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Quick Facts

Countries	Croatia
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2023-04-05
Borrower	Erste&Steiermarkische bank d.d.
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Energy, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 38.16 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 436.12 million

Project Description

As stated on the project disclosure page, on 22nd January 2024 the EBRD invested EUR 35 million in a Senior Preferred Green Bond issued by Erste&Steiermarkische bank d.d., as part of an international issuance of EUR 400 million, listed on Vienna Stock Exchange. This is the first Senior Preferred instrument issued in a Green Bond format by a Croatian bank.

The Project continues to advance the green agenda in Croatia by supporting ESB's Green Bond issuances. It also supports the resilience and regulatory compliance of one of the largest banks in Croatia, and contributes to capital market development.

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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.

- Erste & Steiermärkische Bank d.d. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, ESB is the third largest bank in Croatia by total assets, with ~17.0% market share as of H1-2023. It is classified as Other Systemically Important Institution and is rated A-/stable by Fitch. ESB is owned by Erste Group Bank AG which holds 59.02% of its shares and Steiermarkische Bank und Sparkassen AG which holds 40.98% of its shares.

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