COVID-19 pandemic has created the biggest global crisis of the latest years, creating dramatic effects on the health system, economies and societies around the world. The severe effects of the COVID-19 are not temporary and is a consequence of the measures for climate change, plans should be taken to curb the effects of the crisis.

Discussions are currently taking place in order to explore how Energy Efficiency (EE) could play a crucial role in reducing its effects from the COVID-19 and at the same time, enable recovery and shift pandemic crisis consequences towards opportunities not only for sustainable growth, but for the energy transition as well.

In particular, the Triple-A Tools are designed and supporting the EE financing chain, while addressing:

- identification of attractive EE investments ideas for bankers, funds and other financial institutions;
- benchmarking of the EE projects and selection the "Triple-A" EE investments, which merit attention by funding organizations;
- linking "Triple-A" investments ideas with possible financing schemes (Market-based instruments, Green Bonds).

Post-COVID-19, EE sector is more promising than ever, Triple-A can play a critical role concerning to EE investments recovery and shift. Post-COVID-19 sector consequences towards opportunities not only for sustainable growth, but for the energy transition as well.

To conclude, we must underline the importance of the Triple-A Tools being proposed, which aim at standardising and augmenting the EE financing chain, while offering:

- identification of attractive EE investments ideas for bankers, funds and other financial institutions;
- benchmarking of the EE projects and selection the "Triple-A" EE investments, which merit attention by funding organizations;
- linking "Triple-A" investments ideas with possible financing schemes (Market-based instruments, Green Bonds).

Triple-A contribution

The "Triple-A" project has been implemented and the projects that meet the specified thresholds continue to the next step ("Agree" tool).

The "Agree" tool takes advantage of the various existing or newly developed financial, risk and socio-environmental key performance indicators (KPIs). In this tool, the EE projects that pass the "Go" step are classified through the application of "Reserved" or "Rejected" categories:

- "Reserved" for projects that do not meet the initial criteria and are not eligible for further evaluation;
- "Rejected" for projects that do not meet the general criteria and are not eligible for further evaluation.

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