Early Warning System

# EBRD-56001 WB GOLD - UniCredit Leasing Serbia



### **Quick Facts**

| Countries               | Serbia  |
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| Financial Institutions  | European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) |
| Status                  | Proposed  |
| Bank Risk Rating        | U   |
| Voting Date             | 2025-01-29  |
| Borrower                | Unicredit Leasing Serbia                                |
| Sectors                 | Finance, Industry and Trade                             |
| Investment Type(s)      | Loan  |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 42.02 million  |
| Project Cost (USD)      | \$ 42.02 million  |



#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of the provision of a senior loan in the amount of up to EUR40 million, under the the WB Green Outcomes-Linked Debt Financing Framework ("GOLD" or the "Framework"), to Unicredit Leasing Serbia ("UCL"). The loan will be fully guaranteed by UniCredit Bank Serbia ("UCB").

The proceeds of the Bank's investment will be used for providing leases to eligible small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Midcaps in Serbia in support of their business expansion and Green Economy Transition ("GET") eligible investments. At least 30% of the total investment will be GET eligible.



## Early Warning System Project Analysis

UCL is an existing client of the Bank and its environmental and social (E&S) performance to date under existing exposures has been satisfactory. UCL should maintain its environmental and social management system to assess, manage and monitor environmental and social risks and impacts associated with the sub-projects it finances.

Sub-borrowers financed through UCL's loan will be required to comply with national environmental, health, safety and labour requirements.

If EBRD funding may be used for financing solar sub-projects, these such sub-projects will be managed in line with 'The Proposed Management Approach for Solar Supply Chain Risk Management' (CS/FO/21-35) and any subsequent guidance developed under that approach.

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# **Financial Intermediary**

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- UNICREDIT BANK SERBIA JSC (Financial Intermediary)
- Unicredit Leasing Serbia (Financial Intermediary)



## **Private Actors Description**

Unicredit Leasing Serbia - UCL is leasing company in Serbia with €193 million in total assets and with a market share of 11.6%, measured by total assets as at Q3 2024. It is one of the most active EBRD partner leasing companies in Serbia, with a proven ability to channel the EBRD's funds to targeted economic segments efficiently.

The loan will be fully guaranteed by *UniCredit Bank Serbia* ("UCB"). UniCredit Bank Serbia (Serbian: UniCredit Bank Srbija a.d. Beograd) is a bank founded in 2001, headquartered in Belgrade, Serbia. It is part of the Italian banking group UniCredit, which owns 100% stake in the bank. As of 31 December 2019, the bank has a network of 72 branch offices in Serbia.

## **Contact Information**

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#### **Bank Documents**

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