

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the meeting held in Luxembourg
on Thursday, 14 March 2019

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Those attending

Chairman:

Mr W. HOYER

EIB Vice Presidents:

Messrs A. FAYOLLE
A. McDOWELL
V. HUDÁK
A. STUBB
Ms E. NAVARRO

Directors:

Messrs K.J. ANDREOPOULOS
L. BARANYAY
F. CARTAXO
D. CARVILLE
P. DEBATTISTA
M. DESCHEEMAECKER
Ms C. DÍAZ
Messrs A. EBERHARDS
A. GYÖRGY
Ms E. HAGHANIPOUR
Mr A. JACOBY
Ms K. JORNA
Messrs K. KAKOURIS
A. KAVČIČ, also representing Mr LESAY
A. KUNINGAS
D. LUNN
E. MASSÉ
A. MATIJEVIČ
P. NOWAK
P. PAVELEK
Ms M. PETROVA
Ms K. RYSAVY
Ms K. SARJO
Ms M. SCHOCH
Ms G. VIGLIOTTI
Mr T. WESTPHAL

Expert Members:

Ms L. BRETON-MOYET
Messrs G. GOBBI
J. LEOPOLD

Alternate Directors:

Ms A. af URSIN
Ms S. BOBIN
Ms R. CAETANO
Ms C. GOSTNER
Mr R. LEPERS
Ms F. MERCUSA
Messrs R. RØNNE-AHM, representing Ms SONNE
S. SCALERA
P. TÁRNOKI-ZÁCH
Ms S. VALTONEN
Ms J. YOUNG
Mr M. ZDOVC

Ms	A.	ZITCERE, representing Ms TUSKIENÉ
Ms	A.	ZORIĆ

Alternate Expert
Members:

Ms	I.	HENGSTER
Ms	B.	MARKUSSEN
Mr	A.	OPORTO

Secretary:

Ms	M.	SANTONI
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Absent:

Ms	B.F.	CUCU
Messrs	M.	HEIPERTZ
	I.	LESAY
Ms	S.	SANYAHUMBI
Ms	J.	SONNE
Ms	M.	TUSKIENÉ

The CHAIRMAN declared the meeting open at 9.15 a.m.

1. QUORUM

The CHAIRMAN recorded that there was a quorum.

The CHAIRMAN introduced and welcomed to her first EIB Board meeting since her appointment as an Alternate Expert Member Ms Ingrid HENGSTER (Member of the Executive Board, KfW Bankengruppe).

2. Agenda and declaration of conflicts of interest

The agenda (Doc. 19/070) was adopted.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2019 in Luxembourg, (PV/19/02).

4. Statements by the Chairman including updates on strategic issues

The Chairman briefed the Board of Directors on a number of relevant issues.

General Questions

5. Introduction to the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018
(Doc 19/086)
 - 5.a. Analytical Report as at 31 December 2018 (Doc 19/087)
 - 5.b. Financial Report as at 31 December 2018 – Initial Sections (Doc 19/088)
 - 5.c. Statutory Financial Statements of the Bank as at 31 December 2018 (Doc 19/089)
 - 5.d. EIB Group Consolidated Financial Statements under EU Directives as at 31 December 2018 (19/090)
 - 5.e. EIB Group Consolidated Financial Statements under IFRS as at 31 December 2018 (Doc 19/091)
 - 5.f. Investment Facility Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 (Doc 19/092)
 - 5.g. EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 (Doc 19/093)
 - 5.h. Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) Trust Fund Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 (Doc 19/094)

The Bank presented to the Board of Directors the Financial Statements of the EIB for 2018 including the statutory accounts for the Bank prepared in accordance with the European Union Accounting Directives and two sets of consolidated accounts for the EIB Group, combining the Bank and the EIF. One of these sets was under the rules of the European Union Accounting Directives and the other under the IFRS accounting standards. The CHAIRMAN requested the Board of Directors to adopt these three sets of Financial Statements for the year 2018 for transmission to the Board of Governors for approval.

The Board of Directors was also invited to approve the transmission of the proposal to the Board of Governors for the appropriation of the balance of the profit and loss account (under the statutory accounts) for the year ended 31 December 2018, and the initial sections of the Financial Report 2018 that preceded the Financial Statements of the EIB and EIB Group.

Furthermore, the CHAIRMAN requested the Board of Directors to approve the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 of three mandates: the Investment Facility, the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund and the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) Trust Fund.

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors:

- Took note of the Analytical Report on the mentioned Financial Statements (Doc. 19/087)
- Adopted the Bank's three sets of Financial Statements for the year 2018 and approved their transmission to the Board of Governors for approval (Doc. 19/089, Doc. 19/090, Doc. 19/091)
- Adopted the Financial Statements for the year 2018 and approved their transmission to the Board of Governors for approval for the following three mandates:
 - Investment Facility Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 (Doc. 19/092)
 - EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 (Doc. 19/093)
 - Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) Trust Fund Financial Statements as at 31 December 2018 (Doc. 19/094)
- Approved the proposal for submission to the Board of Governors for the appropriation of the EIB statutory result for the year 2018, as set out under point 4 of Doc. 19/087, i.e. that the Board of Governors appropriate the balance of the profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2018, which amounts to EUR 2,339,052,148 to the following reserves:

- Reserve fund: nil
- Additional reserves: EUR 1,753,953,671
- Special activities reserve: EUR 1,150,968,407
- General loan reserve: EUR -565,869,930

- Approved the initial sections of the Financial Report 2018 that precede the Financial Statements of the EIB and EIB Group (Doc. 19/088).

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11. EIB Loan Pricing
(Doc 19/116)

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The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors discussed the EIB Loan Pricing document.

12. EIB Group Equity Strategy – First reading
(Doc 19/118)

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13. Update on Turkey (presentation)

The CHAIRMAN recorded that due to time constraints the discussion of the item would be resumed.

14. [...]

Operations

The Board of Directors considered and discussed the following proposals on the agenda as follows:

Operations within the European Union

INVESTMENT LOAN

15. [...]
 16. PIRAEUS PORT EXPANSION Project (EL)
(Doc 19/122)

Financing of the expansion of the port of Piraeus in Athens, specifically the cruise and car terminals, the improvement of infrastructure in the ship repair zone, the repair of the container terminal yard area and dredging of the central port area

Borrower	:	Piraeus Port Authority SA	
Max. amount	:	[...]	
Opinion of the Government of the Hellenic Republic			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that as the quorum was lost, the discussion on this item would be resumed.

17. SKIN HEALTH R&D Project (ES)
(Doc 19/110)

Financing of R&D activities in the promoter's strategic therapeutic areas in medical dermatology over the period 2019 – 2022

Borrower	:	Almirall S.A.	
Max. amount	:	EUR 120m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

18. A9 AMSTERDAM PPP Project (NL)
(Doc 19/123)

Financing of the widening from 2x3 to 2x4 lanes of 11km of the A9 motorway between the Badhoevedorp and Holendrecht junctions near Amsterdam

Borrower	:	Special Purpose Vehicle	
Max. amount	:	[...]	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

19. ROTTERDAM ELECTRIC BUSES TRAM AND METRO INFRA Project (NL)
(Doc 19/124)

Financing of a programme aimed at modernising and upgrading the fleet and infrastructure for bus, tram and metro of the public transport operator

Borrowers	:	Metropolitan Region Rotterdam the Hague and Rotterdam Elektrische Tram NV	
Max. amount	:	EUR 115m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the item would be submitted via written procedure.

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

20. BBVA IV LOAN FOR SMEs AND MID-CAPS (ES)
(Doc 19/126)

Financing of a loan to small and medium-sized enterprises and Mid-Caps, mainly located in Spain

Borrower	:	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. or a Special Purpose Vehicle	
Max. amount	:	EUR 400m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

GUARANTEE

21. BANCA MARCH ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR MID-CAPS (ES) (Doc 19/111)

Guarantee for the creation of additional lending capacity for Mid-Cap financing

Promoter	:	Banca March	
Max. amount	:	EUR 70m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

Operations in Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries

INVESTMENT LOAN

22. WWTP GJILAN Project (Kosovo*) (Doc 19/112)

Financing of the construction of waste water treatment facilities and the rehabilitation of existing sewerage in the municipality of Gjilan

Borrower	:	Kosovo*, through its Ministry of Finance	
Max. amount	:	EUR 11m	
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal, with an abstention by Ms Díaz.

Operations outside the European Union

FRAMEWORK LOAN

23. BELARUS UTILITY SERVICES MODERNISATION Framework Loan (Belarus) (Doc 19/127)

Financing of small-scale investments in the water supply and wastewater treatment sectors

Borrower	:	The Republic of Belarus	
Max. amount	:	USD 75m (approximately EUR 66m)	
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the financing proposal.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Other Operational Questions

24. ERI SME Guarantee Facility (Regional – Southern Neighbourhood)
(Doc 19/128)

The CHAIRMAN recorded that the Board of Directors approved the proposal.

Miscellaneous

25. Date of the next meeting:

The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 in Luxembourg, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN declared the meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

Annex 1: Proposals submitted by written procedure
[...]

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE

The CHAIRMAN recorded the approval by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, during the period since the previous meeting on 5 February 2019, of the following operations submitted by written procedure:

Operations within the European Union

Approval on 06/02/2019

INVESTMENT LOAN

- i. CHARLEROI HOSPITAL (GHDC) Project (BE)
(Doc 19/073)

Financing of the construction of a state-of-the-art hospital

Borrower	:	Grand Hôpital de Charleroi asbl	
Max. amount	:	EUR 200m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

- ii. PARIS LIGNE 15 SUD MATERIEL ROULANT Project (FR)
(Doc 19/076)

Financing of the acquisition of a rolling stock for the operating needs of the line 15 south of Grand Paris Express

Borrower	:	Syndicat des Transports d'Île-de-France	
Max. amount	:	EUR 240m	
Opinion of the Government of the French Republic			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

- iii. LATVIAN RAILWAYS ELECTRIFICATION Project (LV)
(Doc 19/077)

Financing of the first stage of electrification of the Latvian railway network including the sections between Riga and Krustpils, Krustpils and Daugavpils and, Krustpils and Rezekne

Borrower	:	LATVIJAS DZELZCELS VAS	
Max. amount	:	EUR 70m	
Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Latvia			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

- iv. NWB BANK CLIMATE ACTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT MBIL (NL)
(Doc 19/078)

Financing of small and medium-scale projects promoted by the water authorities including investments in flood protection and water management

Borrower	:	NWB Bank	
Max. amount	:	EUR 100m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

Approval on 26/02/2019

INVESTMENT LOAN

- v. KARAWANKENTUNNEL ASFINAG Project (AT)
(Doc 19/097)

Financing of the refurbishment of the existing tube and construction of a second tube of an 8-km long cross border road tunnel connecting Slovenia with Austria

Borrower	:	ASFINAG AUTOBAHNEN- UND SCHNELLSTRASSEN FINANZIERUNGS AG	
Max. amount	:	EUR 95m	
Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Austria			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

- vi. WBM BEZAHLBARES WOHNEN BERLIN Project (DE)
(Doc 19/099)

Financing of the construction of social and affordable high-energy efficient housing over the period 2018 – 2022

Borrower	:	WBM Wohnungsbaugesellschaft Berlin-Mitte mbH	
Max. amount	:	EUR 100m	
Opinion of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

- vii. XMU II ROLLING STOCK PPP Project (DE)
(Doc 19/100)

Financing of the purchase of up to 70 new passenger trains and associated equipment for the replacement of existing diesel traction rolling stock, for a public service contract to operate the rail passenger services in Schleswig Holstein

Borrower	:	Special Purpose Company	
Max. amount	:	EUR 185m	
Opinion of the Government of Federal Republic of Germany			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

MULTI-BENEFICIARY INTERMEDIATED LOAN

viii. CYPRUS BANKS VI LOAN FOR SMES AND MID-CAPS (CY) (Doc 19/098)

Financing of small and medium-scale projects promoted by SMEs and Mid-Caps

Borrower	:	Acceptable local banks	
Max. amount	:	EUR 130m	
Opinion of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

Operations outside the European Union

Approval on 26/02/2019

INVESTMENT LOAN

ix. CAPE VERDE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME (Cape Verde) (Doc 19/072)

Financing of the development of the telecommunications infrastructure including the expansion of the mobile broadband and fiber networks

Borrower	:	Cabo Verde Telecom S.A.	
Max. amount	:	USD 25m (approximately EUR 22m)	
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

Change of loan conditions

Approval on 06/02/2019

x. ROUTE 10 RAIL REHABILITATION Project (Kosovo*) (Doc 19/081)

Extension of loan authorisation

Approval on 26/02/2019

xi. SMES TRADE FINANCE FACILITY 2 (EL) (Doc 19/103)

Changes to operation after Board Approval

xii. EC-EIB SME INITIATIVE MALTA (MT) (Doc 19/104)

Extension of validity of loan and guarantee authorisation

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Allocations to sub-projects

Approval on 26/02/2019

- xiii. SLOVAKIA TRANSPORT FRAMEWORK FACILITY 2014 – 2020 (SK)
(Doc 19/105)

Allocation to sub-project: ZSSK ROLLING STOCK

Miscellaneous

Approval on 06/02/2019

- xiv. DECISION LAYING DOWN INTERNAL RULES CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA BY THE FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION WITHIN THE INSPECTORATE GENERAL AND THE OFFICE OF THE GROUP CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO DATA SUBJECTS AND THE RESTRICTION OF CERTAIN OF THEIR RIGHTS
(Doc 19/080)

Approval on 26/02/2019

- xv. EFSI Strategic Orientation – Review of January 2019
(Doc 19/106)
- xvi. New Data Protection Regulation – Proposal for EIB Internal Rules concerning the processing of Personal Data by the Personnel Directorate
(Doc 19/107)
- xvii. Operations Evaluation (IG/EV) Activity Report 2016-2018 and Work Programme 2019-2021 – Revision
(Doc 19/108)

Approval on 14/03/2019

- xviii. The Lending Base Rates (“The Blue Curve”) applicable in March 2019
(Doc 19/148)