

 Early Warning System

EIB-20230037

SATELLITE CONNECTION FOR RURAL CENTRAL ASIA



Quick Facts

Countries	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-12-23
Borrower	SES
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 62.43 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 62.43 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project relates to investments in a satellite communications system composed of satellite terminal antennas in around 1,663 underserved villages in remote rural areas of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kirgizstan and Tajikistan) that will connect to the promoter's middle earth orbit constellation. The objective of this system is to enable the local telecom operators to provide broadband internet services to the local populations, by establishing high speed data links between each covered village and its country's backbone network.

The main objective of the project is to foster transparent and inclusive access to public and private connectivity services through increased use of open, affordable, safe and secure broadband for everyone, with a focus on rural areas and stronger efforts for reaching the most marginalised right holders. The project will also promote the development of community networks, hotspots and digital innovation centres to the benefit of under-connected communities.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project relates to installation of satellite terminals in villages in Central Asia. The terminals will have a small footprint and will usually be installed on the roof of existing buildings or mobile network sites, so the project implementation is not expected to have significant environmental or social impacts.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

SES S.A. is a Luxembourgish communications satellite operator supplying video and data connectivity worldwide to broadcasters, content and internet service providers, mobile and fixed network operators, governments and institutions.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	SES S.A.	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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