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Quick Facts

Countries	Belgium
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	BELFIUS BANQUE
Sectors	Education and Health, Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 110.63 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 619.53 million

Project Description

According to EIB website, the project is an EIB guarantee instrument to support a new portfolio of loans to be created by the Belfius Banque SA, against the issuance of a guarantee on a mezzanine tranche of a granular SME and small midcap portfolio. The guarantee will be provided by EIF and counter-guaranteed by EIB. It aims to enhance access to loan finance mainly to SMEs and midcaps in Belgium (85%) in response to the Covid19 crisis.

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.

- Belfius Bank SA (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

Belfius Bank SA provides banking services. The Bank offers personal banking, insurance, loans, real estate financing, asset management, private equity, savings accounts, credit cards, and investment advisory services. Belfius Bank serves individuals, corporate, institutions, and local authorities in Belgium.

Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF EIB

The EIB Complaints Mechanism is designed to facilitate and handle complaints against the EIB by individuals, organizations or corporations affected by EIB activities. When exercising the right to lodge a complaint against the EIB, any member of the public has access to a two-tier procedure, one internal - the Complaints Mechanism Office - and one external - the European Ombudsman. A complaint can be lodged via a written communication addressed to the Secretary General of the EIB, via email to the dedicated email address complaints@eib.org, by completing the online complaint form available at the following address: http://www.eib.org/complaints/form, via fax or delivered directly to the EIB Complaints Mechanism Division, any EIB local representation office or any EIB staff. For further details, check: http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

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