

# Investing in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

**Update of the Activity of the Green for Growth Fund (GGF)** 



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#### Agenda

- About the GGF
- Organization of the GGF
- The GGF Portfolio Overview
- RE Project Finance Requirements
- The GGF Technical Assistance Facility







#### **Mission Statement**



The mission of the Fund is to contribute, in the form of a public-private partnership with a layered risk/return structure, to enhancing energy efficiency and fostering renewable energies in the Southeast Europe region including Turkey (SEE) and the European Eastern Neighbourhood region (ENR) and in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), predominantly through the provision of dedicated financing to businesses and households via partnering with financial institutions and direct financing.



### **History**

**Domicile:** Luxembourg SICAV-SIF

First closing: December 2009

**Current Investors** 

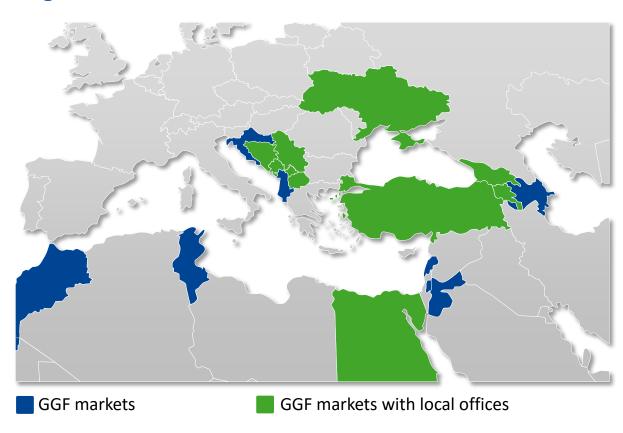


#### **TA Facility Donors**





#### **Regions the GGF Serves**



\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of independence.

Southeast Europe

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Kosovo\*
FYR Macedonia
Montenegro
Serbia
Turkey

Neighbourhood

Armenia Azerbaijan Georgia Moldova Ukraine

MENA

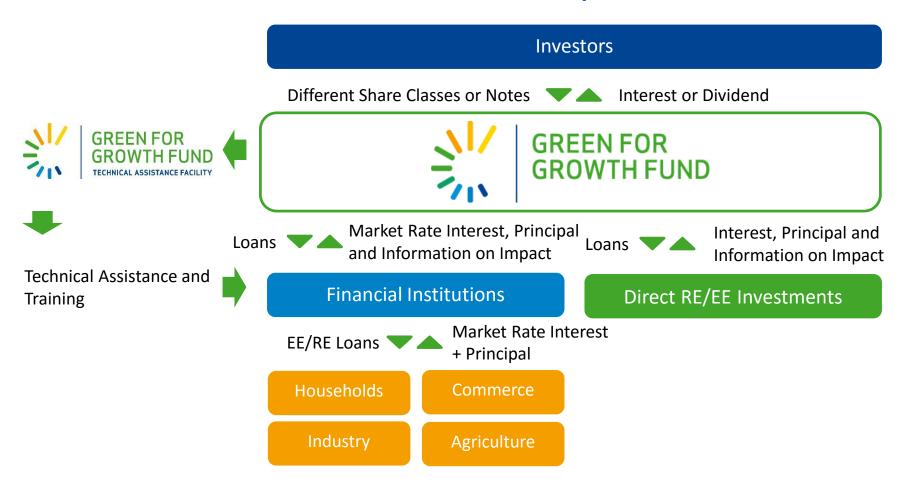
Egypt
Jordan
Lebanon
Morocco
Palestinian Territories
Tunisia





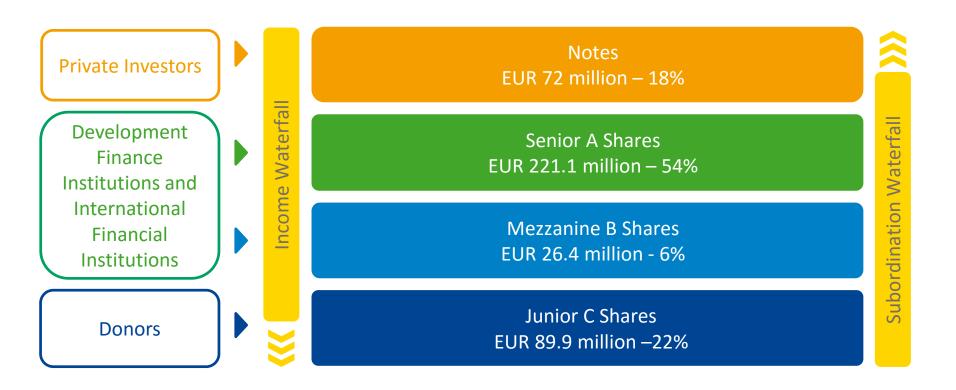


#### Flow of Funds – How GGF Investments Provide Impact





#### **GGF's Tiered Structure is Attractive to Private Investors**



As of October 2016



#### **Partners and Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Minimum 20% reduction in primary energy consumption
- Minimum 20% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Promotion of renewable energy

#### **Partners**

- Financial Institutions (≥ 70% of assets)
  - local commercial banks
  - non-bank financial institutions, such as microfinance institutions and leasing companies
  - other selected financial institutions
- Direct Investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency (< 30% of assets)</li>
  - renewable energy projects
  - energy service companies
  - other non-financial institutions



#### **Financing Instruments**

- Medium to long-term senior loans
- Subordinated loans
- Letters of credit
- Guarantees
- Mezzanine debt instruments
- Local debt securities
- Equity



## Improving Energy Efficiency via Partner Institutions with a broad spectrum of measures



Insulation Improvement: often below EUR 1,000



Process Machinery Replacement: EUR 50,000 – 250,000



Process Improvements: often over EUR 1 million



Street Lighting: up to EUR 10 million

Retail

**SME** 

Corporate

Municipalities

Boiler Replacement: typically between EUR 2,000 – 5,000



Agri-equipment Replacement: EUR 15,000 – 250,000



Renewable Energy Projects: up to EUR 10 million



District Heating: up to EUR 10 million





#### **Providing Direct Financing for Renewable Energy (RE) Projects**

#### **Targeted RE Technologies**

- Hydro Power
- Wind farms
- Solar (thermal and photovoltaic)
- Biogas / Biomass (no food crop replacement)
- Geothermal

One major criteria for the eligibility of projects is their adherence to GGF's environmental and social impact requirements.

#### **GGF** conditions for financing (senior debt)

- Long-term tenors possible (max. 15 years)
- Grace period possible during construction period
- GGF's contribution limited to twice the equity contributed
- Minimum EUR 7-10 million GGF contribution
- Hydropower limitations for dam height (15m) and reservoir volume (3 million m³)



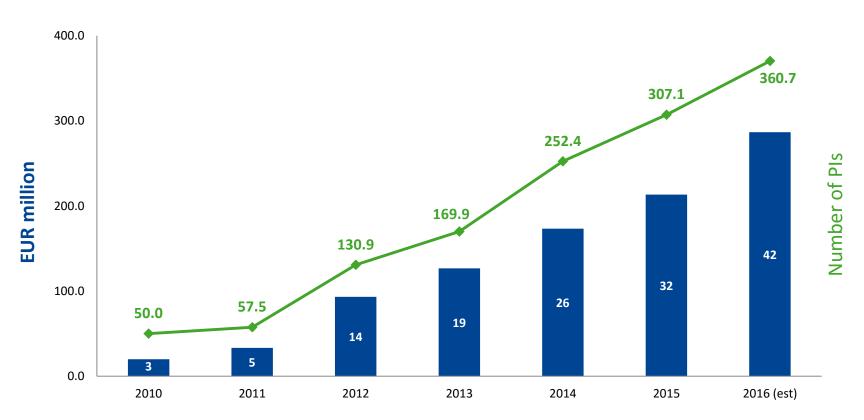
## The GGF Portfolio Overview





#### The GGF in Figures

#### **Outstanding Investment Portfolio and Number of Pls**



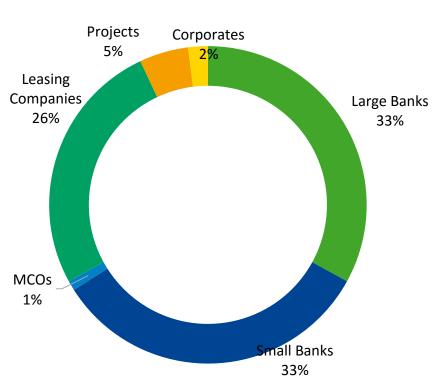
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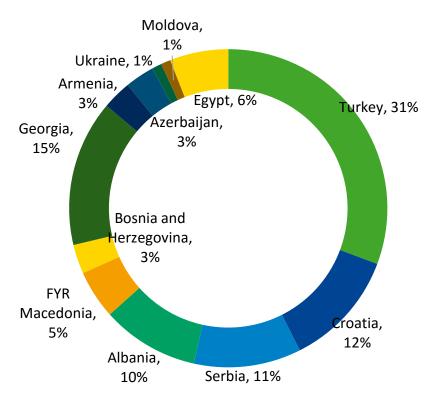
#### The GGF in Figures

#### **Portfolio Outstanding**

#### **Investment Portfolio Outstanding per PI Type**



#### **Investment Portfolio Outstanding per Country**



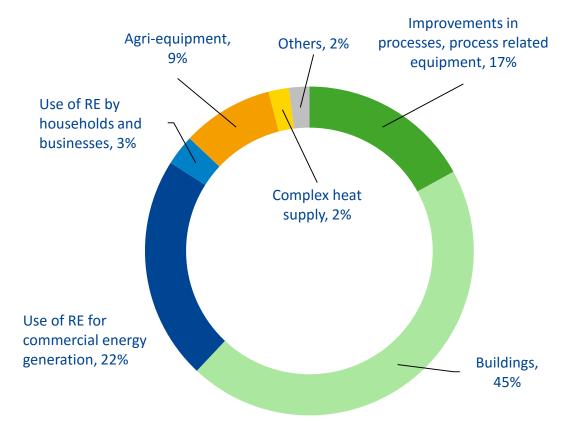
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#### The GGF in Figures

#### **Impact Performance**

CO2 Reduction (tCO2/yr)

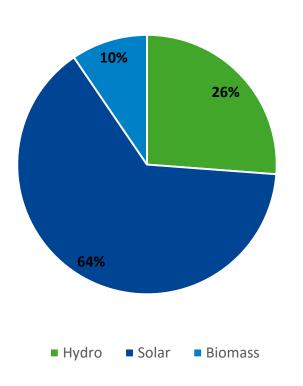


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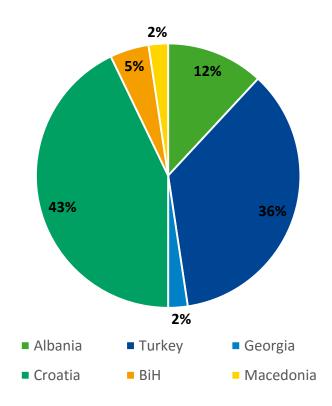


#### **GGF Portfolio in Commercial Renewable Energy Projects**

#### FI RE Portfolio per Technology



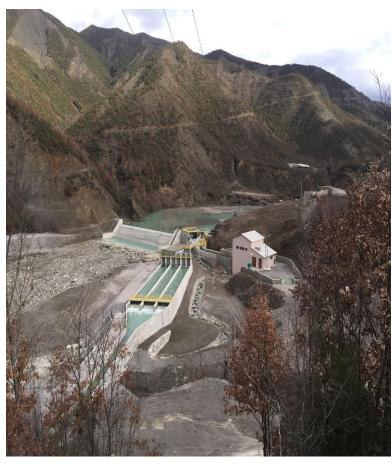
#### FI RE Portfolio per Country





#### **Renewable Energy Project Finance**

#### **Example of Project Finance Deal: Lengarica Hydropower Project (Albania)**



• **Project Sponsor:** Enso Hydro Energji sh.p.k.

Lenders: GGF and OeEB

Project Size: 8.9 MW

Total Project Cost: EUR 22 million

Total Debt: EUR 14.1 million (GGF EUR 9.1 million;
 OeEB EUR 5 million)

Loan Signing: October 2013

Financial Close: June 2014

Start of Operation: December 2015



#### **Renewable Energy Project Finance**

#### **Example of Project Finance Deal: Dariali Hydropower Project (Georgia)**



- Project Sponsors: PERI Ltd., The Robbins Company, the Georgian Energy Development Fund, and Energy LLC
- Lenders: EBRD (A-Lender), FMO and GGF (B-Lenders)
- Project Size: 108 MW
- Total Project Cost: USD 132.6 million
- Total Debt: USD 80 million (EBRD USD 40 million;
   FMO USD 30 million, GGF USD 10 million)
- Loan Signing: August 2014
- Financial Close: January 2015



#### **Renewable Energy Project Finance**

#### **Example of Project Finance Deal: Gori Wind Project (Georgia)**



- Project Sponsors: Georgian Energy Development Fund (GEDF) and Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation (GOGC)
- Lenders: EBRD (A-Lender), GGF, Oikocredit, and Triodos Groenfonds (B-Lenders)
- Project Size: 20.7 MW
- Total Project Cost: USD 33.5 million
- Total Debt: USD 22 million (EBRD USD 10 million (A-Loan); GGF USD 4 million, Triodos USD 4 million, Oikocredit 4 million (B-Loan)
- Loan Signing: October 2016
- Financial Close: October 2016



## RE Project Finance Requirements





#### Financing RE Projects in the Region: Key Drivers of Bankability

#### 1. Clear Energy Strategy

Country has a clear energy strategy regarding the amount of capacity needed, its affordability, and how offtake arrangements will be financed. Environmental and social matters should form the core of this strategy.

#### 2. Stable and transparent regulatory framework

Legislation provides for the necessary framework to ensure stable/ predictable revenue stream; clear permitting process (including concessioning process, if any); connection to grid and clear rules for grid operation; transparent dispute resolution mechanisms (other)

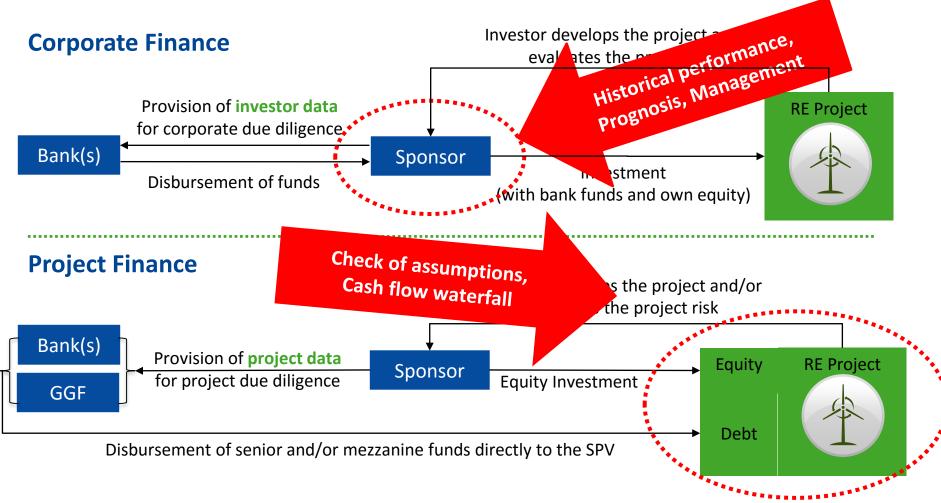
Ideally, countries should develop a clear E&S framework to ensure the sustainability of the energy sector and its minimal impact on the environment and on communities. This also creates an "equal playing field" for investors (ex. environmental flow for hydropower).

#### 3. Project Specific Aspects

Resource assessment, terms of contracts, availability and cost of finance, etc.



Project finance cash flows: Typically limited or non-recourse, with planned cash flows for project life (disruptions unforeseen)





## The GGF Technical Assistance Facility





#### What Other Tools Can GGF Offer?

#### **Technical Assistance in context of Renewable Energy Investments**

Technical Assistance can be any kind of support to enhance a Partner Institution (Bank or Project) in implementing the investment according to required standards. Typical examples can be the

- Update of Environmental studies to GGF standard
- Development of an Environmental & Social Action and Monitoring Plan
- Additional studies to achieve higher quality of existing data (e.g. wind study)

#### **Pre-Bankability Technical Assistance**

Renewable Energy Projects may be awarded in a selective process for TA even if the project is not yet bankable. The Fund can support the projects with financial, legal, technical and environmental experts.



#### The GGF Technical Assistance Facility

#### **Example: RE project finance workshop**

**Target group:** Government officials, local financial institutions, other stakeholders

#### **Potential modules:**

- Technical aspects of RE technologies (photovoltaic, small hydro energy, biomass/biogas, wind energy, geothermal)
- RE regulatory framework
- Principles of Project Finance
- Cash-flow modelling with case studies and practical exercises
- Checklist for project due diligence
- Introduction to project finance documentation

**Project Duration:** 1 or 2 days training





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