### Early Warning System

# EIB-20230946 PRINCESS ELISABETH ISLAND



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#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Belgium
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-10-23
Borrower	ELIA TRANSMISSION BELGIUM SA
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 696.97 million
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Project Cost (USD)	\$ 1,184.85 million

#### **Project Description**

As stated by the EIB, Princess Elisabeth, where the project is located, is an artificial island located 45 km off the Belgian coast. The project will cover the first phase of the programme supporting the island's electricity transmission infrastructure.

The project will act as an electricity hub connecting new planned offshore wind farms and interconnectors to the onshore electrical transmission grid.

#### **Investment Description**

• European Investment Bank (EIB)

#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated on the company's website, Elia Transmission Belgium operates the electricity transmission network in Belgium. We manage the Belgian high-voltage transmission grid (30 kV to 400 kV), which comprises over 8,802.50 km of overhead lines and underground cables.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	ELIA TRANSMISSION BELGIUM SA	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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http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints mechanism policy en.pdf

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#### **Bank Documents**

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS)
- ESIA Eliminated alternatives
- ESIA Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)
- ESIA Milieueffectenbeoordeling
- ESIA Milieueffectenrapport
- ESIA Modelling the long-term morphological effect of the EIA island on Natura2000 and gravel beds
- ESIA Niet-technische samenvatting
- ESIA Ontwerp passende beoordeling
- ESIA Passende beoordeling
- ESIA Plume modelling report
- ESIA Visserij-effectenrapport

#### Media

• Belgium: EIB commits €650 million to support green energy transition with Elia Transmission Belgium