Early Warning System

# EIB-20230160 BANCO VOTORANTIM SOLAR ENERGY PORTFOLIO



#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Brazil
Specific Location	Uninformed
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	BANCO VOTORANTIM SA
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 224.47 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 224.47 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 448.94 million



# **Project Description**

# DESCRIPTION

The operation consists of a loan to Banco Votorantim to finance the expansion of its solar energy lending portfolio under a framework loan. Additionally, it will also support its lending portfolio to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and midcaps under a Multi Beneficiary Intermediated Loan (MBIL).

# ENVIRONMENT

Final beneficiaries will be requested to comply with applicable national and EU legislation, as appropriate.

# OBJECTIVE

The aim is to enhance access to finance for climate action projects undertaken by households and private sector companies, as well as eligible small-scale projects carried out by SMEs and mid-caps in Brazil.

### PROCUREMENT

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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.

• BANCO VOTORANTIM S.A. (Financial Intermediary)



#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated by Bloomberg, Banco Votorantim S.A. operates as a commercial bank. The Bank offers treasury, corporate investment banking, middle-market lending, consumer finance, and fund management services. Banco Votorantim serves customers in Brazil.



#### **Contact Information**

<u>EIB</u>

#### 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.

According to the EIB website, you can also request general information through this form: https://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/contact-form.htm.

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