

 Early Warning System

MIGA-15700
Trade Finance Guarantee Facility



Quick Facts

Countries	Turkiye
Financial Institutions	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-03-20
Borrower	Banco Santander S.A., VakifBank
Sectors	Energy, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 257.30 million



Project Description

As stated by the MIGA, this summary covers an application by Banco Santander for coverage of a proposed short-term loan facility, focused on supporting trade, to VakifBank (VB). The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) would provide the lender with up to US\$257.3 million in trade finance guarantees against the risk of non-payment by VB.

The MIGA-covered facility would be used to provide short-term loans for trade-related payments, aimed mainly at supporting imports of (i) steel scrap to be recycled in Turkiye; and (ii) wind turbines and related parts. The tenor of each loan to be made under the facility is up to one year.

The Guaranteed Transaction is expected to contribute to Turkiye's national economic strategy to support its export sector and transition to an environmentally sustainable economy. The steel recycling sector plays a key role in supporting the export-oriented steel sector in an environmentally sustainable way by reducing reliance on primary iron raw materials and contributing to the efficient use of resources. Additionally, the country continues to increase its installed wind onshore power capacity. The import of wind turbine parts would support local energy producers in developing additional wind power capacity, thereby supporting the government's transition to renewable energy and helping to reduce dependence on imported energy sources.

The Guaranteed Transaction is aligned with the priorities set under MIGA's FY24-26 Strategy and Business Outlook, as it will support the expansion of trade finance. In addition, the Guaranteed Transaction is consistent with MIGA's strategic focus of supporting the transition to an environmentally sustainable economy.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

As stated on the project disclosure page, the MIGA-covered facility will be used by VB to on-lend to their clients for trade-related activities. These transactions pose minimal environmental and social ("E&S") risks and impacts and as such, the project has been categorized as 'FI-3' under MIGA's Policy on Environmental and Social Sustainability (2013).

The applicable E&S requirements for this Guaranteed Transaction are the MIGA Exclusion List and applicable E&S laws in Turkiye. VB will be responsible for screening the transactions against the MIGA E&S requirements, VB will also be required to comply with the labor standards set forth in MIGA Performance Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions.



Investment Description

- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

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.

- [Banco Santander SA](#) (Client) **invests in** [Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi TAO](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

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Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi T.A.O. attracts deposits and offers corporate, retail, and investment banking services. The Bank offers consumer and agricultural loans, sponsors credit cards, offers asset management services, manages mutual funds, and offers securities brokerage services. Vakiflar Bankasi also takes equity stakes in Turkish companies.



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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