



EIB-20250337

Lactunion Modernization and Development Capex



Quick Facts

Countries	France
Specific Location	Abbeville, Braine; Hauts-de-France
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2026-01-14
Borrower	LACTINOV SERVICES SAS
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 58.23 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 58.23 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 144.41 million



Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the promoter is a French dairy cooperative. The loan will support its investments to expand, modernise, and decarbonise the manufacturing process for UHT dairy-based products during the period 2025-2029.

The objective of the project is to modernise the Promoter's production facilities by upgrading production lines and expanding on-site storage capacity to enable the manufacture of UHT products for specialised nutrition markets, while also implementing technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, in alignment with the Promoter's decarbonisation objectives.

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Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, the Lact'Union cooperative is the result of the merger in 2013 between the historical cooperatives VPM and Coop'Alliance.

Founded in 1943 and 1945 respectively, they have each played a part in the history of the Picardy dairy industry and in its post-war reconstruction. The difficult aftermath highlighted the importance of this raw material and encouraged producers to form a cooperative.

In 1992, the two cooperatives decided to join forces for the first time to create Orlait, a subsidiary specialising in the marketing of dairy products to hypermarkets and supermarkets.

Another important step was taken in 2011 when a joint holding company was created with the aim of holding 100% of the subsidiaries' dairy activities. It was therefore only natural that Coop'Alliance and VPM merged in 2013 to become Lact'Union.

Today, our cooperative has 630 Cooperative Members, 375 collection points mainly covering the departments of Aisne, Marne, Nord, Pas-de-Calais, Somme, Oise, Loiret, and Yonne, for a collected volume of 230 million litres of milk per year.

The cooperative alone employs 40 people to serve its members. Our trucks collect the milk from the dairy farms 365 days a year and deliver it to its processing sites in the Hauts-de-France region, in Abbeville and Braine.



Early Warning System

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Groupe Lact'Union	Client	Agriculture and Forestry



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Bank Documents

- 16/01/2026 ESDS-LACTUNION MODERNIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT CAPEX



Other Related Projects

- EIB-20210713 AGRICULTURE AND BIOECONOMY PROGRAM LOAN III