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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2022-12-22
Borrower	RSF BNPP SRT
Sectors	Energy, Finance
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million

Project Description

The proposed project consists of a Synthetic Risk Transfer Transaction in which IFC will provide to BNP Paribas S.A. an unfunded guarantee on credit losses up to US$50 million of the mezzanine tranche of a US$1 billion revolving reference portfolio from the Bank's eligible trade finance and corporate loan-related credit exposures. This will be IFC's first SRT with BNP Paribas and BNP Paribas first SRT covering Emerging Markets assets. The proposed project will enable BNP Paribas to reduce the regulatory risk weights attached to its EM portfolio, thereby freeing up capital which the Bank will deploy to provide more emerging markets related trade finance.

The project will support select portfolio transactions of BNP Paribas, primarily in trade finance, with up to 30% in corporate finance. Although BNP Paribas has a new oil and gas
sector policy, it still funds fossil gas projects.

Bank disclosure on financial intermediary sub-projects are often limited. Although the bank disclosures did not categorize this as an energy project, civil society research has linked this project with oil and gas. Therefore, for purposes of this snapshot and other research, the Early Warning System team has categorized this project as an "Energy" project.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

IFC Risk Rating: FI-2

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Private Actors Description

BNP Paribas is the European Union's leading bank and key player in international banking. It operates in 65 countries and has nearly 190,000 employees, including nearly 145,000 in Europe. The BNP Paribas Group has key positions in its three main fields of activity: Commercial, Personal Banking & Services for the Group's commercial & personal banking and several specialized businesses including BNP Paribas Personal Finance and Arval BNP Paribas ; Investment & Protection Services for savings, investment and protection solutions ; and Corporate & Institutional Banking, focused on corporate and institutional clients.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	BNP Paribas	Parent Company	-

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Community Documents

- STILL BANKROLLING CLIMATE CHANGE: How MDBs Support Fossil Gas through Financial Intermediary Investm

Media

- Oil and gas expansion: BNP Paribas spares its major clients
- ‘Blank cheques’: Environmental groups sue BNP Paribas over fossil-fuel lending