## Early Warning System

EBRD-54252

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### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Georgia
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-12-17
Borrower	JSC MFO Crystal
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 8.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 8.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 8.00 million



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#### **Project Description**

As stated by the EBRD, the project is implemented under the Financial Intermediaries Framework with the proceeds designated for on-lending to private micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Georgia in accordance with the FIF Policy Statement. The transaction will support the leading microfinance institution in Georgia by (i) diversifying its funding structure through medium-term local currency (LCY) resources and (ii) enhancing the growth of its MSME loan portfolio.

### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

The EBRD categorized the project risk as FI.



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• European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

#### **Financial Intermediary**

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

• JSC Micro Finance Organisation Crystal (Financial Intermediary)

### **Private Actors Description**

As stated on the company's website, JSC MFO Crystal ('Crystal') is Georgia's leading financial inclusion organization and its largest by assets non-banking financial institution.

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