

 Early Warning System

IFC-49074

Renewables Project Finance RPF Santander Poland



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Poland
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Voting Date</b>	2024-10-25
<b>Borrower</b>	Santander Bank Polska S.A.
<b>Sectors</b>	Energy, Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Guarantee
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 235.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 470.00 million



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## **Project Description**

According to the IFC, the proposed investment is an unfunded risk participation facility (RPF) between IFC and Santander Bank Polska SA for renewable energy project finance loans of up to PLN 1,900 million (US\$ 470 million equivalent) in aggregate, originated by the Bank. The Project is expected to support Santander Bank Polska in increasing access to finance for long term local currency energy transition projects in Poland, including projects led by small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

The proposed facility will support development of renewable energy in Poland, primarily onshore wind, and solar sub-projects. The Project will not support activities on IFC Exclusion List, coal related sub-projects, hydro energy projects, offshore wind, and higher risk transactions.



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### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

As stated by the IFC, potential E&S risks and impacts associated with the Project are expected to be medium, therefore it has been categorized as FI-2 according to IFC's Sustainability Policy.



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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.

- [Santander Bank Polska S.A.](#) (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** [Banco Santander SA](#) (Parent Company)



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### Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Santander Bank Polska SA is one of the largest financial institutions in Poland offering a wide range of domestic and international banking services for retail and corporate clients. Santander Bank Polska is listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange, and majority owned by Banco Santander SA (67.41%).



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