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Quick Facts

Countries	Ukraine
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2023-10-03
Borrower	Preply Inc.
Sectors	Communications, Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 4.60 million

Project Description

As stated by the EBRD, the project entails an equity co-investment in Preply Inc. through HCGF IV Co-Investment I, L.P. Proceeds will be used for research and development activities of Preply in Ukraine.

The main objective of the Project is to support further growth by funding ongoing research and development activities in Ukraine.

The equity proceeds of up to USD 4.6m will be financed for R&D activities of a fast-growing education technology company in Ukraine along with another co-investor, IFC, through a newly created SPV that will be set up by Horizon Capital for its LP co-investors.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The EBRD invests in the client through a financial intermediary.

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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.

- HORIZON CAPITAL (Financial Intermediary) **invests in** Preply Inc. (Client)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, Preply Inc. is one of the leading education technology companies specialising in online language learning marketplaces, with primary development activities in Ukraine.

HCGF IV Co-Investment I, L.P. is a special purpose limited partnership established and managed by Horizon Capital in Delaware, USA for the sole purpose of acquiring and owning shares of Preply Inc.

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