

InvestEU Scoreboard¹

Presentation of the financing or investment operation:

Implementing Partner: EIB

Name of the Operation: FIBRE OPTIC NETWORK EXPANSION POLAND (FONEXP)

Type of approval :

☒ Individual financing or investment operation or

☐ Framework Operation

Name of the final recipient: SWIATLOWOD INWESTYCJE SP ZOO

Country(-ies) of implementation: Poland

Short description of the financing or investment operation:

The Project relates to the deployment of a new passive Fibre To The Home (FTTH) access network in areas of Poland where Very High Capacity Networks (VHCNs) are not currently available. The scope of the project includes the investments in all the passive network components (fibre optic cable, ducts, distribution frames, etc.) as well as the cost of the deployment works, and excluding active telecommunications equipment, which will be provided as a service by the promoter's prime contractor. The new network will pass 1.05 million homes and will be operated on a non-discriminatory wholesale access basis only, selling wholesale services with equal terms and conditions to all retail operators.

Public Statement

The project addresses the market failure to invest in VHCNs as a result of the historical market power of the incumbent for basic broadband and the low interest to invest in smaller networks on a scattered basis over the whole country.

The project is fully in line with the 2025 Gigabit Society targets. The improved VHCN coverage provided by the project in rural and/or underserved areas in Poland will have significant impact on the regional development, as these broadband connections are required to reap the benefits of digitalisation of economic sectors, such as agriculture, tourism and commerce. The project will produce significant energy savings comparing to existing broadband solutions thereby contributing to climate change mitigation.

The EIB's long-term loan will diversify the project sources of long-term funding in local currencies and ensures that the project does not have to be scaled back in the context of the current economic uncertainties resulting from the pandemic situation. Accordingly, EIB's participation will provide additional comfort to co-investor and co-lenders.

Pillar 3 - Market failure or sub-optimal investment situation addressed by the financing or investment operation (**Excellent**)

Pillar 4 - Financial and technical contribution by the Implementing Partner (**Good**)

Pillar 5 - Impact of the financing or investment operation (**Very Good**)

¹ This Scoreboard of indicators reflects the information presented to the InvestEU Investment Committee (IC) for its decision on the use of the EU guarantee for this operation. Therefore, the document does not take into account possible developments that could have occurred after this decision.

Pillar 7 - Complementary indicators²**Key project characteristics****Expected at PCR**

Start of works	01.01.2021
End of works	31.12.2028
Project investment cost	583 MEUR
Mandate eligible investment mobilized	583 MEUR
Mandate multiplier effect	31.27
Mandate leverage effect	12.55
Amount of private financing	293 MEUR
Co-financing with national promotional banks	56 MEUR
Co-financing with structural funds (ESIF)	0.00 MEUR
Energy efficiencies realised	5,396.00 MWh/a
Climate Action indicator	75.00% Mitigation - Energy Efficiency (transversal)
Employment during construction temporary jobs	2,500 person years
Employment during operation - new permanent jobs	118 FTE
Gender Tag	No Significant contribution to Gender Equality

Outputs**Expected at PCR**

# of homes passed FTTx excl. VDSL	1,053,000.00
# of homes connected FTTx excl. VDSL	540,000
Digitalisation content -PROJECT based	700 MEUR

Outcomes**Expected at PCR**

# of activated lines FTTx excl. VDSL	540,000
Digital transformation impact	3 - Very Good

² The abbreviation PCR stands for Project Completion Report. EIB internal methodologies are used in order to calculate the figures presented in this document. The Promoter's estimates might differ.