

 Early Warning System

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ADIF BARCELONA SANTS STATION MODERNISATION



Quick Facts

Countries	Spain
Specific Location	Barcelona
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-07-24
Borrower	ADIF ALTA VELOCIDAD
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 135.18 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 276.24 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project will finance the modernisation and upgrade of the multi-modal railway station at Barcelona Sants, serving both high-speed and conventional services (regional and suburban lines). Sants serves as the primary rail terminal in the city, handling over 40 million passengers annually.

The aim is to improve the space available for rail passengers and optimise the mobility flows. Additionally, the project will expand the building passenger area of the terminal by 30% in order to better serve the growing passenger rail traffic and avoid overcrowding, queuing and loss of comfort. This will allow to better organise departure/arrival flows and improve the intermodally with other public transport modes as well as soft modes through new street-level access points.

The project will not include any works on the rail systems that are located on the underground level. The inclusion of other small schemes for safety and accessibility across the network of suburban rail stations in the metropolitan area of Barcelona is under consideration.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Environmental and Social Data Sheet, the Project is located in the city of Barcelona and is surrounded by densely urbanised areas. There are no Natura 2000 or other protected sites in the vicinity of the Project.

The main impacts during the construction phase are noise and vibrations, generation of construction waste, disturbance to traffic and mobility in the Project area as well as noise and nuisance to the passengers and employees of the station itself.

The Project does not require any land acquisition or resettlement.



Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

A €115 million loan.



Private Actors Description

The biggest infrastructure investor in Spain, *Adif Alta Velocidad* is at the forefront of the transition to a new mobility model that is smarter, safer, more sustainable, more comprehensive and more multimodal. The company is creating a rail network to complete high-speed routes and trans-European transport corridors. The liberalisation of rail passenger transport, the digital transformation and large-scale cultural change are among the challenges facing the company as it aims to consolidate rail as the main mode of transport for the 21st century. Adif AV is an entity under the Spanish Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Adif Alta Velocidad	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [Environmental and Social Data Sheet \(ESDS\) - ADIF BARCELONA SANTS STATION MODERNISATION](#)

Media

- [Spain: EIB and Adif AV sign €115 million loan to modernise and expand Barcelona Sants railway station](#)