

 Early Warning System

EIB-20230886

GEFA LOAN FOR SMES MIDCAPS AND CLIMATE ACTION



Quick Facts

Countries	Germany
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	F1
Borrower	GEFA Bank GmbH
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 217.00 million
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Project Description

According to the EIB, the operation will enable Gefa Bank to support small and medium sized enterprises and mid-caps in Germany and potentially in other EU Member States, with a Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability (green) window.

The aim is to improve access to finance to the final beneficiaries.



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- 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.

- **GEFA BANK GMBH** (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** **Société Générale S.A.** (Parent Company)



Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, GEFA Bank GmbH provides transport equipment finance and leasing services. The Company offers inventory finance, credit, loans, hire purchase, and insurance services. GEFA Bank serves transport, manufacturing, construction, agriculture, information technology, communication, and healthcare sectors.



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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>

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF EIB

The EIB Complaints Mechanism is designed to facilitate and handle complaints against the EIB by individuals, organizations or corporations affected by EIB activities. When exercising the right to lodge a complaint against the EIB, any member of the public has access to a two-tier procedure, one internal - the Complaints Mechanism Office - and one external - the European Ombudsman. A complaint can be lodged via a written communication addressed to the Secretary General of the EIB, via email to the dedicated email address: complaints@eib.org, by completing the online complaint form available at the following address: <http://www.eib.org/complaints/form> via fax or delivered directly to the EIB Complaints Mechanism Division, any EIB local representation office or any EIB staff. For further details, check:

http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

When dissatisfied with a complaint to the EIB Complaints Mechanism, citizens can then turn towards the European Ombudsman. A memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the EIB and the European Ombudsman establishes that citizens (even outside of the EU if the Ombudsman finds their complaint justified) can turn towards the Ombudsman on issues related to 'maladministration' by the EIB. Note that before going to the Ombudsman, an attempt must be made to resolve the case by contacting the EIB. In addition, the complaint must be made within two years of the date when the facts on which your complaint is based became known to you. You can write to the Ombudsman in any of the languages of the European Union. Additional details, including filing requirements and complaint forms, are available at:

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/atyourservice/interactiveguide.faces>