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### Quick Facts

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| **Financial Institutions** | European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| **Status** | Approved |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | U |
| **Voting Date** | 2019-12-20 |
| **Borrower** | AMETHIS INVESTMENT FUND MANAGER S.A. |
| **Sectors** | Finance |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 22.15 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 166.16 million |

## Project Description

According to bank documents, the operation consists of an equity participation in Amethis Mena Fund II, a closed-end private equity fund targeting investments in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Midcaps active in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The fund will be set up to make privately negotiated equity and equity-related investments without focusing on a specific industry/sector.

The fund targets EUR 150m of total commitments into local companies in need of growth financing, with the aim of building national and regional champions. Its main objective is to acquire significant minority stakes in businesses with strong growth potential.

### Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

### Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- Amethis Investment Fund Manager S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

## Contact Information

**Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure**

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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