

MDB Guidance Assessment

Country	Scope												Timeline		Implementation Tools		Rating overall	
	Coal				Oil				Gas				Coverage	Entry into force	End date for all exemptions	Policy tools		Exemptions
	Up-stream	Mid-stream	Down-stream	Total	Up-stream	Mid-stream	Down-stream	Total	Up-stream	Mid-stream	Down-stream	Total						
Belgium	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Full exclusion for coal	Exclusion	Exclusion	Partial exclusion	Full exclusion for up- and midstream oil. Partial exclusion for downstream oil.	Exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Full exclusion for upstream gas. Partial exclusion for mid- and downstream gas.	not mentioned	Unpublished guidance enforced	not mentioned	An exclusion list and screening criteria are in place.	Exemptions for midstream gas and downstream gas and oil apply if the project contributes to the energy transition and is ideally part of the NDC/LTS. Further exceptions include: Absence of feasible green energy sources coupled with a clear positive development (lack of alternatives should be demonstrated); consideration of a country's income and development context and its potential energy mix.	
Canada*	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream coal.	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream oil.	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream gas.	Covers direct support.	Effective from January 1, 2023	not mentioned	A list of exemptions (mitigation technologies and projects; decommissioning and conversion; transitioning existing non-power infrastructure; natural gas power generation; production, distribution and use of low carbon intensity fuels; advocacy; technical assistance; national security; humanitarian and emergency response; cooking and temperature regulation in private homes) is included in the policy, as well as general screening criteria and additional screening criteria specifically for natural gas power generation. However, Canada supports fossil fuel projects that do not meet the screening criteria if they serve Canadian interests regarding national security or the security of an ally or a recipient country.	The exemption list includes well-defined criteria such as geographic restrictions, contribution to enhanced NDCs and carbon neutrality, lock-in and transition risks, absence of alternatives, application of environmental safeguards.	
Denmark*	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Full exclusion for coal	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Full exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream oil	Exclusion	Exclusion with very limited exceptions	Exclusion with very limited exceptions	Full exclusion for upstream gas. Very limited exceptions for mid- and downstream gas.	Covers direct support.	Entry into force in 2022	Transition period with exceptions for mid- and downstream gas remains until 2025.	An exclusion list, exemption list, and screening criteria are in place.	The exemption list includes well-defined criteria such as geographic restrictions, contribution to enhanced NDCs and carbon neutrality, lock-in and transition risks, absence of alternatives, application of environmental safeguards. LNG terminals for export are not supported.	
Finland				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
France				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Germany				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Ireland				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Italy				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Netherlands	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream coal.	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream oil.	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream gas.	not specified	Unpublished guidance enforced	not mentioned	Some exemption examples (fossil emergency energy infrastructure (back-up generators), carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS)) are named. Screening criteria for all fossil fuel projects are in place.	Screening criteria include energy shortage or energy access in low-income countries with extreme energy poverty, the project's contribution to an energy transition path towards climate neutrality and the absence of a feasible sustainable alternative.	
Portugal				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Spain				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Sweden				no policy document identified				no policy document identified				no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified	no policy document identified			
Switzerland	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Full exclusion for coal	Exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Full exclusion for upstream oil. Partial exclusion for mid- and downstream oil.	Exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Full exclusion for upstream gas. Partial exclusion for mid- and downstream gas.	Covers direct support. Indirect support is mentioned, but with different rules.	Published in May 2022	not mentioned	Some specific exemptions (domestic use, decommissioning) are named and screening criteria for additional project exemptions are included. However, Switzerland also supports non-coal fossil fuel projects if they only meet most of the screening criteria but serve Swiss interests regarding security of supply and employment.	Screening criteria are the four so-called „NEAT“ criteria, taking into consideration the specific circumstances of countries, in particular low-income countries and fragile states: Need, Efficiency (Best Available Technology, BAT), Additionality (financial additionality alone is not sufficient), Transition.	
United Kingdom*	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Full exclusion for coal	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion with very limited exceptions	Full exclusion for up- and midstream oil. Very limited exceptions for downstream oil.	Exclusion	Exclusion with very limited exceptions.	Exclusion with very limited exceptions.	Full exclusion for upstream gas. Very limited exceptions for mid- and downstream gas.	Covers direct support and partially indirect support.	Effective since 31 March 2021	not mentioned	A list of exemptions (emissions efficiency, decommissioning of existing assets, gas power plants, LPG for cooking and heating, carbon capture and storage [CCS] and carbon capture, utilization, and storage [CCUS]) is included in the policy, as well as screening criteria for exemptions.	Screening criteria include a detailed list of funding conditions, as well as examples of allowed and prohibited projects and additional criteria. LNG terminals for export are excluded.	
United States*	Exclusion	Exclusion	Exclusion	Full exclusion for coal	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion for up-, mid-, and downstream oil.	Exclusion	Partial exclusion	Partial exclusion	Full exclusion for upstream gas. Partial exclusion for mid- and downstream gas.	Covers both direct and indirect support.	Issued in August 2022, but no timeline explicitly mentioned	not mentioned	A list of exemptions (decommissioning, carbon capture, use and storage [CCUS], heat generation (domestic and at times industrial or district heat generation)) is included in the policy, as well as screening criteria for gas exemptions.	Screening criteria include geographic restrictions, credible analysis that an alternative clean energy is economically and technically not feasible, positive impact of the project on energy security, energy access or development, and alignment of the project with the goals of the Paris Agreement, as outlined by the joint MDB Paris alignment methodology.	

Beyond Glasgow
  Glasgow benchmark
  Below Glasgow
  No policies/off track

\*publicly available documents