### Early Warning System

# EIB-20240115 BCEE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME



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#### **Quick Facts**

Countries Luxembourg

Financial Institutions European Investment Bank (EIB)

Status Proposed Bank Risk Rating U

BANQUE ET CAISSE D'EPARGNE DE L'ETAT LUXEMBOURG (BCEE)

Sectors Construction, Finance

Investment Type(s) Loan

Investment Amount (USD)\$ 107.31 millionProject Cost (USD)\$ 214.61 million

#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the project will support the construction of affordable housing in Luxembourg.

The aim is to improve the provision of adequate affordable housing in Luxembourg. The current market failure is due to the lack of adequate housing at affordable prices as the available housing supply on the market does not cater for the demand of low or modest income people.

The financing, intermediated by and provided in partnership with BCEE, will tackle this market gap by offering a long maturity at attractive financing costs, thus indirectly supporting affordable rent levels in the market.



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#### **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.

• Banque et Caisse d'Épargne de l'État Luxembourg (Financial Intermediary)

#### **Private Actors Description**

Banque et Caisse d'Épargne de l'État (BCEE) - The State Bank and Savings Bank, also known by its Luxembourgish name Spuerkeess, is the leading national financial institution founded in 1856 and governed by the law of 24 March 1989. Spuerkeess is a commercial bank wholly owned by the government of Luxembourg.

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#### **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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