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Subject: Comments on the current EBRD Energy Sector Strategy – Polish CSOs

Dear Ms Barwicka-Lofthouse and Ms Falcetti,

We welcome the opportunity to reflect on the current EBRD Energy Sector Strategy. From our perspective, the Strategy has one major shortcoming, which is the EBRD's continued financing of fossil fuel projects.

We, therefore, ask you to completely stop financing any fossil fuel projects – in the oil, coal and gas sectors and invest in energy efficiency and sustainable renewables. Such investments are needed for the reduction of our country's dependence on fossil fuels, they would increase energy security, and they also reduce national CO₂ emissions.

In Poland, we see a great need and potential for investment in:

- Energy efficiency in municipality-owned buildings, programmes for individual households and small businesses
- Decarbonisation of district heating – building seasonal storages, using waste heat from cooling or industrial processes, industrial-scale heat pumps and other technologies
- Development of solar capacity, in particular on the municipal level, using municipal buildings and facilities or using former coal mines
- Expansion of wind power
- Utilising the geothermal potential
- Development of energy communities
- Increasing capacity for heat pumps and energy efficiency technologies' production and implementation

- Modernisation of energy grids

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Sincerely yours,

on behalf of the signatories,

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