



# EDFI MC Electrifi Intro & PAYGo Workshop

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# Agenda

- 1. ElectriFI Mandate  
Presentation & Portfolio**
- 2. PAYGo Market Overview &  
Horizon**
- 3. ElectriFI Contribution to the  
PAYGo Market**

# ElectriFI Mandate & Portfolio

# Who are we?

EDFI Management Company was created by **15 European DFIs** to manage investment solutions on their behalf.

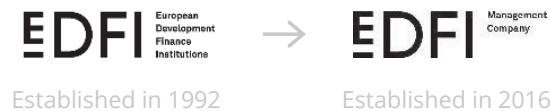
## A shared vision

To improve people's lives in countries where the need is greatest through growth in private sector enterprises that deliver high development impact.



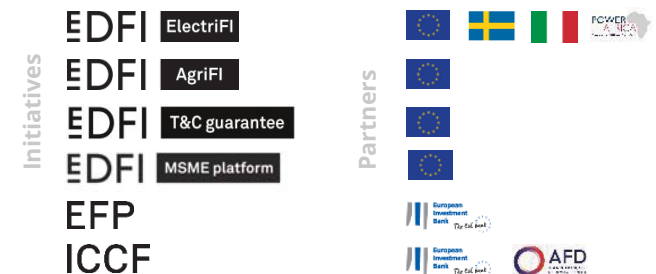
## A common platform

European DFIs programs achieve a critical mass and efficiencies by offering joint facilities and a multi-stakeholder governance model with DFI participation in all decision-making bodies.



## A range of development finance solutions

Focus on investments that crowd-in capital from European DFIs and other investors and address market failures and suboptimal investment situations.



# EDFI Management Company (MC)

EDFI MC seeks partnerships to crowd-in capital and accelerate market development

## Market Development Facilities

### EDFI **AgriFI**

- 1 facility: Global (€ 40m), established in 2018 + Country Windows (2021)
- Sector: sustainable agriculture & forestry
- € 21m committed in 8 investments (2021)
- € 2.5m average ticket size
- 62% co-investment with European DFIs
- In sub-delegation with FMO

### EDFI **ElectriFI**

- 2 facilities: Global (€ 121m) and Country Windows 1& 2 (€ 93m + € 44m ), established in 2016 and 2020.
- Sector: clean energy
- € 90m committed in 41 investments (2021)
- € 2.9m average ticket size
- 41% co-investment with European DFIs
- In sub-delegation with FMO

## Risk-Sharing Facilities

### EDFI **T&C guarantee**

- 1 facility: Global (€25m)
- Offering is transferability and convertibility guarantee support for pillar-assessed DFIs investing in renewable energy projects
- As financial intermediaries to Proparco

### EDFI **MSME platform**

- 1 facility: Global (€80m)
- enhance the lending capacity of local financial intermediaries who will then give loans to MSMEs

## Co-financing facilities

### EDFI **EFP**

- Co-investment facility by EIB & several EDFI members (€243m),
- Established in 2003
- Not-sector specific
- €541m committed in 41 projects
- 11 European DFIs currently involved + creation of COVID-19 window in 2020.

### EDFI **ICCF**

- Co-investment facility by EIB, AFD & several EDFI members (€335m)
- Established in 2011
- Sector: IPP projects in renewable energy
- €480m committed in 35 projects
- 10 European DFIs currently involved

# EDFI ElectriFI

A closed-ended facility focused on access to energy in frontier markets

## Investing where others cannot

- Investing in **early-stage private companies and projects**;
- Generating **new/improved electricity connections**;
- Or generation **capacity from sustainable energy sources**;
- In **emerging markets**.

## Some of our investees



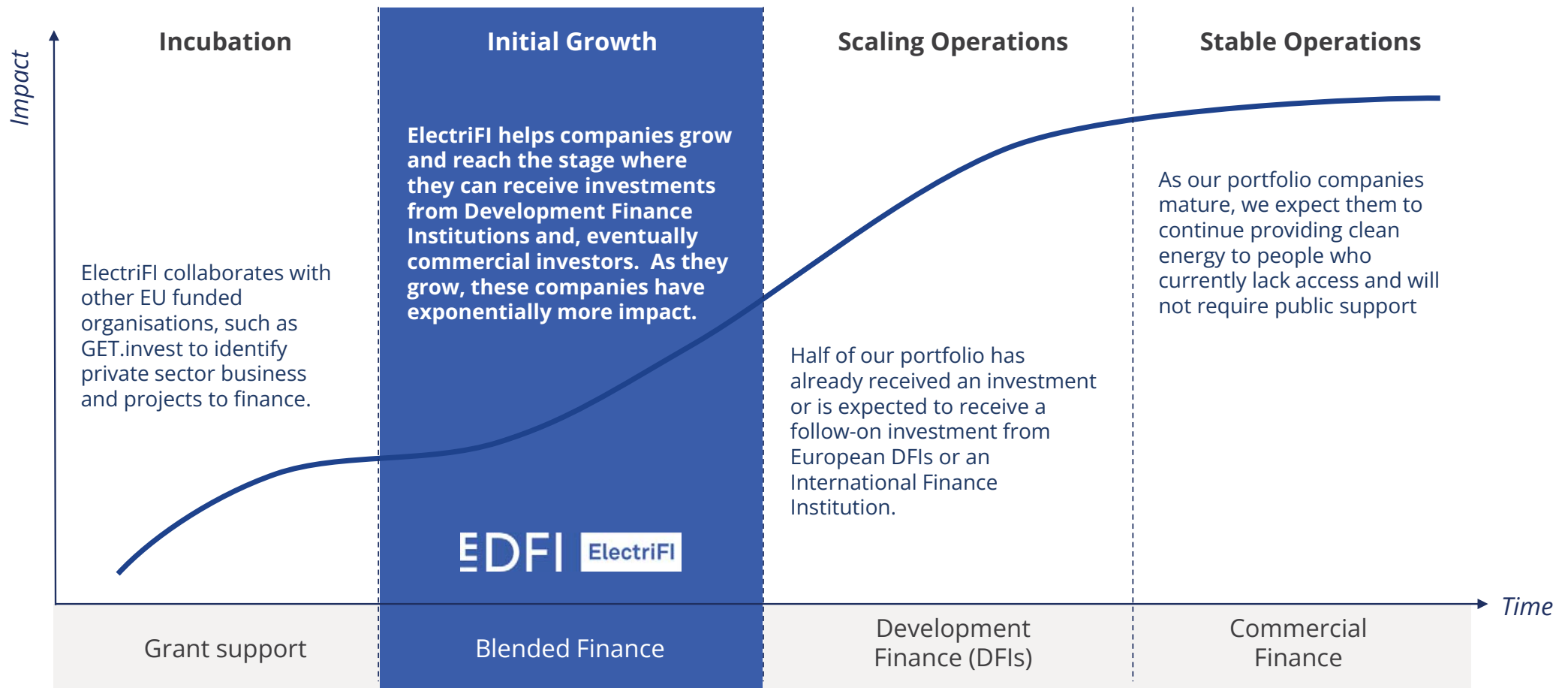
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# EDFI ElectriFI catalytic role



# EDFI ElectriFI unique value proposition

A **blending facility** dedicated to accelerate clean energy access by de-risking private sector projects.



Investing in clean energy access for developing countries

**75% of ElectriFI's portfolio is invested in sub-Saharan Africa**



Investing where others cannot

**ElectriFI's investments have leveraged an extra EUR 280 M**



Offering flexible products that meet the sector's need

**More than 50% of the portfolio is invested in equity and quasi-equity**



Building and accelerating markets through partnerships.

**41% of the investments are co-investments with EDFI members**



# Eligibility criteria and offering



## Renewable energy

Investing in clean energy access for developing countries



## Business model

SHS, IPP, Mini-grid, C&I, others (energy efficiency, cooking stoves,...)



## Commercially viable

Financially viable with a clear path to profitability, scalable and/or replicable



## ESG standards

Commitment to high international standards and sound banking principles.



## Track record

Credible professional track-record, alignment of interest. Early investor, not seed capital



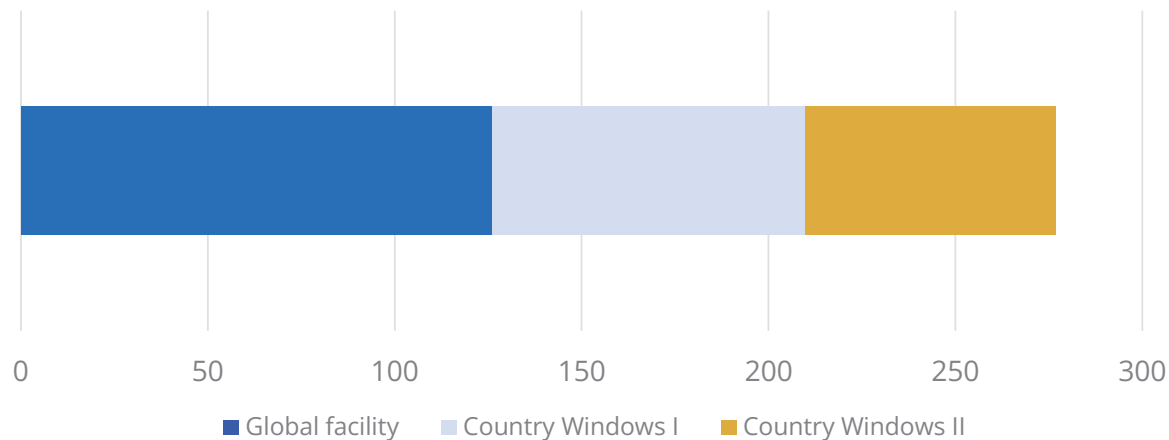
## Offering

Flexible structuring debt to equity, price adaptive to market / funding circumstances. Investments EUR 0,5m-10m up to 50% of funding round

# Global & Country Windows

EDFI ElectriFI offers a **global reach as well as a tailor-made approaches** for increasing access to clean energy in developing countries.

EDFI ElectriFI manages a total **EUR 277 million**



Incl. Management fees



## 2 Country Windows

### Launched in 2018:

- Benin: EUR 5 million
- Pacific region: EUR 8 million
- Cote d'Ivoire: EUR 10 million
- Nigeria: EUR 30 million
- Zambia: EUR 31 million

### Launched in 2021:

- Kenya: EUR 47.6 million
- Uganda: EUR 5 million
- Eswatini: EUR 5 million
- Burundi: EUR 9.3 million

# Key figures

## Portfolio overview



**EUR 108 million**  
committed



**37** companies and  
projects supported



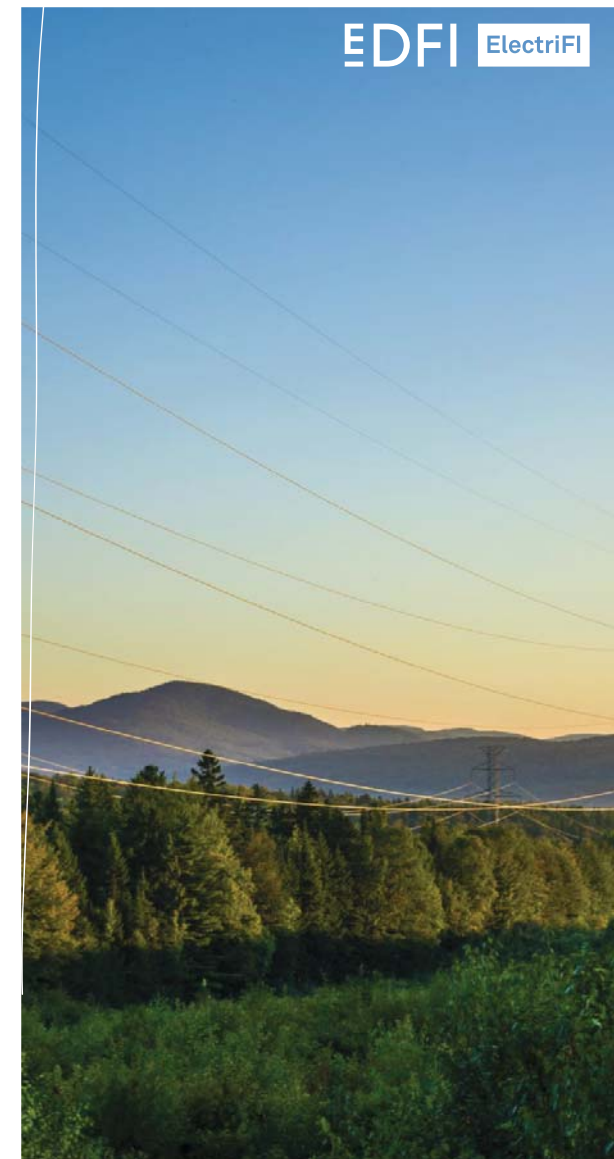
**50+** transactions



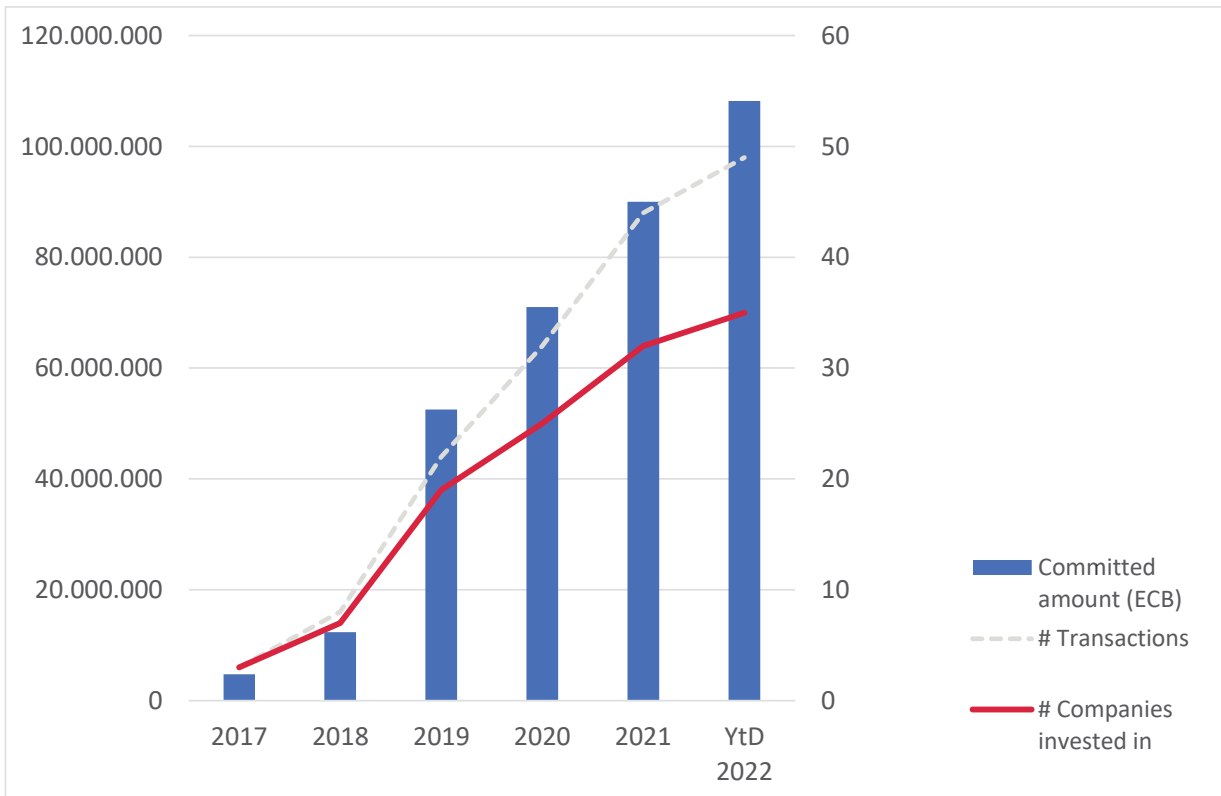
**> 60%** equity  
and quasi-equity



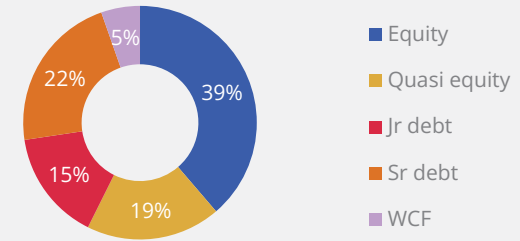
**3,5** leverage factor



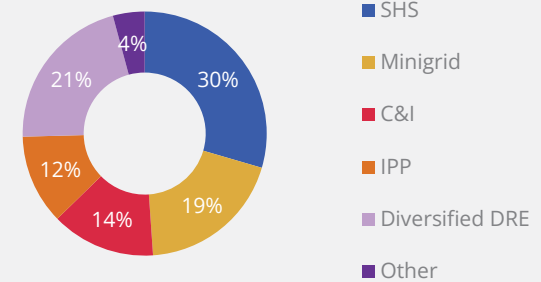
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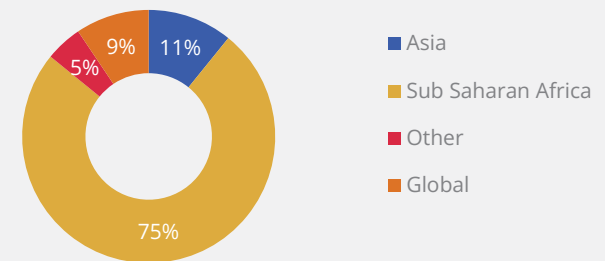
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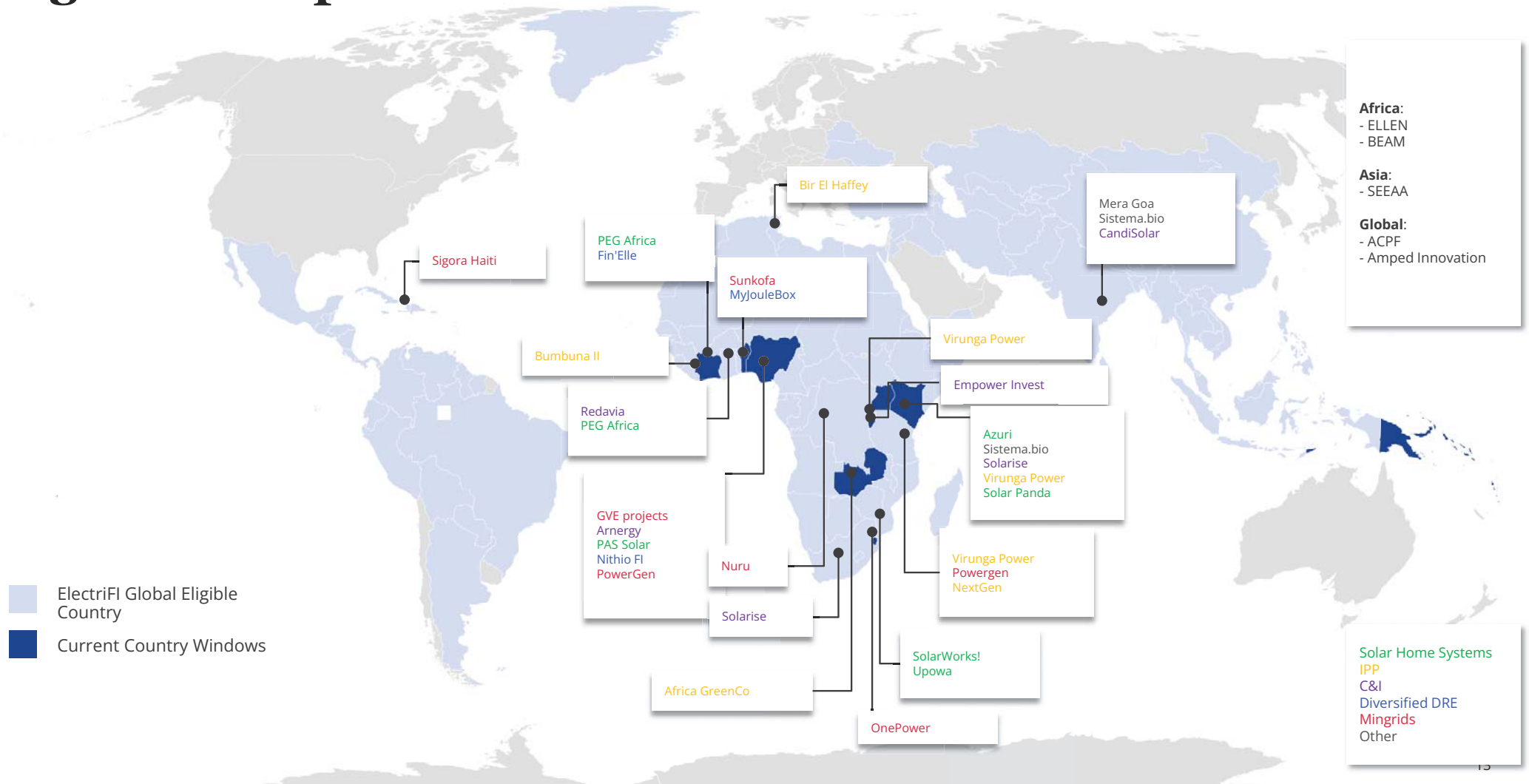
Breakdown by business model



Geographical breakdown

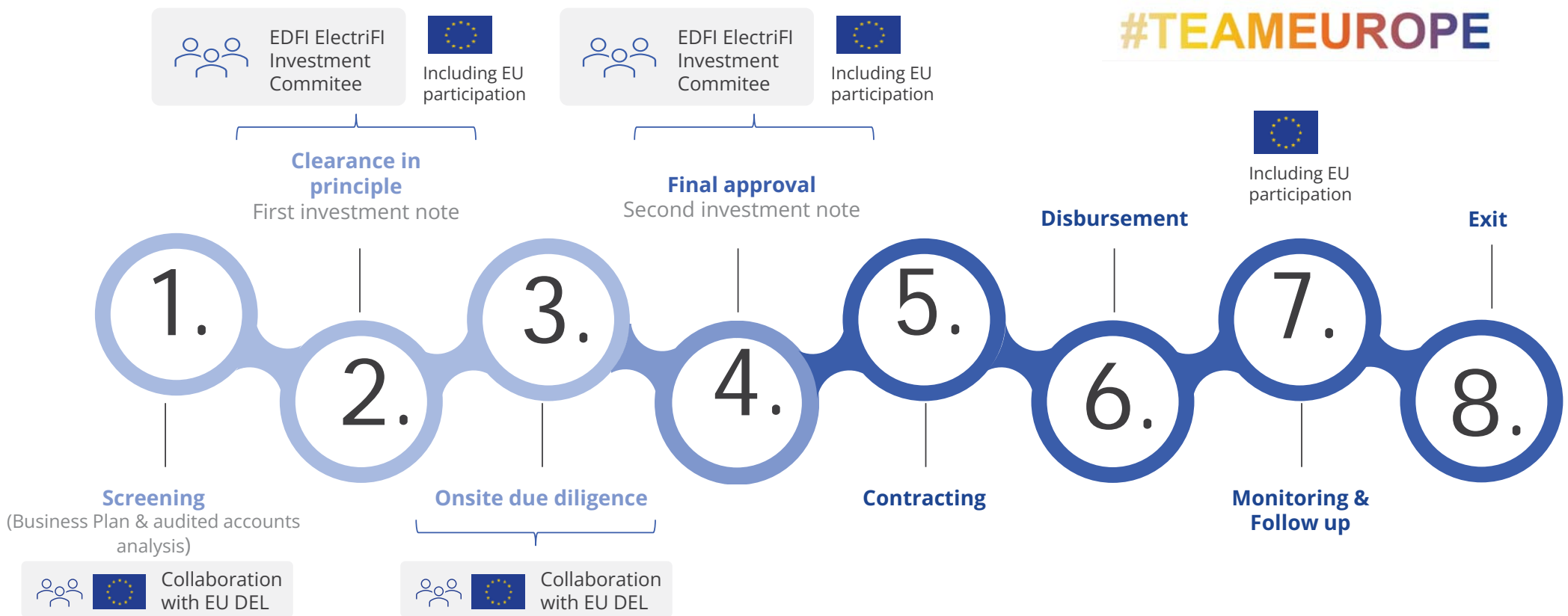


# A global footprint



# An inclusive investment process

A standard 2-steps approval to contracting, with an onsite due-diligence



# ElectriFI's Investments in Solar Home System

Investee company	Instrument	Total commitment	Countries of operations
<b>Equity – total commitment EUR 12m</b>			
<b>BEAM (BBOXX non recourse exposure)</b>	Equity	USD 8m	Global, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Togo
<b>Solar Panda</b>	Equity	USD 4m	Kenya
<b>Senior secured debt – total commitment of EUR 11m</b>			
<b>SolarWorks! BV</b>	Senior secured 5 years loan	USD 4m	Mozambique and Malawi
<b>UpOwa Cameroon SASU</b>	Senior secured 5 years loan	EUR 3m	Cameroon
<b>E-longLife Energies Nouvelles (ELLEN)</b>	Senior secured 6 years loan	EUR 4m	Efi : Mali and Niger
			DFC : Chad
<b>Junior debt - total commitment of EUR 8m</b>			
<b>PEG Africa Ltd</b>	Junior unsecured 7 year loan	USD 6.5m	Ghana, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali
<b>Azuri (SPV)</b>	Junior secured debt	EUR 1.5m	Kenya
<b>Revolving working capital – total commitment of EUR 6m</b>			
<b>Amped Innovation</b>	Senior Revolving working capital facility	USD 6m	USA
<b>Grand total SHS exposure EUR 37m</b>			

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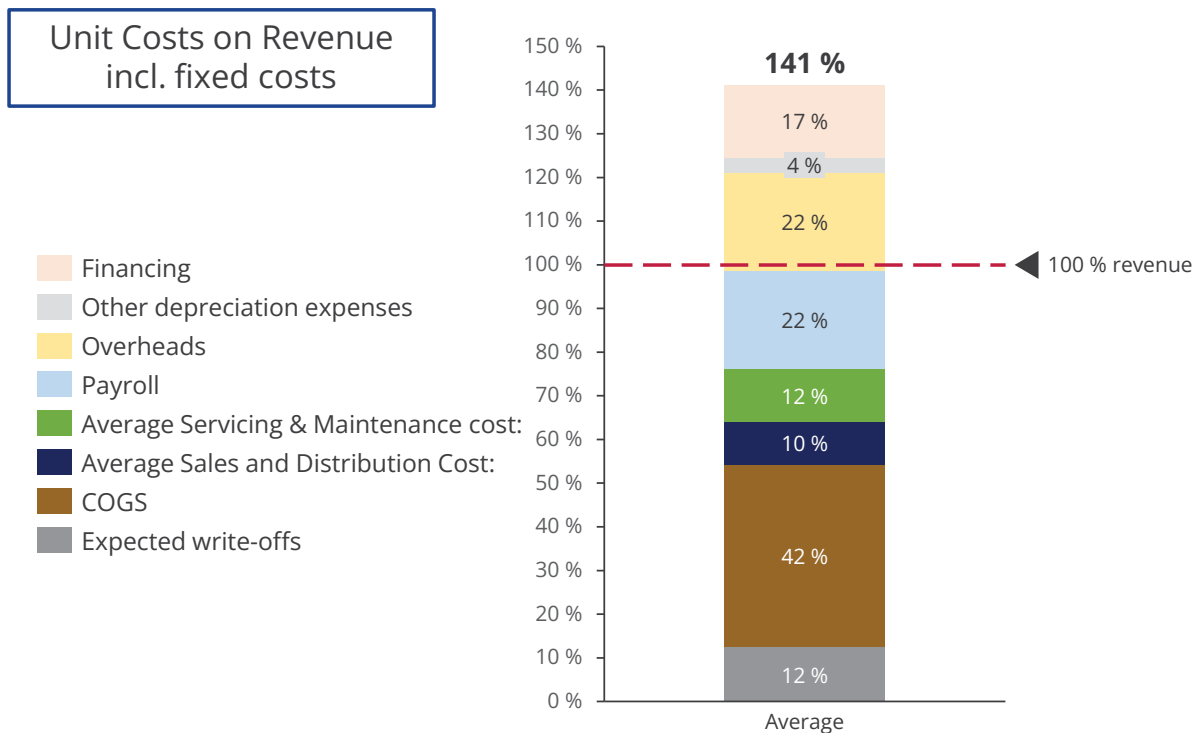
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Industry viability is questioned

# Observations: Heavy cost structure & high burn

The heavy cost structure and resulting burn rate of the industry is too high and prevents companies from achieving the scale needed to become profitable.



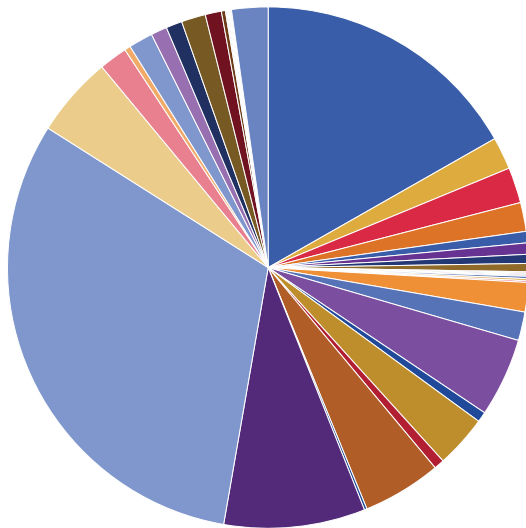
- Most companies cover their variable costs but never reach the scale needed to cover their fixed costs.
- Heavy cost structures are driven by expensive EU/US based teams, trial & error type R&D, and unfitting financing.
- Incapacity to cover all costs leads to a continuous burn rate, leading to continuous capital needs, eventually leading to investor withdrawal and, ultimately, company default.



## Observations: Addiction to external funding

Heavy cash burn rates create an addiction to growth which leads to poor financial decisions and complex shareholding structures that prevent founders from focusing on operations.

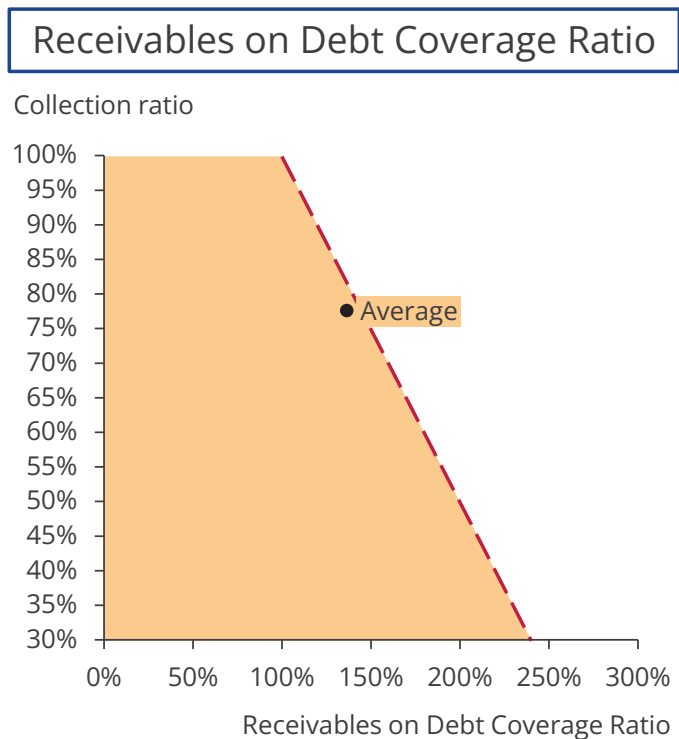
SHS Company Shareholding



- Company burn rates are forcing companies to constantly seek capital to avoid defaulting on their road to profitability.
- The focus on growth creates an addiction to funding, forcing businesses to make poor financial decisions.
- The pressure to secure financing results in micro transactions and expensive bridge loans populating and complexifying company balance sheets.
- Complicated shareholding structures complexify the decision process and prevents founders from focusing on operations.

## Observations: Lack of equity forcing overleveraging

Lack of patient equity forces companies to finance their growth with debt which results in overleveraging and drives cash out of companies when they need it the most, further contributing to the cash burn rate.



- Lack of deep-pocket lead equity investor leads to fragmented shareholding and limited follow-on capacity.
- The absence of strong equity partners pushes companies to turn to debt as principle financing source.
- Excessive debt is putting companies in situations where the collection on their receivables does not cover their debt obligations.
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## Observations: Limited financing literacy

**Limited financing literacy on both the founder and investor sides have contributed to burdensome financial decisions with unforeseen outcomes and expensive errors**

- Limited grasp on the complexity of the PAYGo model has pushed investors to fund companies with unclear paths to profitability and inappropriate investing instruments.
- Company defaults have highlighted the challenges that occur when dealing between multiple senior secured and junior debts with different tenors.
- Lack of references and market intelligence hinder investor capacity to properly assess and monitor companies, resulting in unforeseen outcomes and expensive errors.
- Continuous need for urgent capital and a lack of timely communication can break trust between management and shareholders, resulting in further development obstacles.

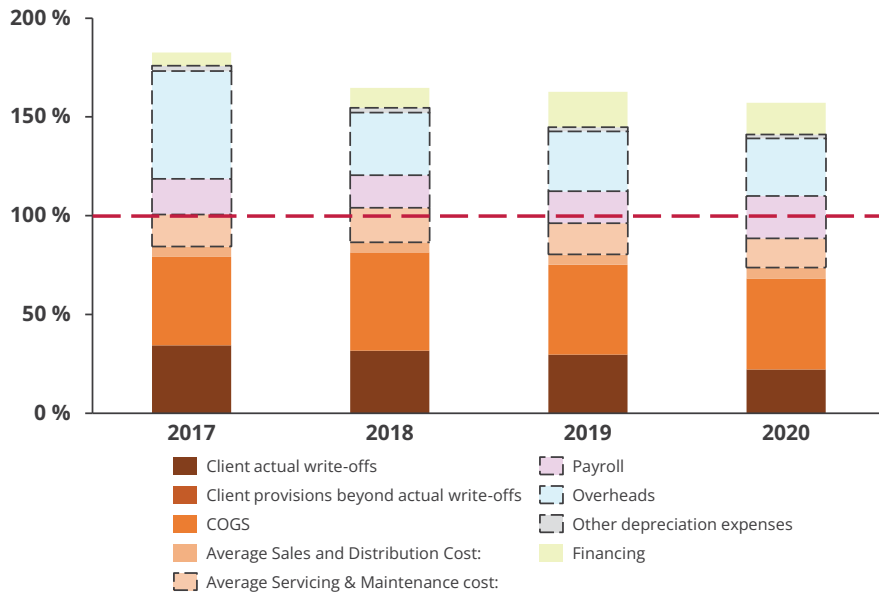
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Horizon: SHS market trends and evolution

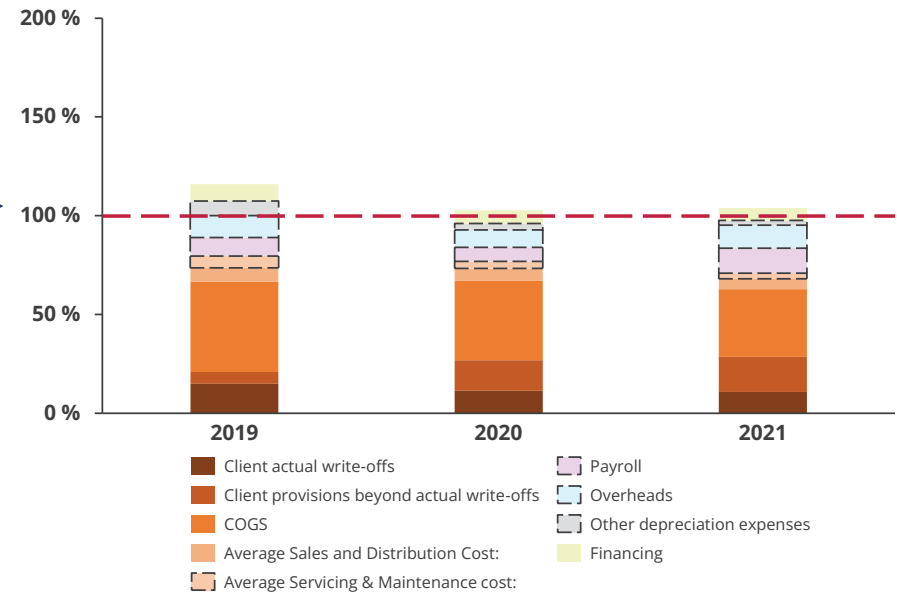
# Horizon: Industry steers towards leaner structures

Expensive lessons from the past are being learnt and assimilated. 2<sup>nd</sup> generation companies are focusing on minimising their costs, reducing their cash burn ratio, and having a clearer path to profitability.

**1<sup>st</sup> generation companies** suffer from a **significant amount of fixed expenses and a high cost to profitability**. It translates to high liquidity needs, a tighter capacity to scale and, ultimately, a high risk of defaulting.



**2<sup>nd</sup> generation companies** learn from past mistakes to minimize their costs. **Focus is shifted on early profitability and controlled cash burn rate** which reduces their capital needs.



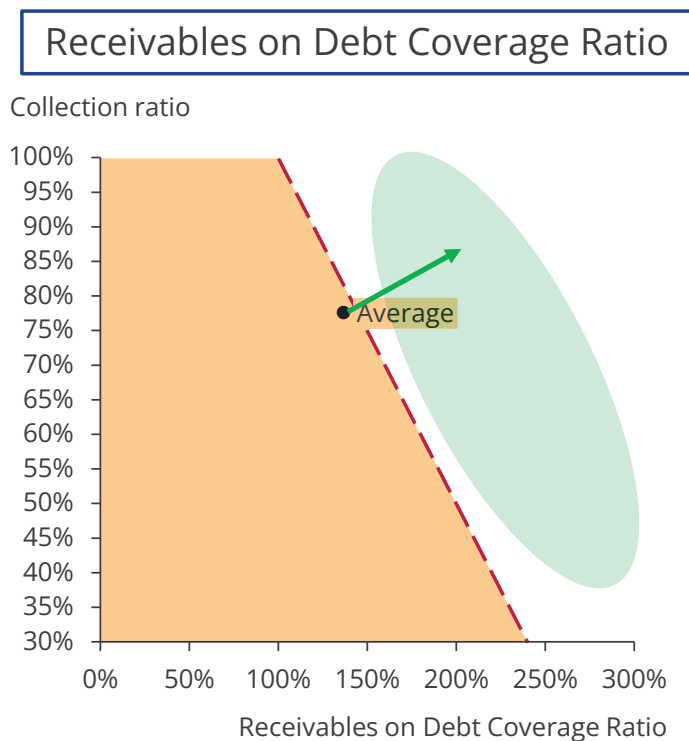
## Horizon: Improving funding practices

**Founders are assimilating the lessons learnt from past defaults by improving cash runway management, simplifying their balance sheets, and sharing good practices when participating in latest initiatives.**

- The importance for the founders to manage their cash runway has been highlighted by the defaults observed among the 1<sup>st</sup> generation companies. Doing so helps anticipate funding needs which can prevent micro-transactions and expensive bridge loans.
- Need to simplify the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation balance sheets to enable the founders to better focus on operations rather than funding needs and shareholder management.
- Financing good practices can now be shared between industry stakeholders through programs such as the PAYGo PERFORM Initiative. Such practices are also being shared through investor-investee conversations based on accumulating market intelligence.
- Proper cash runway management also implies recognising when to wind down operations rather than negotiate additional capital in a weak position. Some companies have minimised losses by doing so.

## Horizon: Industry seeks added equity investors

Equity shortage remains an issue in the industry but recent USD 260m Sun King Series D has highlighted the industry's potential and may attract new strategical equity investors to the market.



- Strong equity partners are needed in the industry to reduce overleveraging.
- A positive market trend seems to be building following the recent news of the Sun King USD 260m Series D\*.
- New strategical equity investors may be drawn to the industry now that the potential for profitable Exits has been demonstrated.
- ElectriFI's mandate and gained experience puts the fund in a position to play a role in solving the equity shortage of the industry.

\* <https://www.prnewswire.com/in/news-releases/sun-king-raises-260-million-led-by-general-atlantic-s-beyondnetzero-to-expand-global-access-to-affordable-solar-energy-838523340.html>

## Horizon: Improving financing literacy

**Remaining investors should assimilate the lessons learnt from past setbacks by shifting their market focus and developing/accessing tools that can support their financial decisions and monitoring.**

- Investors to focus on the appropriateness of the offered financing instrument, dependent on the size and current shareholding of the PAYGo companies.
- Investors to improve their market approach with special consideration towards lean structures, cash management, road to profitability and current shareholding.
- Investors to have/develop the tools needed to properly assess and monitor identified focus points.
- As with founders, programs such as the PAYGo PERFORM Initiative are being put in place which enable to share financing good practices between industry stakeholders.



# ElectriFI Contribution to PAYGo

# Contribution: ElectriFI boosting its market intelligence

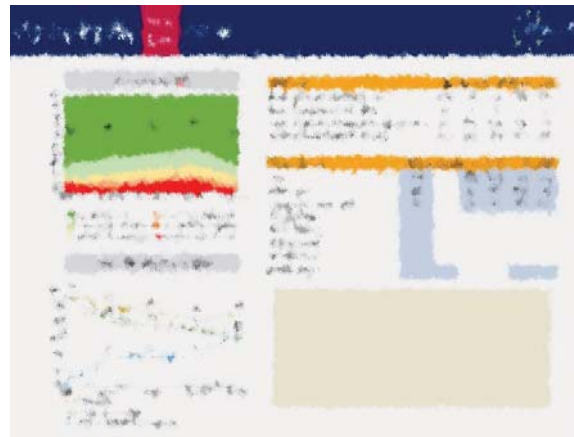
ElectriFI is assimilating lessons learnt and increasing market intelligence through PAYGo PERFORM, an internally developed tool, and an AI tool developed by investee company Nithio.

ElectriFI is assimilating industry errors and lessons learnt by shifting market focus on leaner companies with a credible path to profitability. ElectriFI is improving its market intelligence by actively participating in the PAYGo Perform initiative and the Household Solar Funders Group (HSFG), developing an internal tool for assessing and monitoring PAYGo companies, and leveraging AI analytics from their investee company Nithio:

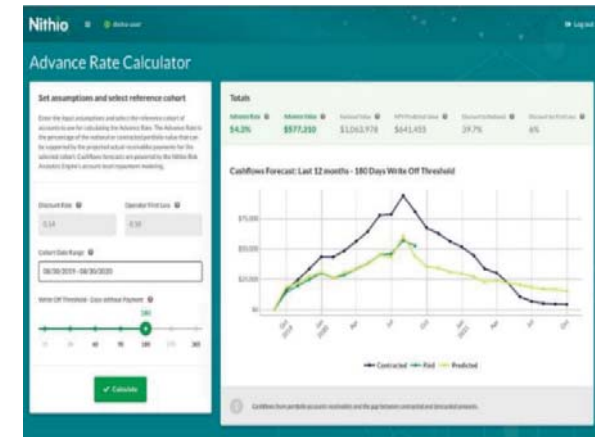
PAYGo PERFORM & HSFG



ElectriFI Tool



Nithio AI Tool



# Contribution: Fund to play a role in the equity drought

**Market intelligence and tools enable ElectriFI to perform deeper analysis, enhance monitoring, and refine financing literacy, putting the fund in a position to help solve the equity drought affecting the industry.**

- The tools used by ElectriFI and the resulting market intelligence is transforming the approach towards new SHS companies by increasing the fund's capacity to perform deeper analysis.
- Among the enhanced analysis, a greater focus is put on company cash runway during due diligence and post approval, including during the contracting period.
- The tools enhance the fund's monitoring capacities while allowing cross-company comparison which enable to better anticipate issues and have informed discussions over investee operations.
- Increased market intelligence enhances ElectriFI's financing literacy, resulting in a deeper understanding of the appropriateness of financial instruments depending on a company's size and shareholding structure.
- The combination of ElectriFI's SHS experience and the tools developed or being used provide the fund with the capacity to play a role in solving the equity drought affecting the industry.

# Toolbox: PAYGo financial analysis

# Toolbox: Navigating the PAYGo Business Model

## Objective

Decode the challenges and the connotation of PAYGo metrics to serve as a premise for building accurate PAYGo analysing and monitoring tools.

## Rationale



**Improve** the financial and operational analysis of PAYGo companies



**Strengthen** the monitoring and reporting of existing portfolio



**Facilitate** the assessment of new leads and investment appraisals



**Structure** new transactions and milestones for disbursements

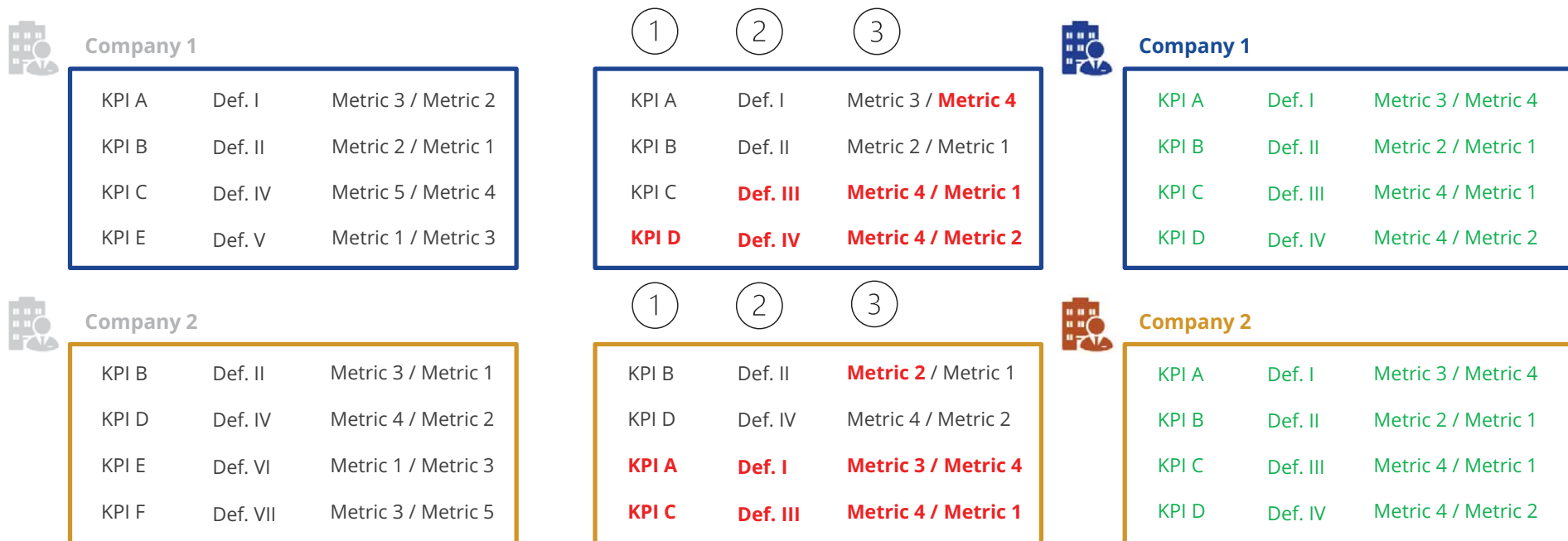


**Develop** market intelligence and understanding of sector performance

# The PAYGo Metric Challenges

Creating market standards, setting clear definitions and maximising metric granularity will increase the comparability of the metrics collected and enable a more accurate analysis and monitoring.

Comparable metrics foster market intelligence and enable for accurate analysis and monitoring



## KPIs & UEs: Categorizing KPIs and UEs

PAYGo PERFORM can be a starting point on which to build KPIs and UEs that assess the size of a company & its growth strategy, the portfolio quality, and the unit metrics.

### **Size of the company and growth strategy**

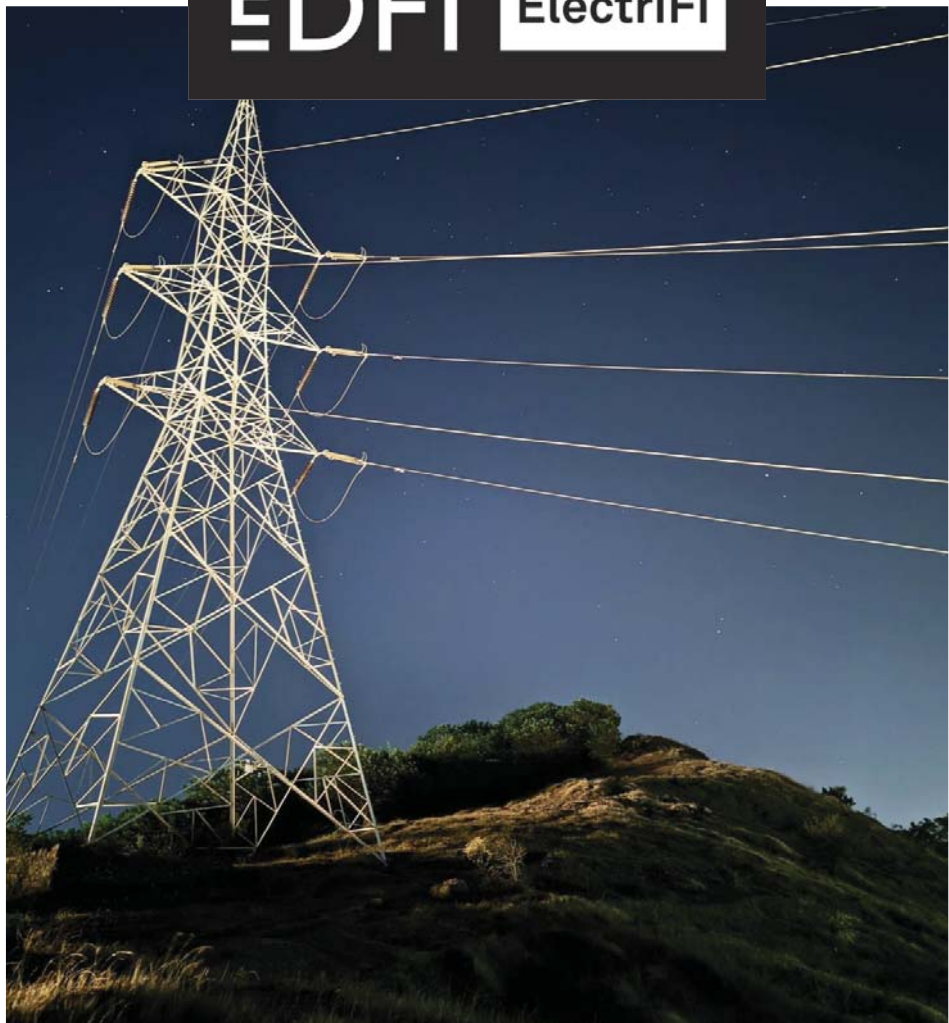
Credit period (contractual and effective)  
Receivables portfolio size  
Receivable growth rate  
(...)

### **Portfolio quality**

Collection ratio  
Receivables at Risk 30/60/90/120 days  
Write-off ratio  
(...)

### **Unit Economics**

Unit follow-on payments  
Unit Provision cost  
Unit financing cost  
(...)

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