

 Early Warning System

EIB-20220194

RFI HIGH SPEED RAIL PALERMO-CATANIA



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Italy
<b>Specific Location</b>	between Fiumetorto and Bicocca
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	European Investment Bank (EIB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2022-12-16
<b>Borrower</b>	RETE FERROVIARIA ITALIANA SPA
<b>Sectors</b>	Transport
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 2,284.25 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 8,299.44 million



## Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of the upgrade of 178 km of the Palermo-Catania railway line (between Fiumetorto and Bicocca), which is part of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean TEN-T Corridor. The project connects the northern and eastern coastal urban areas of Sicily with internal parts of the region. The final objective is the construction of an electrified double track railway with an increase in design speed and capacity. The EIB financing will be provided both through direct lending to the Italian State and Linked Risk Sharing operations with acceptable financial institutions, aiming at counter-guaranteeing advance payment and performance bonds that financial institutions will provide to the procurement authority (Rete Ferroviaria Italiana) in reference to contractors' obligations for the project construction contracts.



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- European Investment Bank (EIB)



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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
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## Contact Information

No contact information provided 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 \(ESDS\) - RFI HIGH SPEED RAIL PALERMO-CATANIA](#)
- [Environmental and Social Impact Assessment \(ESIA\) - RFI HIGH SPEED RAIL PALERMO-CATANIA - Documenti](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Impact Assessment \(ESIA\) - RFI HIGH SPEED RAIL PALERMO-CATANIA - Studio di](#) [Original Source]
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