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Quick Facts

Countries	Rwanda
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-10-08
Borrower	BioNTech Rwanda Ltd.
Sectors	Education and Health, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 40.70 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 381.44 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the operation consists in a EUR 35m investment grant to be blended with the EIB loan under the operation 2024-0438: Rwanda M-RNA Manufacturing Hub (HDX).

The aim is to support the establishment of a regional research and development (R&D;) and manufacturing site for vaccines in Rwanda to strengthen the vaccine R&D; ecosystem Africa.
The manufacturing site will focus on the delivery of an African commercial-scale manufacturing plant, initially producing an already approved vaccine with the intention of eventually manufacturing other vaccines which are still in clinical development phase.
In detail, the manufacturing site will commercially manufacture products, and operate as a contract manufacturing service for African partners by manufacturing products for clinical research purposes that comply with the principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practices.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Bank’s website, the EIB will require the project's compliance with the relevant environmental legislation and alignment of the EIB's Environmental and Social principles and standards. Additional project activities, such as R&D, are expected to be carried out in existing facilities that are already used for similar purposes or are investments of intangible nature and hence are not expected to create significant impact on the environment.

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- European Investment Bank (EIB)

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Private Actors Description

Biopharmaceutical New Technologies (BioNTech) is a next generation immunotherapy company pioneering novel therapies for cancer and other serious diseases. The Company exploits a wide array of computational discovery and therapeutic drug platforms for the rapid development of novel biopharmaceuticals. *BioNTech Rwanda*, established in 2022, will manage the Kigali facility. To date, BioNTech has made a triple digit million Euro investment in the establishment of its mRNA manufacturing facility in Kigali and plans to continue investingover the next years.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	BioNTech Rwanda Ltd.	Client	-
-	-	-	-	BioNTech SE	Parent Company	-

Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Other Related Projects

- EIB-20240438 RWANDA M-RNA MANUFACTURING HUB (HDX)