A SWISS PRE INVESTMENT FACILITY
WITH MAIN FOCUS ON SUB SAHARAN AFRICA
The Energy Project Facilitator (EPF) is an innovative financial mechanism launched by R2O, Alpiq and BG to facilitate the feasibility studies of promising renewable energy projects.

The EPF brings together Swiss energy experts to undertake technical, legal and economical feasibility studies, thus converting potential projects into bankable investment opportunities.

**BG GROUP**, a Swiss consulting and engineering company which provides extensive services in the fields of energy, infrastructure, building and environment.

**ALPIQ**, a leading Swiss electricity and energy services provider, with a European focus, active in electricity production, as well as energy trading and sales.

**R2O** - Regions of Climate Action, an NGO whose mission is to help sub-national governments around the world to develop low-carbon and climate resilient infrastructure projects.
The EPF opens up the pipeline of investment-ready energy projects by enabling project developers and local authorities perform feasibility studies to identify potential risk and returns.

THE ENERGY PROJECT FACILITATOR ENSURES

**Sustainability**

- Self-revolving fund thanks to success fee model agreed by the investors and project developers.

**Best Use of Resources,**

- With a “funnel” process designed to control the risks of non-completion at every stage of the feasibility study.

**Best Selection of Projects,**

- With a dedicated Board including technical partners and investors.

HOW IT WORKS

01 Local authorities or private developers submit their project proposals to the EPF.

02 The EPF accompanies applicants through a dedicated process and, after board’s approval, finances the feasibility studies.

03 Feasibility studies evaluate technical, economical and legal feasibility as well as environmental and social impacts, determining project’s success conditions.

04 Once projects reach financial closing, the EPF is reimbursed with a success fee previously agreed on by both parties. The EPF design makes it a revolving fund allowing undertaking of more feasibility studies.

With this approach, collaboration between local authorities, private developers and the EPF is mutually beneficial.
In spite of strong political will to shift to renewable energy, excellent resource potential and affordable technologies, the portfolio of bankable projects doesn’t exist. This is, in part, due to a lack of financing for pre-feasibility and feasibility studies.

“Global investment in clean technologies is running at about USD 330 billion a year. We need to triple it over the next 5-10 years. Global climate finance efforts need to reach USD 1 trillion per year by 2030 to keep the average global temperature rise under the internationally agreed upon 2 degree centigrade target.”

Christiana Figueres, Former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC

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Africa has an excellent renewable potential with strong solar irradiation, good wind speeds and significant small hydro power resources.

110 TW solar
350 GW hydro
110 GW wind
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