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Quick Facts

Countries	Congo, Democratic Republic of
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2022-10-21
Borrower	BANDWIDTH AND CLOUD SERVICES GROUP HOLDINGS
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 21.00 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

The project concerns the second phase of the construction of a fibre optic backbone in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), focusing on underserved areas of the eastern part of the country. The fibre links included in the project will enable high speed broadband in nine towns and will be deployed along the railways (1 280 km long) and on poles along the road (139 km).

ENVIRONMENT

If it were located within the EU, the project would not fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU amending the Directive 2011/92/EU. However, environmental assessments could be required for this kind of project according to DRC national law. In any case, the rollout of telecommunication networks have limited environmental and social negative effects, apart from short duration disturbances during network deployment, whenever civil works are required, which can be mitigated by appropriate measures. Full environmental and social details will be assessed during appraisal.

OBJECTIVE

The project will lead to the deployment of around 1 400 km of new fibre optics networks in underserved regions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, extending the access to mobile broadband and leading to an acceleration of the country's digital transformation.

PROCUREMENT

The Bank will require the Promoter to ensure that implementation of the project will be done in accordance with the Bank's Guide to Procurement.

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Bandwidth and Cloud Services (BCS) Group	Client	-

Contact Information

"No contacts available at the time of disclosure."

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 [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - BANDWIDTH AND CLOUD SOLUTIONS - Etude d'impact [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - BANDWIDTH AND CLOUD SOLUTIONS- Etude d'impact en [Original Source]

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