December Board meeting.

46. Risk Appetite Framework Governance Policy
(Doc 19/770)

Following the introduction of the item, the CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the Risk Appetite Framework Governance Policy.

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48. Update on EIF activities (presentation)

The EIF Chief Executive presented the Fund's business activities and outlook in 2019 including volumes, business mix, financial results and operating expenses. The Chief Executive outlined how the EIF mobilised finance and its role as a mandate manager for the EIB, the EU Commission, EU Member States and private sector investors. The Fund's key role in delivering EFSI (European Fund for Strategic Investments) was highlighted. The EIF's main objective remained the promotion of affordable access to finance to European SMEs. Contribution to climate action had also become a priority for the Fund.

The Chief Executive furthermore discussed potential developments for the Fund in the coming years underscoring the links to the EIB Group's overall strategy on issues such as the division of labour and IT. The CHAIRMAN indicated that the update by the EIF would become a regular item at Board meetings.

The Board thanked the EIF Chief Executive for the presentation. In the ensuing discussion, Board members discussed themes relevant for the EIB Group including risk management and common strategies. Board members were interested in EIF's approach to mobilising finance and views on the division of labour within the EIB Group. The EIF Chief Executive provided the Board with further information and in that respect underscored the Fund's key support SMEs to build long-term growth and innovation.

Concluding the discussion, the CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors discussed the update on EIF activities with the EIF Chief Executive.

49. [...]

50. 2019 Mid-Year Report on the Implementation of Evaluation Recommendations
(Doc 19/775)

Introducing the item, the Bank outlined the findings of the Report and indicated that the recommendation due in this period had been implemented.

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors discussed the 2019 Mid-Year Report on the Implementation of Evaluation Recommendations.

51. Semi-annual report of the Complaints Mechanism
(Doc 19/777)

The Bank presented the second semi-annual report of the Complaints Mechanism since the adoption of the Complaints Mechanism Policy and provided information on the number of outstanding and closed cases. Following Board members comments, the Bank underscored the actions taken for the proactive management of the remaining cases.

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors discussed the Semi-annual report of the Complaints Mechanism.

52. [...]

53. Statements by the Chairman including updates on strategic issues

The Chairman briefed the Board of Directors on a number of relevant issues.

Miscellaneous

54. Date of the next meeting:

The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 12 December 2019 in Luxembourg, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN declared the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Annex 1: Proposals submitted by written procedure

Annex 2: [...]

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The CHAIRMAN recorded the approval by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, during the period since the previous meeting on 15 October 2019, of the following operations submitted by written procedure:

Operations within the European Union

Approval on 25/10/2019

INVESTMENT LOAN

- i. VANTAA EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE II Project (FI)
(Doc 19/702)

Financing of the construction and major renovations of the education infrastructure of the city of Vantaa

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| Borrower | : | City of Vantaa | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 140m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Finland | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

- ii. MAGYAR TELEKOM BROADBAND NETWORK EXPANSION Project (HU)
(Doc 19/704)

Financing of the roll-out of advanced broadband networks

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| Borrower | : | Deutsche Telekom AG | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 150m | |
| Opinion of the Government of Hungary | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

- iii. TIM MOBILE NETWORK Project (IT)
(Doc 19/705)

Financing of an early deployment of 5G and an upgrade of the promoter's Italian mobile network with advanced 4G/LTE and 5G equipment

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| Borrower | : | Telecom Italia S.p.A. | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 350m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Italian Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

FRAMEWORK LOAN

- iv. BPCE ACTION POUR LE CLIMAT Framework Loan (FR)
(Doc 19/703)

Financing of an intermediated loan in support of small to mid-sized renewable energy projects including onshore wind, photovoltaic, geothermal, hydro, biomass and waste treatment/biogas

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| Borrower | : | BPCE SA | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 250m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the French Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

Approval on 06/11/2019

INVESTMENT LOAN

- v. IRISH SMART METER IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME (IE)
(Doc 19/715)

Financing of a National programme for the roll-out of electricity smart metering infrastructure over the period 2019 – 2024

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| Borrower | : | Electricity Supply Board | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 150m | |
| Opinion of the Government of Ireland | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

Approval on 13/11/2019

INVESTMENT LOAN

- vi. EESTI ENERGIA DISTRIBUTION NETWORK Project (EE)
(Doc 19/728)

Financing of investment activities to extend and refurbish the electricity distribution networks over the period 2019 - 2023 including investments in public lighting and charging stations for electric vehicles to take place in the same period

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| Borrower | : | Eesti Energia AS | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 175m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Estonia | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

vii. ACSM-AGAM ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CLIMATE ACTION (IT)
(Doc 19/730)

Financing of an investment programme including integrated water sector, solid waste, electricity distribution, district heating, public lighting, IT and cyber security and smart city schemes over the period 2019-2023

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| Borrower | : | ACSM | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 100m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Italian Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

FRAMEWORK LOAN

viii. HFA SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME (IE)
(Doc 19/729)

Financing of the construction and upgrade of social and affordable houses for the next 4 years period

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|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|
| Borrower | : | Housing Finance Agency | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 200m | |
| Opinion of the Government of Ireland | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

ix. UNICREDIT – DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR SMES (IT)
(Doc 19/731)

Financing of investments made by SMEs with a significant innovation potential

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| Borrower | : | Unicredit SpA and Unicredit Leasing | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 200m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Italian Republic | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

Approval on 11/11/2019

EQUITY TYPE

x. DWS PAN-EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE III FUND (Regional – EU countries)
(Doc 19/786)

Equity participation in a Fund targeting investments in infrastructure companies predominantly in Europe

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| Fund Manager | : | DWS Alternatives Global Ltd. | |
| Max. amount | : | EUR 75m | |
| Opinion of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg | | | No objection |
| Opinion of the Commission | | | Favourable |

Operations outside the European Union

Approval on 25/10/2019

FRAMEWORK LOAN

- xi. COPASA WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAMME LOAN (Brazil)
(Doc 19/706)

Financing of an investment programme focusing on water and sanitation infrastructures

Borrower : Companhia de Saneamento de Minas Gerais
Max. amount : EUR 145m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

Approval on 13/11/2019

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

- xii. BANK OF GEORGIA II LOAN FOR SMES AND MID-CAPS (Georgia)
(Doc 19/732)

Financing of eligible local SMEs and Mid-Caps through Bank of Georgia

Borrower : Bank of Georgia
Max. amount : EUR 50m
Opinion of the Commission Favourable

Change of loan conditions

Approval on 25/10/2019

- xiii. CZECH AGRICULTURE – WATER MANAGEMENT Framework Loan (CZ)
(Doc 19/707)

Change to operation after Board approval

- xiv. CZECH RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION Project (CZ)
(Doc 19/708)

Change to operation after Board approval

- xv. ROAD NETWORK MODERNISATION Framework Loan (HU)
(Doc 19/710)

Change to operation after Board approval

Approval on 13/11/2019

- xvi. ENVO BIOGAS TONDER Project (DK)
(Doc 19/733)

Change to operation after Board approval

Allocations to sub-projects

Approval on 25/10/2019

- xvii. BREITBAND NIEDERSACHSEN Framework Loan (DE)
(Doc 19/709)

Allocation to sub-project: BREITBAND NIEDERSACHSEN - KREIS HAMELN - PYRMONT

Miscellaneous

Approval on 06/11/2019

- xviii. Harmonisation of Board delegation arrangements and cost coverage approach for blending outside the EU
(Doc 19/716)

Approval on 08/11/2019

- xix. GEEREF Next operation under the GCF mandate and related Implementation arrangements
(Doc 19/779)

Approval on 13/11/2019

- xx. [...]

Approval on 14/11/2019

- xxi. The Lending Base Rates ("The Blue Curve") applicable in November 2019
(Doc 19/787)