

 Early Warning System

EIB-20240663

ACOSOL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



Quick Facts

Countries	Spain
Specific Location	Province of Málaga
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-11-18
Borrower	ACOSOL SAU
Sectors	Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 202.69 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 637.04 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project will finance water supply and wastewater schemes from the Promoter's investment programme over the period 2025-2029. The underlying schemes aim to improve the operation of systems and the quality of services provided to municipalities and customers. These include optimising water resource allocation through improved reservoir management and connections between conveyors, investing in energy efficiency to reduce ACOSOL's carbon footprint, advancing digitalisation, rehabilitating ageing wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure, and promoting wastewater reuse.

Water supply investments will focus on the upgrade of interconnections within ACOSOL's water sources of supply (Ramal Este and Ramal Oeste). It will also improve the operation of the system through the construction of new regulatory storage reservoirs (Cabecera and Ramal Oeste reservoirs), together with the water production capacity increase of Rio Verde Water Treatment Plant. Part of the loan will be also allocated to improve the energy efficiency of Marbella desalination plant, including photovoltaic panels and the preliminary study for a new desalination plant.

Investments in sanitation will focus on the upgrading of aged trunk sewers, currently facing sea water intrusion and preventing the potential use of reclaimed water for the irrigation of golf courses due to high levels of salinity. ACOSOL's investment plan will also upgrade its WWTPs to align with the requirements of the recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 2024/3019/EU, including energy cogeneration and deodorisation in wastewater and sludge treatment infrastructure. Both components will contribute to alleviate the overexploitation of the aquifers in the Costa del Sol area of Malaga.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Environmental and Social Data Sheet, large parts of the underlying investment programme consist of the upgrade and expansion of networks and facilities in urban and residential areas, with the main environmental impacts being those during construction (noise, dust, traffic, etc) and not normally requiring a full EIA, which is the case of the components to be financed by the Project. The resolution of the competent authority on the need for a simplified environmental impact assessment for the upgrade of wastewater treatment plants and the extension of tertiary treatment is still pending.

Some water conveyors will cross riverbeds protected by the Natura 2000 network, which will be considered when designing the component. It must receive the confirmation from the competent authority that there are no significant effects.

Potential social impacts include the possible disruption of services and traffic, noise and temporary occupation of public and private space, and safety hazards during construction only, common for this type of projects in urban environments, and will be addressed as part of the planning for each sub-operation.

Some components might require the acquisition of private property for public purpose. Once identified, ACOSOL will launch the expropriation procedure according to the national legal framework.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)



Private Actors Description

ACOSOL, the Project promoter, is a public company in charge of providing water and sanitation services to several municipalities of the western Costa del Sol (“Mancomunidad de Municipios de la Costa del Sol Occidental”), located in the Spanish province of Málaga.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	ACOSOL SAU	Client	-



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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