

 Early Warning System

EIB-20220584

BMI MAURITANIA GENDER FINANCE FACILITY



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Mauritania
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	European Investment Bank (EIB)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	FI
<b>Borrower</b>	BANQUE MAURITANIENNE DE L'INVESTISSEMENT
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 19.93 million



## Project Description

According to bank provided information, the proposed operation is an up to EUR 20,000,000 Multiple Beneficiary Intermediated Loan to Banque Mauritanienne de l'Investissement (BMI), to support eligible small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and MidCaps in Mauritania, with a focus on youth employment and gender equality and women's economic empowerment, in line with the 2X Challenge Criteria.

The EIB loan will be entirely used to finance eligible investments made by SMEs and Midcaps in sectors such as transport, agriculture value-chain, manufacturing, tourism and services, thus contributing to reduce youth unemployment and improve gender equality in financial inclusion.

More specifically, at least 30% of the EIB financing will target businesses led and/or founded by a young entrepreneur, employing at least 40% of young people, or having in place a policy and a commitment to implement a programme to train and skill youth.

A minimum of 30% of the loan amount will be targeting businesses owned, run, employing or primarily serving women to promote gender inclusion and women empowerment in businesses, in line with the 2X Challenge, defining financing criteria for gender equality.



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## 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.

- [Banque Mauritanienne de l'Investissement](#) (Financial Intermediary)



## Contact Information

*\*Contact information not 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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[http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints\\_mechanism\\_policy\\_en.pdf](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:

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