### Early Warning System

# EIB-20160975 FASTWEB FTTx UPGRADE AND EXTENSION



#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Italy
Specific Location	Italy
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2017-05-24
Borrower	Fastweb SPA
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 269.52 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 269.52 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 546.91 million

#### **Project Description**

According to EIB website, the project is a roll-out of the capacity expansion of the high speed broadband network based on fiber-to-the-street (FTTS) and fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) architecture throughout Italy. The project is planned to be implemented from early 2017 until the end of 2019. Primarily, the project will assist in providing ultra-high speed fixed broadband services, as an alternative to and in competition with the incumbent fixed line operator and other existing broadband platforms, both fixed and mobile in Italy. Accordingly, the project is in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy to foster smart growth and develop an economy based on knowledge and innovation.

Based on the bank documents, the project has been found to be acceptable for EIB financing in environmental terms.



#### **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

#### **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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#### **Bank Documents**

• Environmental and Social Data Sheet