

 Early Warning System

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THE NORTH EAST FUND



Quick Facts

Countries	United Kingdom
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	The North East Fund Limited
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 72.76 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 72.76 million



Project Description

According to EIB website, the North East Fund is an access-to-finance initiative of the seven local authorities of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) area. The fund mobilises European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF), as well as national grants, in addition to an EIB loan for a total of GBP 60m provided under the terms of the UK SME Financial Instruments Programme approved by the EIB in 2015. It will be managed by The North East Fund Limited, a special purpose entity set up by the NELEP area local authorities and managed by the experienced executive team of North East Finance (Holdco) Limited.

For this project, it will be requested to comply with applicable national and EU legislation on environmental and social standpoint, as appropriate.



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Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

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