Early Warning System

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EU SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURHOOD SPE GROWTH FUND III

Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia
Specific Location	North Africa
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	SPE Capital Partners Ltd
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Fund, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 25.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 350.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, this operation reinforces a strategic partnership with a European-African investment company supporting private sector development in North Africa. The EIB will provide additional capital to the EU Southern Neighbourhood SPE Growth Fund III to finance fast-growing companies operating in key EU strategic partner countries (i.e., Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt) and expected to generate significant trade volumes with the EU. The EIB will invest alongside several Team Europe players, including the EBRD, DEG (Germany), and FMO (the Netherlands).

The aim is to support the development of the private sector, primarily in North Africa, by increasing access to risk capital for local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The fund is the successor fund of Africa Industrialization Fund (AIF), in which the EIB invested in 2018, and pursues a similar strategy. This top-up investment to operation SPE Private Equity Fund III seeks to enable the fund to continue building a diversified portfolio by leveraging the team's extensive knowledge and experience. The fund manager will aim to create value through a hands-on management approach, driving the growth and profitability of investee companies as well as enhancing the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards.

Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- SPE Capital Partners (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, *SPE Capital Partners* is an independent investment *management* firm focused on investing responsibly and consistently delivering superior returns.

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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