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Quick Facts

Countries	Ireland
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-11-12
Borrower	SIRO LIMITED
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 181.68 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 365.49 million

Project Description

According to the bank website, the project relates to the design and deployment of a fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) fixed very high capacity (VHC) network throughout Ireland to provide fibre connectivity to around 320 000 premises. The Promoter will act as a pure wholesale operator and will sell its services to the retail telecommunication operators.

The project concerns the rollout of a FTTH broadband network in Ireland. The long-term target is to connect 320 000 premises with very high capacity broadband access line by 2025. The rollout is focused on areas with no or only limited very high capacity broadband coverage. The implementation will take place from 2021-2025.

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	SIRO LIMITED	Client	-

Contact Information

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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When dissatisfied with a complaint to the EIB Complaints Mechanism, citizens can then turn towards the European Ombudsman. A memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the EIB and the European Ombudsman establishes that citizens (even outside of the EU if the Ombudsman finds their complaint justified) can turn towards the Ombudsman on issues related to 'maladministration' by the EIB. Note that before going to the Ombudsman, an attempt must be made to resolve the case by contacting the EIB. In addition, the complaint must be made within two years of the date when the facts on which your complaint is based became known to you. You can write to the Ombudsman in any of the languages of the European Union. Additional details, including filing requirements and complaint forms, are available at: http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/atyourservice/interactiveguide.faces

Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - PROJECT ODYSSEY NETWORK EXPANSION

Media

- Ireland: Taoiseach Micheál Martin announces €620m expansion of SIRO’s Gigabit broadband network, ex