

EU spectrum policy for the Digital Decade

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EIB as lending institution for digital infrastructure

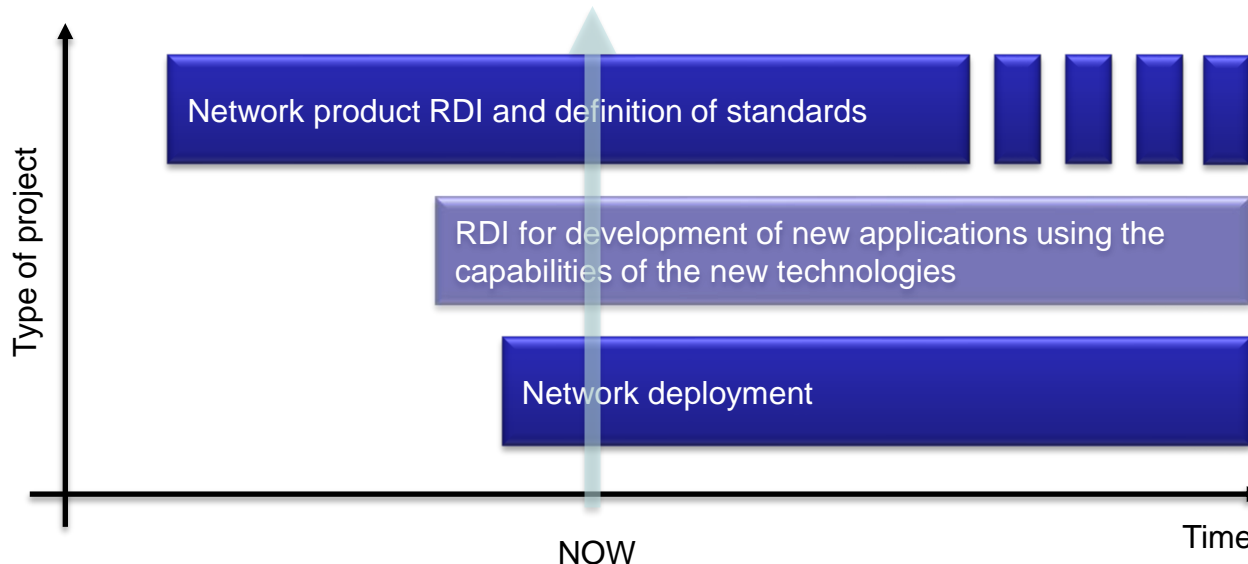
- ✓ The EIB is the largest funding institution of Europe's digital infrastructure with annual lending of around EUR 2.5bn.
- ✓ Supporting the roll-out of fibre projects and capacity upgrade and coverage expansions of advanced mobile networks.
- ✓ Projects financed by the Bank must be:
 - economically justified
 - technically viable
 - financially self-supporting and
 - environmentally & socially sound
 - appropriate procurement procedures are required

Scope for 5G financing

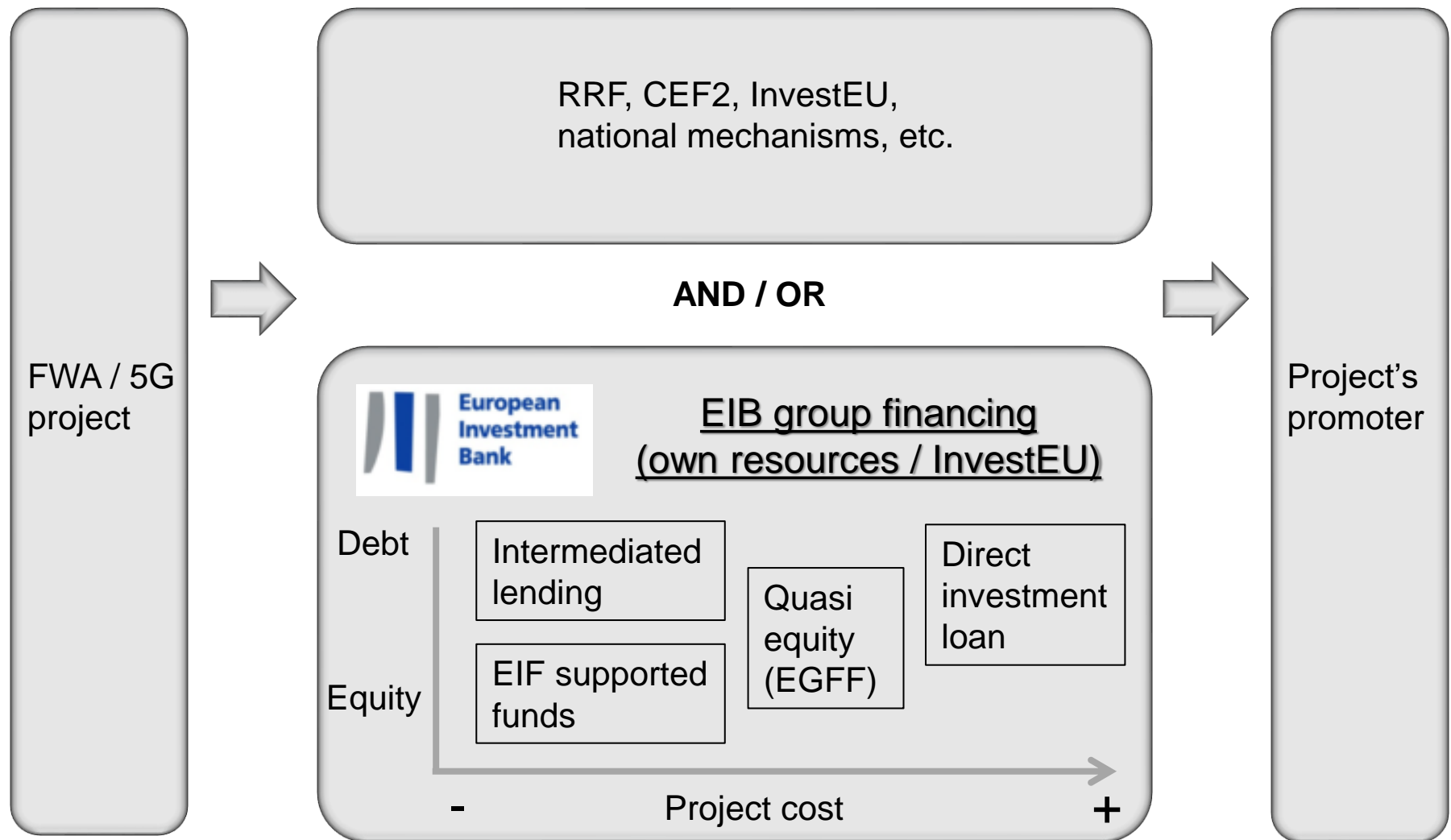
- ✓ EIB has long tradition in financing mobile infrastructure projects, in particular at early stages
- ✓ 5G is “natural” outcome of technological evolution
- ✓ Supply side driven, but strategic technology as it has many positive externalities (production of equipment, development of application, usage, etc...)
- ✓ High investment requirements, but resources can be made available with appropriate financial instruments. Rural area capex still to be investigated
- ✓ New challenges, such as cybersecurity
- ✓ 5G is fully aligned with the Paris agreement according to the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap 2021-2025, and therefore are generally eligible for EIB financing.

EIB is actively supporting EU companies with 5G projects

5G projects include the development of the network technology, applications, as well as the early 5G network deployments



How EIB contributes to funding FWA solutions (and more broadly very high capacity networks / 5G)



Thank you