

 Early Warning System

WB-P509484

Croatia Efficient Maritime Transport Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Croatia
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Canceled
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-07-21
Borrower	Jadrolinija; Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure
Sectors	Energy, Law and Government, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 160.72 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 270.35 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to enhance the quality, efficiency and financial and environmental sustainability of Croatia's ferry services by strengthening Jadrolinija's corporate governance, improved operational performance and supporting the transition to a modern low-emission fleet.

The project is an Investment Project Financing (IPF) operation supporting Jadrolinija, Croatia's state-owned ferry operator, with disbursement of funds linked to the achievement of governance and sectoral reforms through a set of Performance-Based Condition (PBCs). The financing envelope combines EUR 150 million from IBRD to support reforms and the acquisition of green vessels on public service obligation (PSO) routes, and EUR 80 million from IFC, which will finance vessels for commercial routes and restructure or refinance Jadrolinija's commercial debt under more favorable terms, while adding value on sustainability and Environmental and Social (E&S) standards. Disbursements from the IBRD tranche will only be made once key corporate governance and sectoral reforms are implemented, ensuring financial support is tied to Jadrolinija's long-term sustainability and modernization.

The overall project's development objective aims to improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability, reduction of the carbon footprint, and introduction of international corporate governance standards of Jadrolinija. The project has two main components:

Component 1 will finance acquisition of green fleet (i.e., six dual-fuel methanol ferries, three 49m electric passenger vessels as well as piloting of efficiency enhancement measures for selected vessels in Jadrolinija's fleet and;

Component 2 will strengthen corporate governance and increasing the efficiency and safety of Jadrolinija. This component supports policy/legal actions for a stronger corporate governance framework for Jadrolinija, and it funds technical assistance to increase the efficiency and safety of the enterprise. It also aims to strengthen corporate governance in Jadrolinija, aligning it with international standards, corporatizing the company as a joint stock company, and revising the PSO framework to favour cleaner vessels.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental risk is assessed as substantial on precautionary basis, at the Concept stage due to remaining uncertainties. Key environmental risks include, but are not limited to: (i) downstream effects of TAs, such as civil works; (ii) risks related to retrofitting and transport activities, such as hazardous waste generation, the use of chemicals, wastewaters, dust, and risks from explosions and fire, and OHS risks; (iii) risks related to the operational phase, such as air emissions, safety of crew and passengers, fuel spills, etc.

The project's social risk is classified as moderate at the concept stage, primarily due to the nature of the proposed activities. Some social risks have been identified, particularly concerning labor and working conditions in the shipbuilding supply chain and during operations and maintenance as well as potential implications on service availability particularly in remote islands due to efficiency measures.



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Total Project Cost: US\$ 270.35 million

IBRD Commitment: US\$ 160.72 million



Private Actors Description

Jadrolinija is a Croatian ferry company. It is state-owned and it primarily connects Croatian islands to the mainland by operating regular passenger and cargo transport services.



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Bank Documents

- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Green and Efficient Ferry Sector in Croatia](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#)