

Mobilising funds for jobs and growth

The EU has launched an unprecedented investment initiative to restart growth, boost jobs and revive strategic investment in key sectors in Europe.

The Investment Plan for Europe is looking to unlock public and private investments of at least €315 billion until 2018, supporting access to risk financing for companies of all sizes.

The **European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)** is at the heart of the Investment Plan, backing up innovative projects that may need **risk-coverage**. The Fund is a joint initiative of the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Innovative projects will benefit from loans, guarantees or equity investments of about €61 billion over the course of three years, either from EIB directly or via its subsidiary – the European Investment Fund (EIF).

Infrastructure and innovation window

EFSI provides EIB increased capacity to risk financing for large infrastructure projects via the “**Infrastructure and Innovation Window**”. A €16 billion guarantee from the European budget together with €5 billion from the European Investment Bank helps to leverage support from institutional investors and other lenders. With that in mind, **project promoters have a better chance in securing finance for projects with a higher risk profile** that, until now, could not receive financial support, or not to the same extent.

Maximise chances for securing investment

Project promoters can make the most of EFSI opportunities using tailor-made services:

They can get assistance from the European Investment Advisory Hub (EIAH) through the official website <http://www.eib.org/eiah/>, on technical issues including technical project support, project structuring, financial advice, capacity building or policy advice, thus making their projects **more attractive for investors**.

If the investment project is worth more than €10 million, project promoters can boost its **visibility** by registering on the **European Investment Project Portal (EIPP)** at ec.europa.eu/eipp. This new portal will enable EU-based project promoters – public or private – to reach potential investors worldwide.

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Who can apply for EFSI finance under the Infrastructure and Innovation Window

All public or private project promoters, from a public or private legal entity established in the EU, are eligible to apply for finance. EFSI financing can flow to entities in and outside the EU.

What type of projects qualify for finance

EFSI support is available for economically and technically viable projects, including projects with a high risk profile, provided that they also meet EIB's criteria for bankability.



How to access finance

Public or private promoters can **apply for a loan through the European Investment Bank**. For financing needs under EUR 25 million, promoters should consider grouping projects with a thematic or geographic focus in investment platforms (framework loans, dedicated funds) before presenting them to the EIB.

For more information see http://www.eib.org/projects/cycle/applying_loan/.

- **Innovation projects and higher-risk projects:** Projects or entities financed under EFSI do not have to be high risk. However, the EFSI guarantee allows investors and financial operators to **take additional risk where necessary**.
- Projects from **sectors of key importance to deliver a positive impact on the European economy**. These include:
 - strategic infrastructure (digital, transport and energy)
 - environmentally sustainable projects (renewable energy and resource efficiency)
 - urban and rural development and social projects
 - education and training, research, development and innovation projects

