



Европейска инвестиционна банка  
Evropská investiční banka  
Den Europæiske Investeringsbank  
Europäische Investitionsbank  
Euroopa Investeerimispank  
Ευρωπαϊκή Τράπεζα Επενδύσεων  
European Investment Bank  
Banco Europeo de Inversiones  
Banque européenne d'investissement  
An Banc Eorpach Infheistíochta  
Europejska inwestycyjna banka  
Banca europea per gli investimenti

Public

Eiropas Investīciju banka  
Europos investicijų bankas  
Európai Beruházási Bank  
Bank Ewropew tal-Investment  
Europese Investeringsbank  
Europejski Bank Inwestycyjny  
Banco Europeu de Investimento  
Banca Europeană de Investiții  
Európska investičná banka  
Evropska investicijska banka  
Euroopan investointipankki  
Europeiska investeringsbanken

**MODERNISATION FUND**

Accelerating the transition to climate neutrality

## **MODERNISATION FUND** **EIB CONFIRMATION OF PRIORITY INVESTMENT**

ref. MF 2024-2 SK 0-003

*Beneficiary Member State: Slovakia*

*Investment Proposal: Increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in households of low-income groups*

### **1. Background**

The Modernisation Fund was set up pursuant to Article 10d of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC (the “ETS Directive”).

The legal basis for the operation of the Modernisation Fund is set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1001 of 9 July 2020 laying down detailed rules for the application of Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the operation of the Modernisation Fund supporting investments to modernise the energy systems and to improve energy efficiency of certain Member States (the “Implementing Regulation”).

In accordance with Article 10d(6) of the ETS Directive, the European Investment Bank (the “EIB”) is to confirm whether a proposed investment falls into a priority area. The EIB may confirm the proposal as a priority investment if the conditions specified in Article 6(7) of the Implementing Regulation are met.

### **2. Investment proposal**

Pursuant to Article 4(1) of the Implementing Regulation, on 07/08/2024 Slovakia (the “beneficiary Member State”) submitted to the EIB an investment proposal “Increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in households of low-income groups” for which it envisages a contribution from the Modernisation Fund (Modernisation Fund reference number MF 2024-2 SK 0-003).

The investment proposal concerns a large-scale scheme for the period 2025-2026 related to improving energy efficiency in buildings, improving air quality, improving quality of life of the citizens and speeds up decarbonisation in the Slovak Republic.

The scheme is focused on low-income households, including pensioners, which have been impacted to a great extent by rising energy costs.

The beneficiary Member State has requested funding of EUR 93 170 000 for a first disbursement under the proposed large-scale scheme.

The beneficiary Member State has indicated a total expected Modernisation Fund funding for the investment proposal of EUR 186 340 000.

The scheme is aligned with the objectives of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) for Slovakia which comprises measures to support energy efficiency in buildings and increase use of renewable energy sources in households, including especially those that meet the criteria for being at risk of energy poverty.

### **3. Compliance with the conditions for a priority investment**

- a) The beneficiary Member State has demonstrated that the investment complies with the requirements laid down in Article 10d(1) of the ETS Directive as it supports improvement of energy efficiency and it is in line with the objectives and measures set out in its NECP.
- b) According to the information provided by the beneficiary Member State and pursuant to Article 10d(2) Directive 2003/87/EC, the investment is considered as a priority investment as it falls under the priority areas: a) the generation and use of electricity from renewable sources b) heating and cooling from renewable sources c) the reduction of overall energy use through energy efficiency in buildings and. e) support for low-income households, including in rural and remote areas, to address energy poverty and to modernise their heating systems.
- c) The beneficiary Member State has sufficient funds available from the auctioning of allowances covered by a notification pursuant to Article 10d(4) of Directive 2003/87/EC for the requested disbursement according to the statement of the available funds referred to in Article 5(1) of the Implementing Regulation and after deduction of any amounts to be disbursed for investments already confirmed in accordance with Article 6(9) of the Implementing Regulation.
- d) The beneficiary Member State has provided evidence that the measures under the investment proposal:
  - do not constitute State aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- e) The beneficiary Member State has confirmed in writing that the investment complies with any other applicable requirements of Union and national law.

- f) According to the information provided by the beneficiary Member State, the amounts requested from the Modernisation Fund are not intended to cover the same costs of the investment as those financed by another Union or national instrument.
- g) According to the information provided by the beneficiary Member State, the duration of the scheme does not exceed five years.

#### **4. Conclusions**

The EIB has assessed the investment proposal based on the information submitted by the beneficiary Member State in accordance with Article 4 and Annex 1 of the Implementing Regulation and it has concluded that the investment proposal has met the conditions specified in Article 6(7) of the Implementing Regulation.

In view of the above, and in reliance on the information and evidence provided and the confirmations given by the beneficiary Member State as described at paragraph 3 above, the EIB confirms the proposal “Increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in households of low-income groups” (Modernisation Fund reference number MF 2024-2 SK 0-003) as a priority investment.

This confirmation is without prejudice to the requirement for a disbursement decision to be made pursuant to Article 10d(3) of the ETS Directive.

European Investment Bank  
Luxembourg, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024