

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

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PV/22/05

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the meeting held in Luxembourg and via video/phone conferencing  
on Thursday, 7 April 2022

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## Those attending

Chairman:

Mr	W.	HOYER
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EIB Vice Presidents:

Mr	A.	FAYOLLE
Ms	L.	PAVLOVA
Mr	T.	ÖSTROS
Ms	T.	CZERWIŃSKA
Messrs	C.	KETTEL THOMSEN
	R.	MOURINHO FÉLIX
	K.	PEETERS
Ms	G.	VIGLIOTTI

Directors:

Messrs	K.J.	ANDREOPOULOS
	L.	BARANYAY
Ms	S.	BELAJEC
Ms	A.	BLONDY-TOURET
Ms	A.	BJÖRNERMARK
Messrs	P.	CARTAXO
	D.	CARVILLE
	P.	DEBATTISTA
	M.	DESCHEEMAECKER
	A.	EBERHARDS
Ms	E.	FLORES GUAL
Messrs	P.	FRÖHLICH
	A.	GYÖRGY
	A.	JACOBY
	K.	KAKOURIS
Ms	E.	KALLENBACH
Mr	A.	KUNINGAS
Ms	N.	MARIN
Mr	P.	PAVELEK
Ms	M.	PETROVA
Mr	E.	RUIZ DE VILLA SAIZ
Ms	K.	RYSAVY
Ms	K.	SARJO
Ms	J.	SONNE
Mr	D.	TRAKELIS
Ms	F.	UTILI
Mr	R.	UYTERLINDE

Expert Members:

Mr	J.	LEOPOLD
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Alternate Directors:

Ms	A.	af URSIN
Ms	G.	BEREMSKA
Ms	S.	BLOMENHOFER
Ms	S.	BODIN
Ms	R.	CAETANO
Ms	B.F.	CUCU
Ms	E.	de BEAUCÉ
Mr	J.	De BOER
Ms	I.	GARAYO ORBE
Ms	U.	GRMEK
Ms	L.	HALBRECQ
Messrs	R.	HŘEBÍK
	H.	KAELBLE
	M.	KLINGE

Ms	R.	LAIGO
Ms	P.	MAMO
Messrs	N.	MANTZOUFAS
	M.	MARQUES
Ms	F.	MERCUSA
Messrs	D.	O'LEARY
	M.	PHILIPPOT
Ms	E.	PITTA
Messrs	M.	POLÓNYI
	C.	REININGER
	M.	TABACZAR, representing Mr PATKOWSKI
Ms	J.	UZIELIENE
Ms	S.	VALTONEN
Ms	A.	ZITCERE
Ms	A.	ZORIĆ

Alternate Expert  
Members:

Messrs	O.	BAILLY
	A.	OPORTO

Secretary:

Ms	M.	FALKSTEDT
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Absent :

Mr	G.	GOBBI
Mr	P.	PATKOWSKI

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.15 a.m.

1. Quorum

The Chairman recorded that there was a quorum.

2. Agenda and declaration of conflicts of interest

The agenda (Doc. 22/110) was adopted.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings  
(CA/551/22 and CA/551b/22)

The Board of Directors approved the draft minutes of the meetings held on 4 and 10 March 2022 (PV/22/03 and PV/22/04) via hybrid format with video/phone conferencing and physical presence.

4. Statements by the Chairman

The Chairman updated the Board of Directors on the recent informal meeting of Heads of State and Government and ECOFIN meeting. He referred to two forthcoming pledging conferences to support refugees from Ukraine and to enhance COVAX.

5. Update on strategic issues

The Chairman updated the Board of Directors on the situation in Ukraine from an economic and political perspective as well as on the support provided by the EIB Group, the Bank's portfolio in Ukraine and the operational response in favour of Ukraine's neighbouring countries. Moreover, the Chairman informed the Board of Directors on the implementation progress and current challenges of the Pan-European Guarantee Fund (EGF) as well as on the review by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on its non-tolerance policy of arrears to international financial institutions.

6. [...]

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

7. Monthly update on the European Investment Fund (EIF)

Introducing the point, the Bank's management informed the Board about the items approved during the EIF April Board meeting, which have a group-wide relevance i.e. the EIF Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process (ILAAP), the EIF Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) and the EIF Contingency Funding Plan. It was also reminded that the EIF Annual General Meeting (AGM) was taking place later on the same day and that the Board had received for information all EIF AGM reports.

The EIF Chief Executive provided an update on the EIF's performance, based on information available at end of March. In terms of activity, it was indicated that the level of signed operations, including Pan-European Guarantee Fund (EGF) operations, reaches 13% of the Corporate Operational Plan (COP) target. The EIF Chief Executive also explained that the first open call for expression of interest for InvestEU was expected to be published in the coming weeks. With reference to the EIF financial results and sustainability, he announced a profit of EUR 12m as at end February 2022 but added that the private equity performance is likely to be impacted by the high public market volatility. [...] Finally, he referred to the forthcoming meetings with rating agencies and already shared some positive preliminary feedback.

The Chairman concluded the item and recorded that the Board of Directors took note of the Monthly update on the European Investment Fund.

8. Digital Transformation Programme - Progress Report  
(Doc 22/123)

The Chairman introduced the item, recalling that the Board of Directors approved in May 2021 the Bank's strategy for digital transformation. He highlighted its importance towards securing the Bank's competitiveness and performance in the short to medium term.

The Bank's management provided an overview of the progress achieved in accordance with the digital transformation roadmap. In particular, the Bank's management updated the Board of Directors on the new governance structure and organization, as well as on the staff resources and budget, which has been decreased as part of the operational planning.

The Board members welcomed the progress report provided and enquired on the reduced budget, the staff resources and the innovation lab. On another note, the Board stated how important it is to ensure that the Bank will implement the latest technology available when upgrading its IT systems. The Board suggested that the necessary cost provisions would be foreseen, as at this point in time no impact on the P&L was taken.

Replying to the comments provided by the Board members, the Bank's management recalled that the main reason for the reduction of the budget were the instructions received by the Board at the occasion of the discussion related to the Group Operational Plan, and mentioned that this reduction has direct implications on resources that were planned for recruitment in 2022. With regards to the recruitment of staff, the Bank's management also stressed the need for attracting specific skills and explained the preferred option to rely on internal staff with distinct specialties, complemented by colleagues contracted from external consultancy firms. At this point, it was also noted that the recruitment of the Group Chief Digital Officer was almost completed.

The Chairman concluded the item and recorded that the Board of Directors took note of the progress report on the Digital Transformation Programme.

9. [...]

10. 2021 Funding and Treasury Management Annual Report  
(Doc 22/125)

The Bank's management presented the 2021 Funding and Treasury Management Annual Report and provided the main highlights related to the Bank's activity in the global capital markets. EIB's funding activity in 2021 included the first ever bond syndication on a blockchain platform and marked a new record issuance of climate and sustainability awareness bonds. The Bank's management also provided an account of the treasury and ALM management, including the implementation of the alignment of the Bank's treasuries on the Climate Bank Roadmap. More generally, the management explained the contribution of the funding, treasury and ALM activities to the strategic priorities of the Bank, from the delivery of local currency lending to the implementation of the 3 lines of defence, and the coordination of the transition to the new risk-free rates.

The Board members welcomed the report as well as the activities and results of the EIB Finance Directorate in 2021. They discussed the Bank's green and sustainability funding and the counterparties' alignment with the Paris agreement, in particular the application to sovereign related companies, the level of the Bank's liquidity and EIB's relationship with the Eurosystem, and the possible impact of the changes of monetary policies and the Ukraine-Russian conflict on the funding activity.

The Chairman concluded the item and recorded that the Board of Directors took note of the 2021 Funding and Treasury Management Annual report.

11. Semi-Annual report of the Complaints Mechanism  
(Doc 22/126)

In the interest of time, the Chairman noted that the Semi-Annual report of the Complaints mechanism will be discussed at a subsequent Board meeting.

12. 2021 End-of-Year Report on the Implementation of Evaluation Recommendations  
(Doc 22/127)

In the interest of time, the Chairman noted that the 2021 end-of-year report on the implementation of evaluation recommendations will be discussed at a subsequent Board meeting.

**OPERATIONS**

The Board of Directors considered and discussed in session the following proposals on the agenda:

➤ **Operations within the European Union**

***Equity, New Products and Special Transactions Department***

13. [...]

**EQUITY TYPE**

14. INNOVATION AND DIGITALISATION GROWTH FINANCE Programme Loan (Regional – EU countries)  
(Doc 22/129)

Borrower : Eligible SMEs and Mid-Caps

Max. amount : EUR 200m

Opinion of the Commission : Awaited

The Chairman recorded that the financing proposal will be resubmitted to the Board of Directors for approval via Written Procedure.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

15. Date of the next meeting:

The Chairman announced that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 18 May 2022.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4:00 p.m.

Annex 1: Proposals submitted by written procedure

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**PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY WRITTEN PROCEDURE**

The Chairman recorded the approval by the Board of Directors, during the period since the previous meeting on 10 March 2022, of the following operations submitted by written procedure:

➤ **Operations within the European Union****Approval on 18/03/2022*****Baltic Sea and Northern Europe Department*****FRAMEWORK LOAN**i. **ZIELONA GORA MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE III Framework Loan (PL)**  
(Doc 22/114)

Borrower	:	City of Zielona Gora	
Max. amount	:	EUR 66m	
Opinion of the Governments of the Republic of Poland			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

## ii. [...]

***Iberia Department*****INVESTMENT LOAN**iii. **GALICIA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME Project (ES)**  
(Doc 22/134)

Borrower	:	Comunidad Autonoma De Galicia (GAL)	
Max. amount	:	EUR 150m	
Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain			No objection
Opinion of the Commission			Favourable

**Approval on 04/04/2022*****Iberia Department*****FRAMEWORK LOAN**

- iv. EAFRD CO-FINANCING ANDALUCIA Framework Loan (ES)  
(Doc 22/135)

Borrower : Comunidad Autónoma de Andalucía (CAA)  
 Max. amount : EUR 250m  
 Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain : No objection

***Western Europe Department*****INVESTMENT LOAN**

- v. WALLONIA WATER SUPPLY AND CLIMATE – SWDE Project (BE)  
(Doc 22/134)

Borrower : Société Wallonne des Eaux (SWDE)  
 Max. amount : EUR 250m  
 Opinion of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium : No objection  
 Opinion of the Commission : Favourable

➤ **Allocation(s) to sub-project(s)**

**Approval on 18/03/2022*****Central and South Eastern Europe Department***

- vi. EU FUNDS SLOVAKIA TRANSPORT FRAMEWORK FACILITY 2014-2020 Framework Loan (SK)  
(Doc 22/115)  
 Allocation to sub-project: D1 BUDIMIR – BIDOVICE Project

**Approval on 04/04/2022*****Iberia Department***

- vii. ENDESA WIND AND SOLAR GREEN Framework Loan (ES)  
(Doc 22/136)  
 Allocation to sub-project: ENDESA WIND AND SOLAR TICO ALLOCATION

➤ **Change of Loan Conditions**

**Approval on 18/03/2022*****Adriatic Sea Department***

- viii. ROUTE 10 RAIL REHABILITATION Project (Kosovo)  
(Doc 22/117)

Change to operation after Board approval

**Western Europe Department**

- ix. OOSTERWEEL CONNECTION Project (BE)  
(Doc 22/116)

Change to operation after Board approval

**Approval on 04/04/2022****Baltic Sea and Northern Europe Department**

- x. OPOLE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE II Framework Loan (PL)  
(Doc 22/138)

Changes to operation after Board approval

**Central and South Eastern Europe Department**

- xi. HELLENIC DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN FOR SMES AND MID-CAPS (EL)  
(Doc 22/137)

Changes to operation after Board approval

➤ **Miscellaneous**

**Approval on 18/03/2022**

- xii. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES (NEW NOMINATIONS)  
(Doc 22/118)
- xiii. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES (NEW NOMINATIONS)  
(Doc 22/119)

**Approval on 04/04/2022**

- xiv. COMPOSITION PARTIAL WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE MARK-UP FOR ONE INVESTEU WAREHOUSED OPERATION  
(Doc 22/139)  
- SOLARIA CASTILIAN PV PLANTS Project (ES)
- xv. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES (NEW NOMINATIONS)  
(Doc 22/140)

**Approval on 07/04/2022**

- xvi. THE LENDING BASE RATES ('THE BLUE CURVE') APPLICABLE IN APRIL 2022  
(Doc 22/149)