### Early Warning System

# EIB-20240205 UKRGASBANK GUARANTEE FACILITY II



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#### **Quick Facts**

| Countries               | Ukraine                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Financial Institutions  | European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| Status                  | Approved                       |
| Bank Risk Rating        | U                              |
| Voting Date             | 2024-07-16                     |
| Borrower                | PJSC JSB UKRGASBANK            |
| Sectors                 | Finance, Industry and Trade    |
| Investment Type(s)      | Guarantee                      |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 3.27 million                |
| Project Cost (USD)      | \$ 23.98 million               |

#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the operation consists of an EU4Business Guarantee Facility (GF) - providing a partial portfolio guarantee to Ukrgasbank in Ukraine.

The aim is to finance projects carried out by micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises in eligible sectors in Ukraine.

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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.

• Ukrgasbank (Financial Intermediary)

#### **Private Actors Description**

Ukrgasbank is a public bank in Ukraine, established in 1993 as Hajibey Bank and known in 1995–1996 as Intergasbank. Until 2009, its largest shareholder was Vasyl Horbal. That year, however, the bank underwent financial distress and was recapitalized by the Ukrainian state. As of 2019, the government of Ukraine owned 95 percent of its equity capital, and Ukrgasbank is still under public ownership as of 2024.

By 2024, the bank had 220 branches servicing around 1.5 million individuals and over 87,000 corporate and SME 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

#### ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF EIB

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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