

 Early Warning System

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SAWARI VENTURES FUND I



Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY(IES)/FUND
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 11.65 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 52.42 million



Project Description

The project consists of an equity participation in Sawari Ventures Fund I, a USD 50m (EUR c. 42.7m) regional venture capital fund investing in growth and seed stage innovative businesses mostly in Egypt, and to a lesser extent in Tunisia and Morocco.

The fund aims to generate a return on investment for its investors coupled with a significant developmental impact, given:

- its focus on young businesses providing innovative products and solutions;
- its potential to create quality jobs especially for younger generations;
- its provision of growth financing to SMEs principally in Egypt, but also, in Tunisia and Morocco;
- its provision of seed stage financing through a local affiliated accelerator;
- its financial and technical support to innovative businesses.



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Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

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