

 Early Warning System

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AKKERMANSIA (IEU LS)



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Belgium |
| Financial Institutions | European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| Status | Approved |
| Bank Risk Rating | U |
| Voting Date | 2023-08-02 |
| Borrower | The Akkermansia Company SA |
| Sectors | Education and Health, Industry and Trade |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 21.89 million |
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| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 45.96 million |



Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the project covers research, development and innovation activities (RDI), including clinical trials, RDI management as well as the early commercialisation expenses of the borrower, aiming at exploiting the unique properties of Akkermansia muciniphila, a bacteria that prevents and reverses leaky gut, a root cause of many health conditions.

The project objectives are to generate data on the efficacy of Akkermansia muciniphila, optimise manufacturing processes and support early commercialisation activities.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the EIB, The Akkermansia Company S.A. was founded in 2016 as a spin-off of the UCLouvain and Wageningen University. It is a Belgian microbiome company built on the unique properties of the commensal bacterial species *Akkermansia muciniphila* whose research is focused on demonstrating the key role the bacteria can play in reinforcing gut barrier functions. The company has launched a first product 'Weight Management with Glucose Control' in the EU in 2022 and more recently a second product 'Gut Support with Stress Management' and will continue to add products to its range and to focus on R&D.



| 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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| - | - | - | - | The Akkermansia Company SA | Client | Education and Health |



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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