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# **Quick Facts**

Countries	France
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-07-17
Borrower	BPCE
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 820.54 million

# **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the operation will support the intermediary in providing finance to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), mid-caps as well as local authorities. 35% will be dedicated to innovation, aiming at supporting a sustainable growth.

The aim is to finance small and medium sized projects carried out by the target beneficiaries.

### **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

### **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.

• BPCE SA (Financial Intermediary)

### **Private Actors Description**

*BPCE* (for Banque Populaire Caisse d'Epargne) is a major French banking group formed by the 2009 merger of two major retail banking groups, Groupe Caisse d'Épargne and Groupe Banque Populaire. As of 2021, it was France's fourth-largest bank, the seventh largest in Europe, and the nineteenth in the world by total assets. It has more than 8,200 branches nationwide under their respective brand names serving nearly 150 million customers.

#### **Contact Information**

No contacts available 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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http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints mechanism policy en.pdf

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