Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	France
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2023-06-26
Borrower	Franfinance SA, Société Générale SA
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 381.84 million
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Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the operation consists of a loan to Société Générale to be utilised by Franfinance (Leasing subsidiary operating through a vendor network in France) to provide leases to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and mid-caps.

The aim is to enhance access to finance to the target beneficiaries, including those implementing projects in the field of Climate Action and Circular Economy.

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.

- Franfinance SA (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** Société Générale S.A. (Parent Company)

Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg:

Societe Generale provides commercial, retail, investment, and private banking services. The Bank offers consumer credit, vehicle lease financing, information technology equipment leasing, life and non-life insurance, custodian, trade and project financing, currency exchange, treasury, financial, and commodities brokerage services. Societe Generale serves customers worldwide.

Franfinance offers financial services. The Company provides personal, car, and project loans, insurance, business solutions, renovation financing, and customized products. Franfinance serves clients in France.

Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

Financial Intermediary - Franfinance SA:

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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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