

 Early Warning System

EIB-20230917

LUZARO LOAN FOR SMES AND MIDCAPS III



### Quick Facts

Countries	Spain
Specific Location	Basque Country
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-02-21
Borrower	LUZARO ESTABLECIMIENTO FINANCIERO DE CREDITO SA
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 104.64 million



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## Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the operation consists in a loan to support the intermediary in financing small and medium-sized enterprises and mid-caps in Spain, mainly located in the Basque Country.

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

The EIB financing is guaranteed by the Basque government, and will help mobilise more than €280 million in investment in the real economy, facilitating access to credit with favourable conditions for more than 1 000 Basque firms.



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## 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.

- [LUZARO ESTABLECIMIENTO FINANCIERO DE CREDITO SA](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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### Private Actors Description

*Luzaro* is a financial institution granting long-term participatory loans. It was established in 1992 to promote, foster and provide capital to SMEs in the autonomous community of the Basque Country, and to spur and support SME creation, growth and financing with other initiatives and loans. It is a unique entity stemming from public-private partnership between the Basque government, Kutxabank, Laboral Kutxa, Abanca, Sabadell, IVF and Enisa.



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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>

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## Media

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