

Conclusions

Taaleri SolarWind III

INVEU-ICR-0018-2023 – Sustainable Infrastructure Window

Short description of the financing or investment operation and its objectives

Name of financial intermediary	Taaleri SolarWind III
Countries of implementation	EU-27 with a particular focus on Central and Eastern European countries
Implementing partner	EIF

Taaleri SolarWind III SCSp is an infrastructure fund, whose investment strategy comprises buy-develop-build-operate-and-sell of small to medium size renewable energy (onshore wind and solar PV) and selectively battery storage assets. The Fund will seek to secure projects at development stage.

Global Assessment and rationale for approval

The Investment Committee (IC) of the InvestEU Fund approved the use of the EU guarantee on 24 March 2023 for the above-mentioned operation.

The Fund addresses a number of **market failures** and has the ability to provide capital at earlier stages of the investment cycle. The Fund will have a core focus on investing in greenfield or other form of projects with capex needs, thereby assuming construction and in some cases also development risks. This strategy entails risk levels that are beyond the ones usually accepted by private sector investors, who traditionally target operational or fully developed assets (i.e. investment at or around financial close), but allows to deliver more impact than less risky brownfield strategies and create substantial new capacity for clean energy production and energy storage in the EU.

In addition, the Fund has a significant allocation to CEE (i.e. a geography that is much less targeted by infrastructure funds compared to the remainder of the EU. The Fund furthermore targets investment in battery storage, a sector that is promising but still less proven for infrastructure fund investments.

In terms of **additionality**, EIF's investment as anchor investor is expected to generate a strong catalytic effect for the Fund, needed to reach a viable first close size in timely manner.

EIF is expected to participate in the first closing of the fund, thereby providing a strong market validation and signalling effect and helping fundraising efforts.

The IC sees the project contributing to InvestEU policy targets in a fragmented market with entities of limited size that has a potential in consolidating and developing the geography to attract more investments.