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Quick Facts

Countries	Germany
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Region Hannover (lead management) and Landesnahverkehrsgesellschaft Niedersachsen mbH (LNVG)
Sectors	Transport

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

The project consists of the purchase of electric multiple units (EMUs) and associated equipment to provide regional passenger rail services on the S-Bahn network around Hanover in Germany.

OBJECTIVES

The project will help to maintain and may improve the public transport service on the S-Bahn around Hanover in Germany. The project will contribute to maintaining public transport competitiveness and attractiveness, thus preventing a modal shift towards private transport, and improve commuting and mobility in the region. The project is in line with the key EU objectives of protection and enhancement of the urban environment and creation of sustainable cities and communities.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

The investment proposed under the project does not fall under either Annex I or Annex II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU, as manufacturing of rail rolling stock is not included in either list. The need for EIA and/or assessment according to the Habitats Directive for associated facilities (e.g. maintenance workshops or depots) will be analysed during the appraisal. The project is expected to have a positive environmental impact by helping the railways to maintain modal share in key sections of the passenger market that are most appropriately met by rail.

PROCUREMENT

The Bank will require the promoter to ensure that contracts for the implementation of the project shall be tendered in accordance with the relevant applicable EU procurement legislation (Directives 2004/18/EC and/or 2004/17/EC as well as Directives 89/665/EEC and 92/13/EEC) as interpreted by the Court of Justice of the EU, with publication of tender notices in the Official Journal of the EU, as and where required.

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