### Early Warning System

# EIB-20230620 KAUNAS DISTRICT HEATING UPGRADE



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#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Lithuania
Specific Location	Kaunas, and others
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-07-24
Borrower	KAUNO ENERGIJA AB
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 37.84 million
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Project Cost (USD)	\$ 75.68 million

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#### **Project Description**

According to the EIB, the operation consists of the financing of a three-year investment programme concerning the upgrade and extension of the district heating networks in Kaunas city and several other, smaller municipalities, including the modernisation of existing and construction of new heat generation assets.

The investment programme includes numerous sub-operations from installation of biomass-fired boilers to the modernisation and extension of district heating grids.

The objectives are to maintain and expand the district heating systems, decrease distribution losses and improve the reliability of heat supply through the modernisation and extension of the grids, and installation of new and modernisation of existing renewable heat generation units.

#### **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated by Bloomberg, Kauno Energija PVA in an electric utility company in Lithuania. The Company produces, sells, and distributes electricity and thermal energy, as well as heat and hot water. Kauno Energija services industrial and residential customers in the Kaunas area. The residents in the area consume over 60% of the thermal energy.



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Kauno Energija AB	Client	Energy

#### **Contact Information**

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

#### **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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#### **Bank Documents**

• Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS)

#### Media

• Lithuania: Kaunas to get modern and greener heating with €35 million support from EIB