

 Early Warning System

EIB-20240580  
AVIONICS AND RADAR RDI



## Quick Facts

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| Countries               | France                         |
| Financial Institutions  | European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| Status                  | Approved                       |
| Bank Risk Rating        | U                              |
| Voting Date             | 2025-07-18                     |
| Borrower                | THALES SA                      |
| Sectors                 | Industry and Trade, Transport  |
| Investment Type(s)      | Loan                           |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 523.29 million              |
| Project Cost (USD)      | \$ 1,064.02 million            |



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## Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project pertains to investments in research, development and technology in the fields of avionics and radar technologies of a major European player.

The project pertains to product development in the fields of avionics, including the development and integration of cockpit systems and associated services such as connected and secure flight management systems (FMS), and radar technologies. The project aims to support the promoter's research, development and innovation (RDI) activities in particular in software engineering designed for dual use applications in avionics and radar systems.

The R&D activities included in the financed project cover a wide range of technologies within the avionics, radar, defence electronics and security business areas, particularly in the avionics and radar sectors. The project will contribute to increasing the promoter's industrial and engineering expertise and to accelerating the accumulation and diffusion of knowledge in Europe, through the promoter's collaboration with universities, research centres and industrial partners. The promoter's investment is also expected to contribute to increasing the technological competence and leadership of the European aerospace and defence industry. The project contributes to the Bank's "Innovation, Digital and Human Capital" PPG. By supporting investments of a leading aerospace and defence European company, the project is expected to contribute to the Bank's Transversal Public Policy Goal of Security and Defence. The project addresses the increasing policy focus on critical technologies supporting European security. The promoter's investments address the market failures and gaps associated with projects generating positive knowledge externalities. Origination and appraisal of the operation have benefited from the EIB technical expertise. The proposed operation satisfactorily meets the required funding needs of the promoter as it provides for the necessary flexibility in terms of long tenor and repayment profile, together with a sizeable financing volume. The EIB funding is expected to improve the promoter's financial profile by further diversifying its funding sources.



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## Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Environmental and Social Data Sheet, the project does not carry significant labour risks and risk to health and safety is regarded minimal, with the overall social risk being low. The promoter fosters social inclusion and diversity within its workforce.

The Promoter's solutions for air transport operators are designed to optimise efficiency while limiting environmental impact, in particular by optimising flight times and securing flight paths.

The project is not subject to the EIA Directive, it has non-significant environmental effects and is aligned to the Paris agreement for low-carbon criteria.



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## Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



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## Private Actors Description

According to Bloomberg, *Thales* designs and builds aerospace and defense electrical systems. The Company offers flight deck systems, avionics equipment, and navigation solutions.



| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| -               | -                    | -                      | -        | Thales SA       | Client               | -                      |



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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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## Bank Documents

- [23/09/2025 - Environmental and Social Data Sheet \(ESDS\) - AVIONICS AND RADAR RDI](#)