Consultation Response

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Subject: Public Consultation on the “Europe 2020 Project Bond Initiative”

Eurima Response to the EC consultation

1. Is the chosen mechanism likely to attract private sector institutional investors to the sectors of transport, energy and ICT in particular?
   No comment

2. If you are an investor, would you be prepared to buy such project bonds?
   n/a

3. Are there other sectors with large-scale infrastructure financing needs that should be included?

   The transition to a low carbon society indeed requires huge investments. These investments will pay off in terms of a more efficient society and in terms of better well-being for the EU citizens. Apart from the large scale project covered in this list of Questions, there is also an urgent need to address the investments in the housing and buildings sectors. These sectors count for 40% of the total CO2 emissions in the EU and the necessary investments are often at negative costs, and in any case worth pursuing. Most of these investments are small scale but there is a multitude of such small scale investments which makes the total benefit of millions of investments worth while pursuing. EURIMA suggests that the Commission and the EIB organize a separate consultation on how to provide the necessary funds to these sectors.

Specific Questions

1. Would the credit enhancement facilitate/accelerate the conclusion of financing packages?
   No comment

2. What minimum rating of the bonds would be sufficient to attract investors?
   No comment

3. What degree of credit enhancement would be necessary to achieve this rating?
   No comment

4. Which impact would the Initiative have on financing costs and on maturities?
   No comment

5. Is it essential that a single entity acts as controlling creditor?
   No comment