Early Warning System

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ORANO URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY

Quick Facts

Countries	France
Specific Location	Tricastin, Drôme/Vaucluse
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-12-11
Borrower	ORANO SA
Sectors	Energy, Mining
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 420.22 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 1,991.86 million

Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the project is to expand the existing uranium enrichment capacity in Orano's Tricastin nuclear fuel facilities in the France. The new installations will use modern centrifuge technology.

Enhancing capabilities in uranium enrichment contributes to EU energy strategic autonomy, reducing dependence on non-EU countries for critical materials and services. With its own enrichment facilities, the EU can ensure a stable and controlled supply of fuel for its nuclear reactors.

Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the EIB, Orano provides nuclear and renewable energy service. The Company offers nuclear energy production and fuel cycle, as well as waste management, recycling, decommissioning, mining, radiological protection, maintenance, and logistics services. Orano serves customers worldwide.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Orano SA	Client	Energy

Contact Information

No project contacts provided 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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Media

- France: EIB and Orano sign a loan agreement for €400 million relating to the project to extend the
- Orano Gets Go-Ahead From Mongolia for $1.6 Billion Uranium Mine