Early Warning System

EIB-20220630 CROWDFARMING (IEU G)

#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Spain
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2023-07-19
Borrower	CROWDFARMING SL
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Communications, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$16.81 million
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Project Cost (USD)	\$ 42.58 million



## **Project Description**

As stated by the EIB, the investment programme addresses, among other activities, the further developments and enhancements of the digital marketplace, the integration of a broad and diversified range of payment methods to make user experience as frictionless as possible, the development of tools that foster order recurrence and promote transparency and sustainable agricultural practices, and the development of additional automation capabilities in logistics.

The project will finance mostly investments in research, development and innovation activities, as well as the commercial growth of the company.



## **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)



#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated by the EIB, CrowdFarming is Europe's leading platform for the direct sale of organic food. Founded in 2017 by Juliette Simonin, Moisés Calviño, and brothers Gabriel and Gonzalo Úrculo, they currently have over 300 farmers selling organic food from their farms to more than 500,000 families in Europe. The company provides all the necessary tools farmers need to create their own direct sales channel, whilst enabling consumers to buy quality organic and regenerative products directly from farmers. CrowdFarming pioneered the adoption model in agriculture, which allows consumers to reserve their share of the harvest of a farmer on exchange for a fair price. The company is hence scaling direct sales in Europe through a win-win-winner approach: CrowdFarming benefits farmers, consumers, and creates a positive impact in society and the environment.



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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
-	-	-	-	Crowdfarming SL	Client	Agriculture and Forestry

#### **Contact Information**

## Client - Crowdfarming SL:

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## 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

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#### **Bank Documents**

• Environmental and Social Data Sheet

#### Media

• InvestEU: The EIB and CrowdFarming sign loan to support a sustainable food supply chain and organic



## **Other Related Projects**

• EIB-20220301 EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL INNOVATIONS (INVESTEU VD) PL