

Conclusions

FWO Guarantees to support TEN-T Railway Network projects

INVEU-ICR-0089-2023 – Sustainable Infrastructure Window (SIW)

Short description of the financing or investment operation and its objectives

Name of financial recipient	To be determined at sub-project level
Type of the final recipients	Mid-Caps, large corporate and consortia Italian construction companies
Countries of implementation	Italy
Implementing partner	Cassa depositi e prestiti S.p.A

The Framework Operation will provide guarantees covering the construction risk of electrified railways across Italy, among which TEN-T Core and Comprehensive Networks.

Global Assessment and rationale for approval

The Investment Committee of the InvestEU Fund approved the use of the InvestEU guarantee on 18 December 2023 for the above-mentioned operation.

The Framework Operation will address market failures, mainly the fragmentation of internal market. By increasing the supply of guarantees beyond what private actors are currently able to provide, CDP will indirectly finance major investment infrastructure projects in Italy, which would not otherwise be undertaken. Thus, promoting critical EU infrastructure as TEN-T corridors, will improve cohesion and better integration among Member States and EU regions as well as decarbonising the economy with electrified railway infrastructure.

The additionality of the Framework Operations lies in CDP financing increase towards the Italian construction landscape, mainly concentrated in few contractors because of the required technical qualifications and financial solidity and lack of private sector financing, due to the pressure of the large number and size of infrastructure projects launched under the RRF that have to be deployed simultaneously and in a limited timeframe.

Therefore, the Framework Operation will help reducing the market gap and accelerating project deployment as well as play a leverage effect with a very strong signalling and crowding-in effect for other private operators.