Early Warning System

EIB-20240665

ESTONIAN RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

Quick Facts

Countries	Estonia
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-07-29
Borrower	EESTI RAUDTEE AS
Sectors	Infrastructure, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 51.98 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 146.70 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the project will finance the renewal and upgrade of railway infrastructure in Estonia.
In details, it consists of three components:
- electrification (new and upgrade) of Tallinn-Muuga section;
- renewal of railway infrastructure, track and buildings;
- the development of a Wagon Management System.

The aim is to increase the quality of rail services in the country and promote rail travel. Consequently, it should enhance sustainable transport, in line with EU objectives.
Being located in a convergence region and facilitating mobility, the project also promotes regional development.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Environmental and Social Data Sheet, the Project is crossing on existing alignment one Natura 2000 site – Seljamäe (EE0060211), protected under the Habitats Directive (section Kiltsi – Vägeva).

The following Natura 2000 sites are located in the Project's vicinity up to 5 km:
1. Paljassaare (EE0010170) – Protected under the Birds Directive
2. Pirita (EE0010120) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
3. Anija (EE0010109) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
4. Parila (EE0010111) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
5. Maapaju (EE0010113) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
6. Kõrvemaa (EE0060171) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
7. Ilmandu (EE0060210) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
8. Ebavere (EE0060215) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
9. Äntu (EE0060212) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
10. Endla (EE0080172) – Protected under both Birds and Habitats Directives
11. Kärevere (EE0080371) – Protected under the Habitats Directive
12. Ropka-Ihaste (EE0080313) – Protected under both Birds and Habitats Directives

The competent authority concluded and confirmed that the Project is not likely to have significant negative effects on NATURA 2000 sites as per its letter issued in 2025.

The Project does not require land acquisition. It requires demolition of one existing non residential building (old hangar) .

Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Private Actors Description

AS Eesti Raudtee (*English: Estonian Railways Ltd*) is the national railway infrastructure management authority of Estonia. It owns a network of 1,191 kilometres (740 mi) of broad gauge (1,524 mm (5 ft)) railway throughout the country, including the 192 kilometres (119 mi) used by the Elron commuter trains around Tallinn. It is wholly owned by the Government of Estonia.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
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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

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - ESTONIAN RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE