

 Early Warning System

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BNL ENHANCED SUSTAINABLE SME MIDCAPS SUPPORT II



Quick Facts

Countries	Italy
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-07-31
Borrower	BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO SPA
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 162.36 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 811.79 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the operation consists in a guarantee to Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL) covering the mezzanine tranche of a granular portfolio of loans to small, medium sized enterprises (SMEs), mid-caps and large corporates in Italy.

The transaction, which is an unfunded mezzanine investment on a synthetic ABS originated by BNL, is a de-linked product aiming at relieving capital on an existing loan portfolio.

The aim is to enhance access to finance for the specific market segment. More specifically, the guarantee will enable BNL to generate a new portfolio of loans to support working capital and investments needs of the target beneficiaries.

Additionally, 25 % of the new loans will finance projects accelerating the sustainable transition of the Italian economic fabric and businesses towards energy efficiency, energy production from alternative sources and CO2 emission reduction.

Finally, the operation will bring a positive economic and social impact nationwide since BNL will deploy 50% of the new portfolio to the benefit of SMEs, mid-caps and large corporates operating and/or domiciled in eligible Cohesion Regions, namely in Southern and Insular Italy.



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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.

- [Banca Nazionale del Lavoro SpA](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

Banca Nazionale del Lavoro S.p.A. is an Italian bank headquartered in Rome. It is Italy's sixth largest bank and has been a subsidiary of BNP Paribas since 2006. Integration process was concluded in 2008, BNL with its group oversees the commercial banking activity in Italy.



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- [Project data sheet\(s\) - BNL ENHANCED SUSTAINABLE SME MIDCAPS SUPPORT II](#)



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- EIB-20220538 EU PROGRAMME LOAN FOR ABS OPERATIONS