### Early Warning System

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#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Portugal
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-12-22
Borrower	BANCO COMERCIAL PORTUGUES SA
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 223.48 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 729.67 million

#### **Project Description**

According to the bank website, the proposed operation concerns a guarantee scheme under the European Guarantee Fund (EGF) in Portugal, which will support the financing of mid-caps, large corporates and public sector entities (PSEs) in sectors that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and that are in line with the EIB's long-term mission (innovation; environment; indirect small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) support, through the requirement of creating an additional portfolio). Linked risk-sharing operation under the European Guarantee Fund (EGF) for mid-caps and other eligible entities in Portugal, aiming to mobilise funding resources to respond to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The supported final recipients are considered to: (i) be viable in the long-term; (ii) meet the lender's requirements for commercial financing, were it not for the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **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.

• Banco Comercial Português, S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated by Bloomberg, Banco Comercial Portugues, S.A. (BCP) attracts deposits and offers commercial and investment banking services. The Bank offers consumer loans, factoring, lease financing, mortgages, insurance, securities brokerage, investment funds, and credit cards. BCP operates offices in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and China.

#### **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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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

#### **Other Related Projects**

• EIB-20200618 EGF - EU PL RISK SHARING INSTRUMENT