

 Early Warning System

EIB-20240486

SBCI - LOAN FOR SMES



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Ireland
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	European Investment Bank (EIB)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Borrower</b>	Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance, Industry and Trade
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 221.29 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 221.29 million



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## Project Description

According to the EIB, the operation will support small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) as well as mid-caps in Ireland, by providing finance to SBCI and other non-bank lenders (leasing companies, asset financiers, credit unions) in the country.

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



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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.

- [Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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### Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) was established in 2014 to avail of both national and international funding for the purpose of making low-cost credit available to Irish SMEs. Credit is provided through on-lending partners who, in turn, lend directly to SMEs.

The Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland is incorporated in Ireland and is a private company limited by shares.



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## 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>

## ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF EIB

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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>