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Quick Facts

Countries	France
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-05-05
Borrower	BOUYGUES TELECOM SA
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 394.56 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 824.06 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

According to the bank website, the project relates to the first phase of the deployment of a new 5G network in France, as well as the coverage expansion of 4G services in rural areas to mitigate the country's digital divide.

The project supports the development of the French 5G mobile infrastructure enabling ultra-fast data transfer through this very high capacity network, and it is fully in line with the targets set out by the 5G for Europe Action Plan. Furthermore the project contributes directly to the EU broadband targets for 2025 presented in "Connectivity for a Competitive Digital Single Market - Towards a European Gigabit Society," which states that by 2025 all urban areas, as well as major roads and railways, should have uninterrupted 5G wireless broadband coverage, starting with fully-fledged commercial service in at least one major city in each EU member state already by 2020.

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- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Contact Information

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/registers/request-form/request-form-default.htm

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - FRENCH 5G ROLLOUT
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