Early Warning System

EBRD-56856
ECM Special Opportunities Fund



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Quick Facts

Countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia

Financial Institutions European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Status Proposed

Bank Risk Rating U

Voting Date 2025-12-03

Borrower ECM PARTNERS INC
Sectors Finance, Industry and Trade

Investment Type(s) Equity

Investment Amount (USD) \$ 52.46 million

Project Cost (USD) \$ 291.43 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of an equity investment of up to EUR 45.0 million in favour of Elements Special Opportunities I RAIF F.C.I.C. LTD.

The Fund will make equity and equity-related investments in small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic, with the objective of generating long-term capital appreciation.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Categorised FI (ESP 2024). The Fund will be prohibited from investing in Category A sub-projects. The Fund Manager will provide annual E&S reporting to the EBRD, detailing compliance with applicable ESRs and any other E&S matters arising during the year.



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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.

• ECM Partners (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

ECM Partners is an institutional investment firm focused on control-oriented strategies across Central and Southeastern Europe.



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