

 Early Warning System

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PARAGUAY SME AND MIDCAP SUPPORT



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Paraguay
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	European Investment Bank (EIB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2016-10-17
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 109.99 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 209.99 million



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## Project Description

The operation will support local private sector development, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and mid-caps across a broad range of sectors through Paraguay's national development bank, Agencia Financiera de Desarrollo (AFD). The current operation envisages supporting AFD in that policy goal, which coincides with one of the general objectives of the EIB's External Lending Mandate (Decision No 466/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014).



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## Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

This is a financial intermediary operation, covered by the EU Guarantee for EIB loans outside the EU. The Bank will require the financial intermediary to comply with the Bank's environmental and social standards. The final beneficiaries of the envisaged credit line will be limited to private sector entities.



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## Contact Information

### ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF EIB

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[http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints\\_mechanism\\_policy\\_en.pdf](http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf)

When dissatisfied with a complaint to the EIB Complaints Mechanism, citizens can then turn towards the European Ombudsman. A memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the EIB and the European Ombudsman establishes that citizens (even outside of the EU if the Ombudsman finds their complaint justified) can turn towards the Ombudsman on issues related to 'maladministration' by the EIB. Note that before going to the Ombudsman, an attempt must be made to resolve the case by contacting the EIB. In addition, the complaint must be made within two years of the date when the facts on which your complaint is based became known to you. You can write to the Ombudsman in any of the languages of the European Union. Additional details, including filing requirements and complaint forms, are available at:

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/atyourservice/interactiveguide.faces>