

 Early Warning System

FMO-64391

Inerco Trade S.A.



## Quick Facts

Countries	Ukraine
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2024-12-13
Borrower	Inerco Trade S.A. (Kernel Group)
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 16.00 million
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## Project Description

As stated on the project disclosure page, FMO joined Kernel's Pre-Export Facility with a USD 25 million participation, led by Dutch Rabobank and ING Bank and supported by another development finance institution, the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank. The funds of the Pre-Export Facility will be used for the procurement of sunflower, rapeseed, and soybean seeds from local farmers for subsequent processing and exporting of vegetable oils and meals to global markets.

This marks FMO's first direct investment in Ukraine since the onset of the full-scale war, signifying a major milestone in our commitment to support Ukraine during these challenging times. The Ukraine agri-sector constitutes approximately 10% of Ukraine's GDP and employs one in six Ukrainian workers. By investing in this vital sector, we aim to help Ukraine earn hard currency and support the country's trade balance. The FMO Green Label is obtained for 70% of the transaction size because of ISCC plus certification, a voluntary certification scheme designed to support the transition to a circular economy and bioeconomy.



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## Early Warning System Project Analysis

The FMO categorized the project E&S risks as B+, and stated that no ESAP applies.



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## Investment Description

- Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)



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### Private Actors Description

As stated by the FMO, Inerco Trade S.A. a trading company of Kernel Group, which is a global leader in sunflower oil production and exports and the largest grain exporter from Ukraine.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Black Sea Trade and Development Bank	Investor	Finance
-	-	-	-	Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A.	Investor	Finance
-	-	-	-	ING Bank N.V.	Investor	Finance
Kernel Holding S.A.	Parent Company	Agriculture and Forestry	owns	Inerco Trade S.A.	Client	Industry and Trade



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## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

As part of FMO's ex-ante disclosure (disclosure of transactions before contracting), you can send requests or questions for additional information to: [disclosure@fmo.nl](mailto:disclosure@fmo.nl)

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