

InvestEU Scoreboard ⁽¹⁾

Presentation of the financing or investment operation

Implementing Partner: EIB

Name of the Operation: CRYSTAL FIBRE ROLLOUT

Type of approval: Individual financing or investment operation

Name of the final recipient: DEUTSCHE GLASFASER GROUP GMBH

Country(-ies) of implementation: Germany

Short description of the financing or investment operation:

Design and rollout of a Fibre to the Home (FTTH) broadband network throughout Germany, with a focus on sub-urban and rural areas.

The project is within the areas eligible under InvestEU ("The development of digital connectivity infrastructure, whether physical or virtual, in particular through projects that support the deployment of very high capacity digital networks [...], particularly in rural areas and peripheral regions.")

Public Statement

The project is line with the InvestEU objective of digital connectivity.

This project addresses the market failure to invest in Very High Capacity (VHC) digital infrastructure in underserved areas as a result of the historical market power of the incumbent for basic broadband and the low interest to invest in smaller local networks on a scattered basis over the country. Moreover, it will address the market failure to invest in lower-density areas due to the high commercial risks and costs involved and the expected positive externalities by enabling more users to benefit from the access to information, digital services and better communication, which are not captured by the project returns. The project is fully in line with the EU 2030 Digital Compass targets, stating that all households should have access to Gigabit connectivity by 2030.

EIB loan will diversify the sources of financing of the borrower, which is critical in the context of a large non-recourse financing and the fact that lending market may have reached its limits in terms of sector exposure. EIB participation in the project is expected to crowd-in further lenders. The EIB loan will accelerate the Borrower's investment plan. In addition, EIB financial added-value will improve the financial sustainability of the borrower and the project. EIB provides further additionality through offering the potential option to maintain its loan after the currently foreseen maturity, subject to the project's risk profile remaining acceptable to EIB.

The project would not have been carried out to the same extent by the EIB without the InvestEU support.

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 (Very 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 indicators ⁽²⁾**Key project indicators****Expected at PCR**

Start of works	01.01.2024
End of works	31.12.2026
Project investment cost	970.00 MEUR
Mandate eligible investment mobilized	970.00 MEUR
Mandate multiplier effect	16.21
Mandate leverage effect	5.85
Amount of private financing	620.00 MEUR
Co-financing with national promotional banks	0.00 MEUR
Co-financing with structural funds (ESIF)	0.00 MEUR
Co-financing with other EU instruments (i.e. Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility, etc)	0.00 MEUR
Energy efficiencies realised	0.00 MWh/a
Transition regions	13.70 %
Employment during construction - temporary jobs	5,000 person years
Employment during operation - new permanent jobs	0 FTE
Gender Tag	No Significant contribution to Gender Equality
Employment during project operation - women	0 FTE

Outputs**Expected at PCR**

# of homes passed FTTx excl. VDSL	460,000.00 Units
Digitalisation– PROJECT based share of project investment cost	100.00 %

Outcomes**Expected at PCR**

# of activated lines FTTx excl. VDSL	155,000.00 Units
Digital transformation impact	4 - Excellent

(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.