

 Early Warning System

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TECH-EU COMAU ADVANCED AUTOMATION RDI



Quick Facts

Countries	France, Italy
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-11-28
Borrower	Comau SpA
Sectors	Energy, Industry and Trade, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 57.98 million
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Project Cost (USD)	\$ 131.04 million

Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the project comprises of a selection of the promoter's investments in research, development and innovation on robotics, advanced automation solutions, e-mobility, advanced machine tools, as well as on digitalisation. The project will be carried out primarily in Italy and to a smaller extent in France over the period between 2025 and 2028.

The project aims to support the promoter in developing innovative and more efficient solutions for key applications, including logistics, automation in renewable energy equipment manufacturing, circular economy, and e-mobility, where the research, development and innovation activities focus on creating cutting edge products and technologies to serve the automotive electrification value chain. Investments in digitalisation and cybersecurity are primarily directed toward integrating advanced solutions into the promoter's products.

The project is in line with the InvestEU objective of research, innovation and digitalisation as it promotes advanced automation in sustainable mobility and other industries addressed by the EU Green Deal.

The Project strengthens the know-how and expertise of a leading EU supplier of industrial automation and advanced robotics, thus supporting the competitiveness of the European supply chain for advanced manufacturing technologies.

Due to the Promoter's close collaboration with the academia, customer industries and suppliers, the Project contributes to the diffusion of knowledge in these advanced technologies in Europe and brings positive stimulus to further R&D and innovation.

The Project's activities are in line with the Bank's IDHC (Innovation, Digital and Human Capital) public policy goal. Part of the Project contributes to the Bank's Economic and Social Cohesion transversal policy objective as well as to Bank's Climate Action & Environmental Sustainability (CA&ES) cross-cutting objective. Part of the Project's activities are also aligned with the objectives of the EIB RePowerEU package.

The proposed operation satisfactorily meets the funding needs of the Promoter providing additional flexibility in terms of longer tenors and lower cost of funding. The EIB funding is expected to improve the Promoter financial structure by spreading out its repayment profile, reducing the cost of newly incurred indebtedness as well as diversifying its funding base.



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Private Actors Description

As stated by the EIB, [Comau](#) is a worldwide leader in delivering advanced automation solutions across diverse industries. Together with Automha, a fully owned company specializing in global intralogistics and warehousing automation, Comau is enabling companies of all sizes in almost any industry to unlock the full potential of automation, robotics, and digital technologies – and to increase their efficiency, flexibility, and competitiveness in rapidly growing markets.

Comau's portfolio includes products and systems for vehicle manufacturing, with a strong presence in e-Mobility, as well as cutting-edge robotics and digital solutions for a variety of industrial sectors, such as shipyards, food&beverage, logistics, pharma, and renewable energies. Comau also offers project management and consultancy services and has an internationally recognized training Academy. Automha develops intelligent, high-performance automated storage and retrieval handling systems that optimize efficiency and reliability across diverse industries. Headquartered in Turin, Italy, Comau has an international network of 7 innovation centers and 11 manufacturing plants that span 11 countries and employ 3,800 people. Automha, headquartered in Bergamo, Italy, has 4 subsidiaries and manufacturing facilities in both Italy and China, which employ a total of 280 people.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Comau SpA	Client	Industry and Trade



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Bank Documents

- [Environmental and Social Data Sheet \(ESDS\)](#)

Media

- [Italy: €50 million to Comau for research and development in robotics, advanced automation and digit](#)



Other Related Projects

- EIB-20220093 PAN-EUROPEAN INNOVATION LENDING ENVELOPE I