Early Warning System

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ILIAD FRANCE 5G EXPANSION

Quick Facts

Countries	France
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2023-12-13
Borrower	ILIAD SA
Sectors	Communications, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 326.48 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 1,073.03 million

Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the project relates to the investments in the design and roll-out of a 5G and a 5G-ready multi-band, multi-technology mobile telecommunications network throughout France. The project is expected to lead to a 5G population coverage of 95% at completion.

The project supports the development of the French 5G mobile infrastructure enabling ultra-fast data transfer through this very high capacity network. Moreover, the new broadband networks will be important for the digitalisation and competitive positioning of the country and is expected to provide positive externalities to economic activities by enabling more users to benefit from access to information, digital services and better communications.

This is iliad SA’s seventh loan from the European Investment Bank, bringing the total amount of EIB financing granted since 2009 to more than €1.7 billion.

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Private Actors Description

As stated by the EIB:

Created in the early 1990s, the iliad Group is the inventor of the world's first triple-play box and is now a major European telecoms player, standing out for its innovative, straightforward and attractive offerings. The group is the parent of Free in France, iliad in Italy and Play in Poland, has over 17 400 employees serving 47.8 million subscribers, and generated €9.0 billion in revenue in the last 12 months. In France, the group is an integrated fixed and mobile ultra-fast broadband operator and had 22.1 million retail subscribers as at 30 September 2023 (14.8 million mobile subscribers and 7.3 million fixed-line subscribers). In Italy, where it launched its business in 2018 under the iliad brand, it is the country's fourth-largest mobile operator with over 13% of the market share, and had more than 10.6 million mobile subscribers as at 30 September 2023. In Poland, the group became an integrated convergent operator following the acquisition of UPC Polska in 2022, and had over 13.0 million mobile subscribers and more than 2.0 million fixed-line subscribers as at 30 September 2023. The iliad Group is Europe's sixth-largest operator by number of retail mobile subscribers (excluding M2M) and fixed-line internet subscribers.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Iliad SA	Client	Communications

Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

Client - Iliad SA:

Website: https://www.iliad.fr/en/

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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