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Quick Facts

Countries	Dominican Republic
Specific Location	Provinces of Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata, Espaillat and Duarte
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Government of the Dominican Republic Agency Dirección General de Cooperación Multilateral
Sectors	Transport, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 70.00 million

Project Description

According to the European Investment Bank, the project consists of a framework loan to finance a climate-change resilience initiative, which will support the reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by flooding in the Dominican Republic.

EIB-led assistance will be built on the following principles:

1. Comprehensive and geographically-focused intervention on a maximum of four of the provinces most affected by natural disaster (Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata, Espaillat and Duarte), selected according to criteria of poverty and level of needs;
2. Focus on climate-change resilience, including in particular a substantial element of risk prevention for future natural disasters (floods, tropical storms, earthquakes), with particular attention for climate risks, including areas of preventive hydraulics, environment, resilient infrastructure and application of anti-seismic standards during the reconstruction process;
3. Interventions with a strong social impact and poverty reduction will be a priority.

This initiative will focus on climate/earthquake-resilient infrastructure, particularly social housing, urban infrastructure (including in some cases health and education basic infrastructure), access roads and hydraulic works.

The majority of the investments foreseen by the European Investment Bank are reconstruction, repairs and refurbishment under proper flood-resilient and anti-seismic standards of collapsed and damaged infrastructure in the sectors mentioned above.

If roads are to be financed from this operation, they will be constructed within existing rights of way or on new alignments over short sections.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The investments foreseen by the operation will be subject to environmental screening in line with the requirements of the EU directive (EU Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 2011/92/EU), to determine the need for an EIA as well as potential impact on natural habitat and protected species.

People Affected By This Project

The European Investment Bank says that the environmental impact from roads are likely to be minor. A stakeholder engagement framework and a resettlement policy framework will be prepared in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards.

Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Contact Information

Project contact information not available at the time of disclosure.

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