

 Early Warning System

EIB-20230615
CRYSTAL FIBRE ROLLOUT



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Germany |
| Financial Institutions | European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| Status | Approved |
| Bank Risk Rating | U |
| Voting Date | 2024-08-28 |
| Borrower | DEUTSCHE GLASFASER GROUP GMBH |
| Sectors | Communications |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 389.36 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 1,079.08 million |



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project concerns the design and rollout of a Fibre to the Home (FTTH) broadband network throughout Germany.

The aim is to ensure FTTH fibre optic broadband coverage in rural and sub-urban areas in nearly all federal states in Germany.

EIB loan will diversify the sources of financing of the borrower, which is critical in the context of a large non-recourse financing and the fact that lending market may have reached its limits in terms of sector exposure. EIB participation in the project is expected to crowd-in further lenders. The EIB loan will accelerate the Borrower's investment plan. In addition, EIB financial added-value will improve the financial sustainability of the borrower and the project.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Investments in fixed telecommunication projects (including civil works investments for fibre roll-out and transmission systems) are not listed in Annex I or II of the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU, amending EIA Directive 2011/92/EU. Therefore an EIA procedure is not required. Fixed telecommunications systems have minor environmental effects, apart from some disturbances during work execution, which can be mitigated by appropriate measures.

In order to minimize the impact during construction, the promoter will make use of existing infrastructure to the possible extent. The network will be deployed in underground ducts and manholes along existing roads in the project's residential areas, where small street cabinets will be located.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

Deutsche Glasfaser Holding GmbH is a telecommunications company founded in 2011. The registered office of the company in the commercial register is Borchen, North Rhine-Westphalia, and the administrative headquarters are located in Düsseldorf. The company operates the expansion of FTTH fiber-optic networks to the home and is a telecommunications service provider in the areas of Internet, television and telephony.



| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| - | - | - | - | Deutsche Glasfaser Group GMBH | Client | - |



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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- [Project data sheet\(s\) - CRYSTAL FIBRE ROLLOUT](#)