

 Early Warning System

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SECOND INTERCONNECTOR MALTA SICILIA



Quick Facts

Countries	Malta
Specific Location	Maghtab (Malta) and Ragusa (Sicily, Italy)
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Government of Malta
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 184.47 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 184.47 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 323.62 million



Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the project will finance the construction of a new high-voltage electrical subsea cable interconnection between Maghtab in Malta and Ragusa in Sicily. The cable will have an approximate length of 122 km, a capacity of 225 MW, and a nominal voltage of 220 kV.

The project has undergone an EIA assessment both in Malta and Italy. In Malta, the EIA was approved in August 2023, and the development permit was issued in January 2024. In Italy, the permitting process began with the submission of the application in August 2023, granting a Construction and Operation permit on 18th December 2024. Screening approval was granted by Regione Sicilia in August 2024, and the public consultation concluded positively in October 2024.

The Project is expected to contribute to climate action and environmental sustainability (CA&ES) objectives, in particular to climate mitigation.

The new cable will operate in parallel with the existing one connected to the same substations in Malta and Italy.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

As stated by the EIB, typical impacts that can be expected for the project on both terrestrial and marine environment include habitat damage or loss, noise, chemical pollution, heat and electric field emissions. The most significant impacts that have been identified are during implementation, they are limited and mostly reversible.

The permit and the underlying EIA studies confirm that, subject to the implementation of the specified mitigating measures, the project would neither have significant adverse effects on the environment nor adversely affect the integrity of any European site in relation to the site's conservation objectives.



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Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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