

Reporting Equator Principles 2018

The Corporate and Investment Banking team takes on responsibility for analyzing financed projects, representing the Bank before stakeholders, accountability before Senior Management and designing and implementing the management system, proposing best practices and contributing toward training and communication regarding EP-related aspects. Project analysis consists of subjecting each transaction to a process of social and environmental due diligence that starts with assigning a category (A, B or C) which, based on the International Finance Corporation (IFC) categories, reflects the level of the project's environmental and social risk.

A review of the environmental and social documentation submitted by the customer and the independent advisors allow a rating of fulfillment of the requirements established in the Equator Principles in accordance with the project category. Finance agreements incorporate the customer's environmental and social obligations, which a specialist team monitors.

To guarantee integrity in BBVA's application of the Equator Principles, the management thereof is integrated in the internal transaction structuring and acceptance processes and is subject to regular controls by the Internal Audit and Control departments.

As well as classifying projects, BBVA applies a classification according to the environment where the projects are located to have a comprehensive view of their impacts on the natural and social environment in which they are received.



