

 Early Warning System

MIGA-15490

BBVA Argentina Capital Optimization



Quick Facts

Countries	Argentina
Financial Institutions	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-03-27
Borrower	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (BBVA)
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 700.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the MIGA, the project consists of a guarantee to cover equity investments by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (BBVA or the Group), in its subsidiary in Argentina, Banco BBVA Argentina S.A. (BBVA Argentina or the Subsidiary). The investor has applied for a MIGA guarantee of up to USD700 million for capital optimization cover for a period of up to 3 years (the Project). This guarantee is part of a multi-country Mandatory Reserves Program with BBVA.

MIGA analyzed BBVA Argentina's portfolio by types of transactions, tenor, size, industry sectors, and exposure to MIGA's Exclusion List. As of December 2024, BBVA Argentina's portfolio included the following business segments - corporate finance (mostly short-term lending), trade finance and financial institutions. The main sectors supported include telecommunications; wholesale and retail trade; oil, gas and mining; financial services (including insurance and collective investment vehicles) chemicals; and food and beverage. BBVA Argentina currently has limited exposure to activities on the MIGA Exclusion List. The Bank also has exposure to oil and gas activities. BBVA Group has policies outlining its commitment to decarbonize its loan portfolio by 2030 and achieve Net Zero by 2050.

For the proposed guarantee, BBVA Argentina will report annually to MIGA regarding the implementation of the E&S procedures for the Project portfolio, as well as its labor practices.

The aim of MIGA's proposed guarantee is to help BBVA optimize the Group's risk-weighted assets (RWA) on a consolidated basis. Through the MIGA guarantee, the parent bank will pass the benefits of the RWA relief at the Group level to its operating subsidiary. The RWA capacity that is freed up by MIGA's proposed guarantee would be utilized to support BBVA Argentina's lending operations in key socially responsible development areas, such as climate activities, social projects and SMEs, including women-SMEs.



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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.

- [Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA \(BBVA\)](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the MIGA, BBVA is a global financial services group founded in 1857. The bank is present in more than 25 countries, has a strong leadership position in the Spanish market, is the largest financial institution in Mexico and it has leading franchises in South America and Turkey. As of December 2024, the group employed 125,916 people across 5,749 branches and served more than 77.2 million customers. Further information on the BBVA Group can be found on <https://shareholdersandinvestors.bbva.com/>.

BBVA Argentina is a subsidiary of the BBVA Group, the main shareholder since 1996. In Argentina, it has been one of the leading private financial institutions since 1886. At present the Group is the largest shareholder, holding 66.6% of total shares. The Subsidiary provides a broad range of financial and non-financial services to 3.6 million customers across 235 branches.



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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You can also request general information about MIGA and for information on guarantees by emailing:
migainquiry@worldbank.org

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- MIGA-15492 BBVA Turkiye Capital Optimization
- MIGA-15491 BBVA Peru Capital Optimization