

 Early Warning System

EIB-20230368

HPB LOANS FOR SME & MIDCAPS



Quick Facts

Countries	Croatia
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-08-21
Borrower	Hrvatska Postanska Banka d.d.
Sectors	Energy, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 55.78 million
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Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the operation is structured as multiple beneficiary intermediated loan (MBIL) to Croatian Postal Bank (HPB) to support the working capital needs and energy transition of Croatian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and mid-caps.

The aim is to enhance access to finance to eligible SMEs and mid-caps in the country and support their investments. At least 30% of the facility will be dedicated to finance climate action and environmental sustainability projects, whilst the entire lending line will bear fully Cohesion target being the entire national territory eligible.



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- 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.

- [HRVATSKA POSTANSKA BANKA DD](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, Hrvatska poštanska banka was established in October 1991 in the ownership of the Croatian Post. In 30 years of business, the ownership structure has changed, always within state ownership, with ups and downs, but with time the Bank remained the only Croatian-owned bank with a market share of more than 1 percent.

In 2015, the Bank was recapitalized by predominantly private shareholders.

During 2019 Hrvatska poštanska banka completed the merger of Jadranska banka and of HPB-Stambena štedionica, and in 2023 of Nova hrvatska banka.

HPB serves 580,000 clients, holds assets of 7,3 billion euros and capital of 595 million euros. The Bank is 77 percent directly or indirectly owned by the Republic of Croatia.

Market-oriented Hrvatska poštanska banka provides a quality and comprehensive financial service to citizens, state administration and Croatian businessmen, especially small and medium-sized entrepreneurs.



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No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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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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http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

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