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Quick Facts

Countries	Congo, Republic of
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2022-12-30
Borrower	Government of Republic of Congo
Sectors	Communications, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 38.54 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 144.52 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the project relates to the implementation of the digital transformation programme of the public administration in Congo. The project will support the Promoter in establishing an e-governance in line with international best practices. It will include transversal components such as the creation of the Personal Data Protection Commission, the definition of the national cybersecurity strategy, the creation of the country's CERT (computer emergency response team), and the definition of an information technology (IT) interoperability framework and data exchange platform. The project will also develop and implement systems targeting tertiary education, the health sector, focusing on management of epidemics, and the council of ministers. Finally, the project will finance digital skills capacity building and the definition of an IT certification framework, targeting public administration and private sector IT professionals, as well the general population.

The project aims to achieve four specific objectives:

- (i) Human capital: contributing to bridging the digital divide in terms of digital skills, digital literacy, access to information and vocational training.
- (ii) Digital Services: promoting access to digital services for citizens and businesses, thereby making the country more attractive to investors.
- (iii) E-governance: promoting better governance based on digital solutions and contribute to the development of a regulatory framework for the digital space, according to European standards.
- (iv) Technical assistance (TA) to support project implementation: The success of this project requires institutional strengthening of the actors concerned through the provision of TA to the project implementation unit, aimed at supporting project implementation and strengthening the Promoter's capacities to operate and maintain the investments.

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Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

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http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/atyourservice/interactiveguide.faces

Bank Documents

• Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - CONGO DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION