

### Opdenergy Green Finance Framework

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# **1. Introduction**

The Opdenergy Group (hereinafter "Opdenergy" or the "Organization") is an Independent Power Producer (IPP) with more than 17 years of experience in the development, financing, construction, and operation of renewable energy assets – mainly solar, onshore wind power and storage (stand alone and hybrid systems)- it has a relevant international presence, currently active in 9 countries. As of third quarter 2023, Opdenergy has a capacity in operation and construction close to 1.9GW and a pipeline of almost 13.6GW in different stages of maturity (15.4GW platform).

As a "pure player", **Opdenergy integrates sustainability among its Strategic Pillars**. The Organization business model promotes both a low carbon economy by the use of renewable energy sources, supporting climate change mitigation and avoiding GHG emissions in electricity generation; and encourages the sustainable development of the communities by managing the environmental, social and economic impact of the activity.

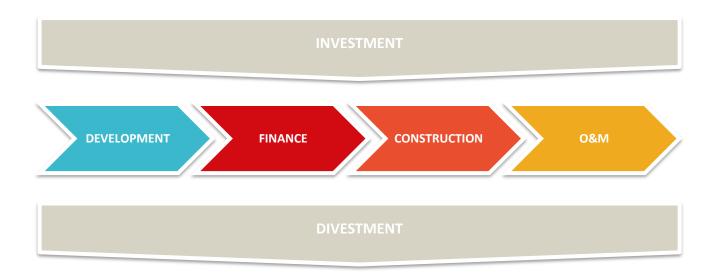
Opdenergy's mission is to satisfy energy needs of the market with competitive and reliable solutions, based on the use of renewable sources, and we want to achieve it becoming a global reference in clean energy projects and promoting a sustainable development.

In this context, the issuance of sustainable and/or green finance Instruments provides a good pathway to respond to upcoming Opdenergy investment targets set in the Strategic Plan, therefore the Organization has decided to approves this Opdenergy Framework for Green Finance.



# **2. Business model**

**Opdenergy has a comprehensive, aggregated and long-term business model focused on the renewable energy sector.** It leads and manages all phases of the projects from the development to the final operation of the asset, including, commissioning of the plants, O&M, Asset Management, energy sales while creating the optimal financial structure as well as negotiating relevant power purchase agreements (PPA) or other energy sale agreements, in order to secure the generated energy between the first 10 to 20 years, depending on the market.



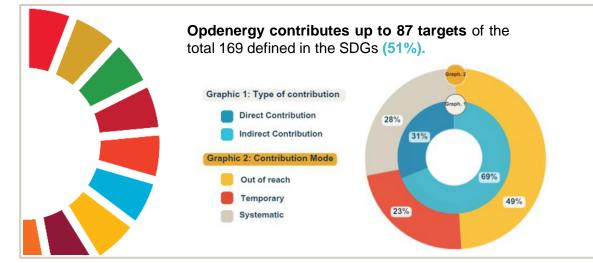
The Organization has proven experience in developing renewable energy assets in different countries. It has a large pipeline of additional projects for the upcoming years, that will support the energy needs of the market with clean, competitive and reliable solutions, promoting a sustainable development.

# 3. ESG strategy

**Opdenergy has built a strong, decisive and reliable ESG strategy** based on the Top Management's commitment together with the needs and expectations of its interested parties and stakeholders.

The documentation framework at the highest level merges the concepts of sustainability and good governance, including the Opdenergy Code of Ethics, the integrated QEHS Policy and the Sustainability and ESG Policy, among others. The Organization has achieved the following milestones in the implementation of its ESG strategy:

- Develops strong ethical values engaged in the enhancement of the environment and communities.
- Has positioned itself as a "pure player" and considers energy sources of renewable origin in 100% of the developed assets.
- Has implemented the standards ISO9001:2015 for quality management, ISO14001:2015 for environmental management and ISO45001:2018 for H&S management, at the corporate level, achieving accredited third-party certification.
- Has performed a Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) assessment<sup>1</sup>, identifying where the performance of the activity can have a higher contribution and more relevant role, with follow up and updates.
- Has formalized a 2022-2025 Sustainability Master Plan, with specific objectives and metrics on ESG.
- Periodically publishes information on its ESG performance, progresses and commitments, through sustainability reports.





According to **Opdenergy's** activity, mission, vision and strategy, as well as issues relevant to its stakeholders, action should prioritize SDGs 7, 13 and 15.

Notes: (1) More information available at www.opdenergy.com

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# 4. Green Finance Framework

Opdenergy Framework for Green Finance is aligned with the ICMA Green Bond Principles (GBP) as well as the LMA Green Loan Principles (GLP).

The GBP outline the best practices when issuing bonds serving environmental purposes through global guidelines and recommendations that promote transparency and disclosure, thereby underpinning the integrity of the market. The GBP also raise awareness of the importance of environmental impact among financial market participants, which ultimately aims to attract more capital to support sustainable development.

The GLP build on and refer to the GBP, with a view to promoting consistency across financial markets. The GLP are intended for broad use by the market, providing a framework within which the flexibility of the loan product can be maintained, and will be reviewed on a regular basis, in light of the development and growth of the global green loan market.

In particular, four core components are considered within Opdenergy's Framework:

- i. Use of Proceeds
- ii. Process for Project Evaluation and Selection
- iii. Management of Proceeds
- iv. Reporting



# 5. Use of proceeds

Under this Green Finance Framework, Opdenergy issues sustainable finance instruments (green labelled financing instruments, that may include bonds, promissory notes, loans or commercial papers, among others aligned with the applicable principles) to finance both existing or new renewable energy projects at different stages of development and related corporate investment activities. In case of existing projects, for refinance of OPEX, the expected look back period will be 3 years according to best practices.

The economic activity of the Opdenergy Group is fully eligible according the EU Taxonomy in terms of revenues, CAPEX and OPEX, since it focuses 100% on renewable energy, it has a direct contribution to the SDGs included in the United Nations 2030 Agenda, such as those related to low carbon economy, and is estimated to be totally aligned in terms of do no significant harm (DNSH) provision.

- SDG 7 Affordable and clean energy (e.g., increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix).
- SDG 13 Climate action (e.g., strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters).
- SDG 15 Life on land (e.g., ensure conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems).
- Among others.



Eligibility of the projects shall consider the specific contribution to global environmental objectives such as:

- · Climate change mitigation or adaptation.
- Natural resource and biodiversity conservation.
- Pollution prevention and control.

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### 6. Project evaluation and selection



**Opdenergy evaluates all eligible projects from the beginning of the investment.** Environmental and social impact assessments together with other technical studies are conducted at an early stage from the Development Team, in collaboration with local stakeholders and Project Management Team, in order to select the optimal location and to minimize the impact on the environment.

Full compliance with policies and commitments, local regulations, licenses and permits (including protection or compensatory measures) are guaranteed in every project by specific monitoring programs and surveillance.

In addition, **Opdenergy's Executive Committee**, as a senior management internal body, carries out the control of the project pipeline, addressing all relevant decisions on the project selection for internal approval of the Board of Directors. The Committee also carries out any updates on the framework according to the best market and regulatory practices and promotes the implementation of Organizational risk and compliance management models. Opdenergy's Executive Committee is composed by its CEO, COO, CFO, CBDO and Country Managers, the HR Director, The Legal Director and the IR Director and has a commitment to meet at least on a quarterly basis.

Opdenergy has a stakeholders' approach that allows the Organization to understand the needs and expectations of interested parties, engaging with the local communities through employment and integration, together with strong ethical values. All relevant communications are addressed in the projects consultation phase, ESG materiality assessments and according to QEHS management system, in a transparent, clear and simple way.

# 7. Management of proceeds



The proceeds related to Opdenergy's Green Finance Framework will be managed under the direct supervision of the CFO, with the help of the corporate finance and treasury team.

The proceeds will be credited to dedicated accounts or tracked by the borrower in an appropriate manner to ensure its control.

Since Opdenergy focuses its activity exclusively on renewable energy production, it is considered as a "pure player" and all funds will be used for clean energy projects and assets, together with its related investments and expenditures.

Opdenergy intends to allocate proceeds raised under this Framework within 3 years from issuance.

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# 8. Reporting and Second Party Opinion

**Opdenergy will make and keep readily available up to date information on the use of proceeds**, including the impact and descriptions of the projects and renewable energy assets where the funds have been used.

The information will be disclosed on an annual basis in a clear and transparent manner. When necessary and depending on the available data and confidentiality requirements, the Organization reserves the right to report on an aggregated basis. The information could be included on Opdenergy's website, in corporate presentations, financial statements, sustainability reports and/or specific reports, and it will consider:

- The total amount of investments and expenditures in green projects and its related activities linked to Opdenergy's Green Finance Framework proceeds, together with the balance of unallocated proceeds or the average balance position.
- Information about the operating projects portfolio and its breakdown by technologies and/or geographies, and details about projects under construction, backlog and/or advanced development stage; including capacity, technology, resource, estimated relevant dates and off-taker related information, when available and as applicable.
- Information on material Key Performance Indicators (KPI) related to ESG strategy and its goals, including the contribution of the activities to a low carbon economy and climate change mitigation (e.g., renewable energy capacity in MW, renewable energy production in MWh, annual GHG emissions in tCO2e and other related information such as emissions avoided in electricity generation, etc.).

Opdenergy will publish the information in accordance with applicable market and reporting regulations.

**Opdenergy's Framework for Green Finance alignment to the GBP and GLP will be reviewed by an external expert and a Second Party Opinion will be made available to investors on the Organization's website<sup>1</sup>. Where appropriate and depending on the context, the Organization may decide to perform an additional external review of the information reported following the recommendations of GBP and GLP, in order to enhance its reliability.** 

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### **Annex: Project case studies**





























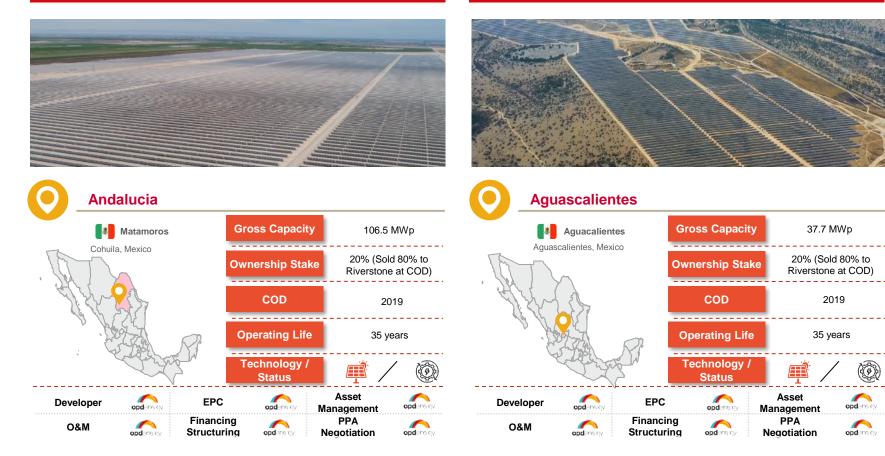


















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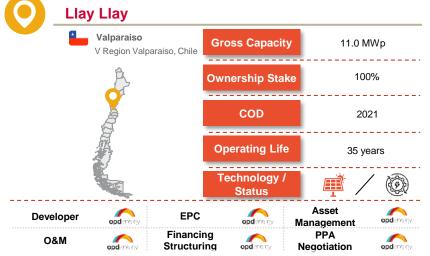
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#### Notes: (1) UC= Under Construction







Other Upcoming Assets			
Asset Name	Location	Technology / Status	Gross Capacity
Larral & Peñaza	Zaragoza Aragón, Spain	<b>ř</b> / <b>ř</b>	55.0 + 16.0 MWp
Belinchón 3	Barajas de Castilla la Mancha, Spain Melo	🛒 / î	56.0 MWp
Covatillas 2, 3 & 4	Castillejo de Iniesta Castilla la Mancha, Spain	🛒 / 🏦	55.0 + 55.0 + 55.0 MWp
Brovales 1, 2 & 3	<b>Fuente de</b> Cantos Extremadura, Spain		55.0 + 55.0 + 21.0 MWp
Las Capillas & Las Mulas	Zaragoza Aragón, Spain		56.0 + 29.0 MWp
Elizabeth	Allen Louisana, USA Parish		160.0 MWp
High Horizons - Blake	Jefferson West Virginia, USA		100.0 MWp
La Francesca	Benevento Italy	<u> </u>	56.0 + 29.0 MWp



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