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Quick Facts

Countries	Portugal
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-02-21
Borrower	BANCO BPI SA
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 324.61 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the proposed loan of up to EUR 300m will be used for financing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as Public Sector Entities, located in Portugal and will have a special focus on Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability projects.

The aim is to enhance access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as Public Sector Entities with a dedication of at least 20% to Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability projects. The loan will target small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and Public Sector Entities located in Portugal with a special focus on subprojects located in cohesion regions. The loan will be intermediated by Banco BPI, a known and financially solid promoter with a positive track record in allocating EIB funds and fully owned by CaixaBank SA, a repeat counterpart of the EIB.

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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 BPI, S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

The loan will be intermediated by Banco BPI, a known and financially solid promoter with a positive track record in allocating EIB funds and fully owned by CaixaBank SA, a repeat counterpart of the EIB.

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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