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### Quick Facts

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| **Financial Institutions** | European Investment Bank (EIB) |
| **Status** | Approved |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | U |
| **Voting Date** | 2026-10-21 |
| **Borrower** | Borrowers not available at the time of disclosure |
| **Sectors** | Finance, Industry and Trade |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 561.70 million |

## Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, this is the first dedicated Lending Envelope to enhance access to finance for women-owned and women-led companies, promote gender equality, as well as support social impact initiatives including microfinance and the social economy. The Lending Envelope will deploy EIB instruments tailored to the financing needs of eligible intermediaries and market realities, primarily in the EU Member States, as well as in European Free Trade Association countries and Overseas Countries and Territories. It will also support operations eligible under the Social Investment and Skills Window of the InvestEU programme.

The aim is to improve access to finance for underserved segments of the economy, including women-led businesses and social economy actors, fostering inclusive growth, social cohesion and investments with positive social impact across eligible countries.

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- European Investment Bank (EIB)

## Contact Information

*No contacts available at the time of disclosure.*

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.eib.org/en/infocentre/registers/request-form/request-form-default.htm

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF EIB

The EIB Complaints Mechanism is designed to facilitate and handle complaints against the EIB by individuals, organizations or corporations affected by EIB activities. When exercising the right to lodge a complaint against the EIB, any member of the public has access to a two-tier procedure, one internal - the Complaints Mechanism Office - and one external - the European Ombudsman. A complaint can be lodged via a written communication addressed to the Secretary General of the EIB, via email to the dedicated email address: complaints@eib.org, by completing the online complaint form available at the following address: http://www.eib.org/complaints/form via fax or delivered directly to the EIB Complaints Mechanism Division, any EIB local representation office or any EIB staff. For further details, check: http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/complaints_mechanism_policy_en.pdf

When dissatisfied with a complaint to the EIB Complaints Mechanism, citizens can then turn towards the European Ombudsman. A memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the EIB and the European Ombudsman establishes that citizens (even outside of the EU if the Ombudsman finds their complaint justified) can turn towards the Ombudsman on issues related to 'maladministration' by the EIB. Note that before going to the Ombudsman, an attempt must be made to resolve the case by contacting the EIB. In addition, the complaint must be made within two years of the date when the facts on which your complaint is based became known to you. You can write to the Ombudsman in any of the languages of the European Union. Additional details, including filing requirements and complaint forms, are available at: http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/atyourservice/interactiveguide.faces