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Quick Facts

Countries	Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-03-25
Borrower	EXOSENS SA
Sectors	Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 161.86 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 161.86 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 332.97 million

Project Description

According to the EIB, the project supports the Promoter's research, development and innovation (RDI) and capital expenditure (CAPEX) investments in the field of electro-optical technologies destined for the defence, surveillance, and industrial end markets. The project will cover the 2026-2030 period, and will be located mostly in France, the Netherlands, and Belgium (and to a lesser extent, Germany).

The project aims to support the promoter's RDI activities in the fields of electro-optical technologies.

The Project is in line with the InvestEU objectives of defence industry and digital technologies and services. The Project's activities support the Bank's IDHC (Innovation, Digital and Human Capital) Public Policy Goal and therefore are eligible for the Bank's financing under the "Competitive Industries - RDI and Security, Strategic Autonomy and Resilience" objectives. They also largely contribute to the EIB's transversal Security and Defence Public Policy Goal.

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Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, Exosens France develops and manufactures photo sensor products. The Company offers cameras, detectors and sensors, image intensifier tubes, and measurement systems for analytical, environment, night vision, and scientific applications. Exosens France serves defense and surveillance, industrial control, life sciences, and nuclear markets worldwide.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Exosens SA	Client	Industry and Trade

Contact Information

No project contacts provided 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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