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### Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | Tunisia |
| **Specific Location** | Menzel Habib, Gabes Governorate |
| **Financial Institutions** | European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) |
| **Status** | Proposed |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | B |
| **Voting Date** | 2025-11-19 |
| **Borrower** | Menzel Parc Solaire SARL (Voltalia SA) |
| **Sectors** | Energy |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 43.38 million |
| **Loan Amount (USD)** | $ 43.38 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 116.29 million |

## Project Description

According to the EBRD, the project consists of the provision of a senior loan of up to EUR 37.3 million to Menzel Parc Solaire SARL, an SPV wholly owned by Voltalia SA and incorporated in Tunisia for the development and construction of a solar PV plant of up to 100MW and the associated grid infrastructure in Menzel Habib, Gabes region of Tunisia. The electricity produced by the Project will be sold to Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite et du Gaz ("STEG") the off-taker for the Project under a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement.
The Project will benefit from a grant of EUR 3 million from the EU Neighbourhood Investment Platform (EU NIP) to cover part of the cost of the transmission infrastructure. In addition, it will receive a first-loss risk guarantee from the European Fund for Sustainable Development plus (EFSD+) Hi-Bar guarantee programme. This programme contributes to projects in the European Neighbourhood supporting sustainable investments in energy transition.

The Project will support the country in meeting its declared renewable energy (RE) target i 35% of electricity generation by 2030 i and will create a strong demonstration effect for private sector contribution to Tunisia's energy transition.

This Project will also support the design and delivery of a new nationally accredited dual education programme for young labour market entrants in the Gabes Governorate, strengthening human capital development by enhancing the employability of youth through lifelong learning opportunities in the Energy sector. It will support joint efforts to address both urgent and future needs for a skilled technical workforce, contributing to the overall dual learning programme objective of ensuring at least 40% share of women within five years. In parallel, the Project will include targeted HR measures within Voltalia to embed gender-responsive practices across recruitment, retention, and career progression.

Technical cooperation (TC) support of up to EUR 75,000 is expected to be provided under the Gender and Economic Inclusion (G&EI) TC Framework to support Voltalia in the design and implementation of a new dual-education training programme promoting human capital and skills development, and targeted HR reforms to embed gender equity across recruitment, retention, and career progression. This TC is expected to be funded by the EBRD's Shareholder Special Fund.

## Investment Description

- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

According to the EBRD, the project consists of a senior loan of up to EUR 37.3 USD million to Menzel Parc Solaire SARL, an SPV wholly owned by Voltalia to finance the construction and development of a 100 MW solar photovoltaic plant located in Habib Menzel, Gabes, Tunisia. EBRD's financing will benefit from a first loss risk cover from the EFSD+ Hi-Bar guarantee programme.

EBRD has also mobilised a grant of EUR 3 million from the EU NIP to cover part of the cost of the transmission infrastructure.

### Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, the client is Menzel Parc Solaire SARL, a special-purpose vehicle incorporated in Tunisia for the sole purpose of developing, owning and operating the Project. The Project will be owned, managed, and operated by Voltalia.

| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| - | - | - | - | Voltalia SA | Client | Energy |

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