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Investment Plan for Europe triggers EU-wide growth

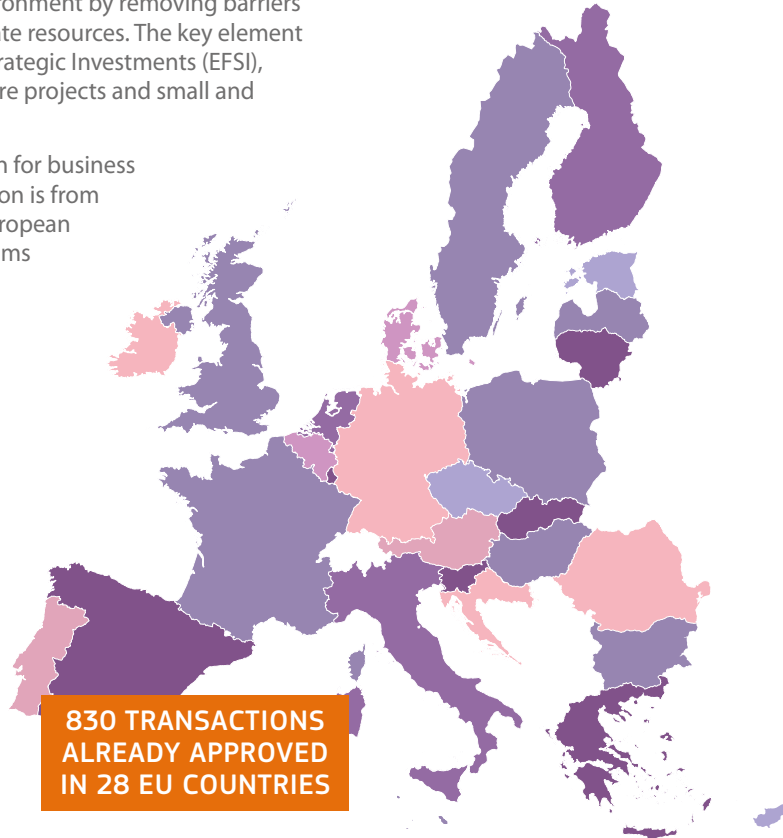
The Investment Plan for Europe aims to encourage investment in order to create jobs, boost growth and competitiveness, meet long-term economic needs and strengthen the EU's productive capacity and infrastructure.

To this end, it supports investment in the real economy through a pipeline of EU-based projects, creates an investment-friendly environment by removing barriers to investment and mobilises public and private resources. The key element in this last strand is the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), which encourages investment in infrastructure projects and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

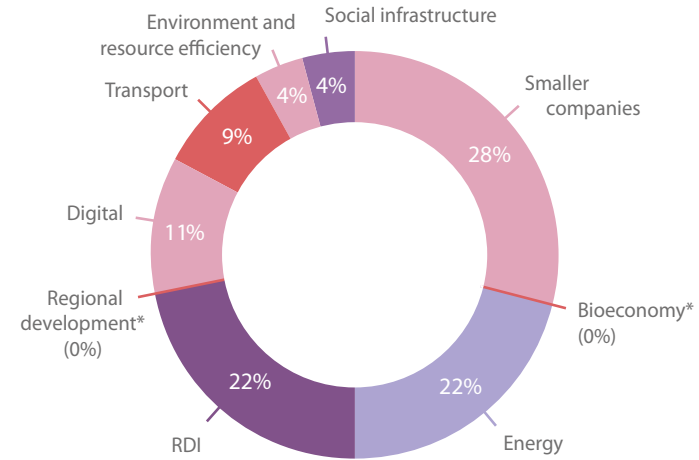
By providing a total guarantee of €33.5 billion for business and infrastructure projects, of which €26 billion is from the EU budget and €7.5 billion is from the European Investment Bank Group, the extended EFSI aims to unlock additional investment of at least €500 billion by the end of 2020. Financing approved so far is expected to mobilise €294.2 billion of additional investment, which represents 93% of the original €315 billion target.

The initiative will continue to bring considerable economic gains. Close to 644 000 smaller companies are expected to benefit from EFSI SME investments.

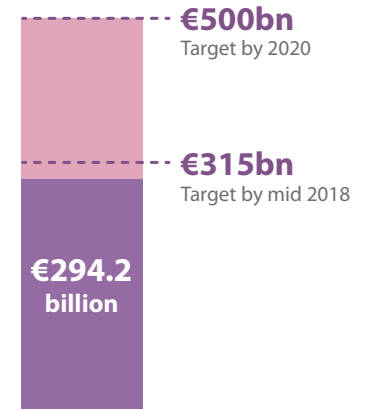
These figures underline the added value that the EFSI brings to the EU's economy, both now and in the years to come.



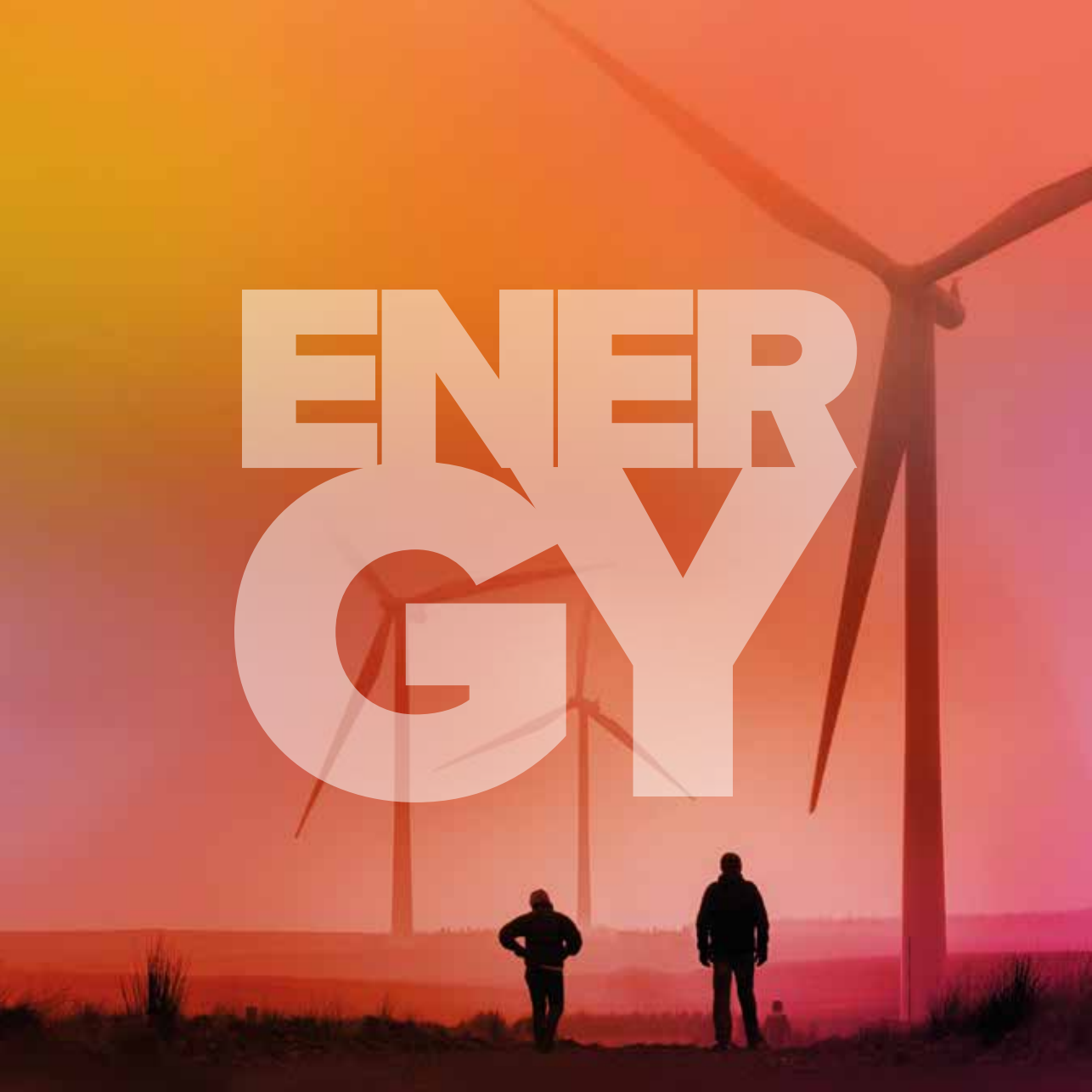
EFSI INVESTMENT BY SECTOR - JUNE 2018



*New sector since January 2018

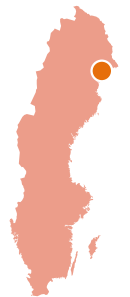


**EIB-approved: €44.4 bn
EIF-approved: €14.5 bn



EFSI FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

NORTH POLE ONSHORE WINDFARM



Location: Sweden
Sector: energy
EFSI financing: €100 million

Investment Plan supports largest onshore windfarm in Europe

179 wind turbines will be built near the Northern Swedish city of Piteå, close to the Arctic Circle.

A project is underway to build the largest single site onshore wind farm in Europe. The “Markbygden 1101” project is expected to be completed by 2020 and it will increase Swedish wind power capacity by more than 12%. GE Renewable Energy will supply 179 of its 3.6 MW turbines with 137 meter rotors, a turbine ideally suited for the project site’s wind speeds and climate. Additionally the turbines will be equipped with de-icing technology. Norsk Hydro, one of Europe’s largest aluminium producers, has agreed to buy most of the electricity produced by the windfarm, which is believed to be the largest wind power deal struck with a corporate energy consumer.

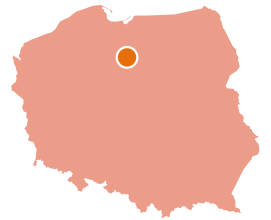




HEALTH CARE

EFSI FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

RYDYGIER GENERAL HOSPITAL



Location: Poland
Sector: health, social
EFSI financing: €57 million

Providing new facilities for patients in Poland

Hospitals often need to invest to improve their standard of healthcare but they lack funds. The Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region was the first in Poland to get a loan for a public sector project under the European Fund for Strategic Investments.

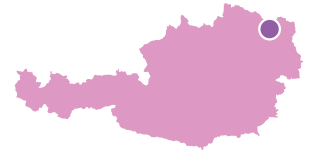
By combining a €57 million EIB loan with money from its own budget and other EU financing, the region is extending Toruń's Rydygier hospital. With a focus on research and modern technology, this project will provide residents with a full range of treatments and access to the latest medical procedures. The number of beds for patients will double, rising from 551 to 1,059. The floor space will increase from 20,000 m² to more than 50,000m² as well as introducing 57,000m² of green space. The hospital will make savings by limiting administrative staff numbers and introducing environmentally-friendly and energy-saving measures. The new parts of the hospital will open to patients in 2019.





EFSI FOR INNOVATION

APEIRON CANCER TREATMENTS



Location: Austria

Sector: health, social

EFSI financing: €25 million

Finding new treatments for cancer

A loan from the EIB, guaranteed by the Juncker Plan, will support the development of new pharmaceutical products to treat cancer, in particular neuroblastoma - a rare type of cancer which affects children.

Apeiron is an innovative biotech company which develops biological and immunological approaches to treat cancer, employing around 40 people. By carrying out ground-breaking research and development projects it strives to develop new drug treatments that are yet to be discovered. The company is developing cancer immunotherapy projects based either on targeted, tumour-specific approaches or on the stimulation of the immune system to fight cancer by engaging the human body's natural defence mechanisms. With this EFSI-backed financing, Apeiron can continue to develop these ground-breaking new treatments.





EFSI FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION



Location: Finland
Sector: social, education
EFSI financing: €10 million

Juncker Plan finances job training programme for migrants and refugees

Finnish fund manager Epiqus and the Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment are helping migrants and refugees find work in Finland.

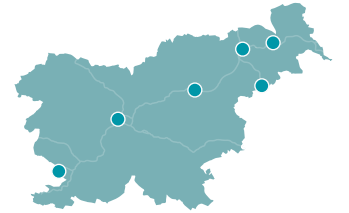
The EIF is investing €10 million guaranteed by the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) into a social impact bond scheme that will support the integration of between 2,500 and 3,700 migrants and refugees into the Finnish labour market. It achieves this first by providing training and then later job-matching assistance. To launch the project, Epiqus created a social impact bond scheme - the first of its kind in Europe - facilitating risk-sharing between private and public investors. As a result of this project, hundreds of migrants and refugees have received training and have been matched to jobs, helping them achieve social integration in Finland.





EFSI FOR TRANSPORT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

DARS ELECTRONIC TOLLING SYSTEM



Location: Slovenia
Sector: transport, digital
EFSI financing: €51 million

Smother travel in Slovenia

The new electronic tolling system that Slovenia's motorway company DARS is introducing for trucks will replace physical barriers with free-flow, remote-charging digital infrastructure on the entire Slovenian motorway network.

Roads - including motorways - are the most common mode of transport in Slovenia accounting for 80% of inland transport. DARS' new system places microwave tags inside heavy vehicles to record when they pass under receivers mounted on overhead gantries on each section of the tolled roads. Thanks to this new technology, the existing physical toll stations will be dismantled, easing traffic flow to the benefit of all travellers. The €51 million EIB loan benefits from the EFSI guarantee.





EFSI FOR COMBINING EU FUNDS

Location: Across the EU

Sector: digital

EFSI financing: €100 million

CONNECTING EUROPE BROADBAND FUND



Connecting the dots: broadband reaches less-populated areas of the EU

By combining financing from the EIB, the Connecting Europe Facility, national promotional banks and private investors, the Connecting Europe Broadband Fund will invest in broadband network infrastructure across underserved areas of Europe.

The Connecting Europe Broadband Fund is the first investment platform to support broadband infrastructure under the Juncker Plan, combining private and public resources. Three countries' National Promotional Banks and Institutions plan to participate in the initiative as anchor investors: KfW Bankengruppe from Germany, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti from Italy and Caisse des dépôts et consignations from France. Investment platforms can be a useful tool to pool investment projects with a thematic or geographic focus. Setting up this investment platform responds to the growing demand for financing of smaller-scale, higher-risk broadband projects across Europe, which currently do not have access to EU funds. The new Fund will help the EU meet the target that all European households should have access to internet connections of 30 Megabits per second by 2020 and by 2025 all schools, transport hubs, main providers of public services and digitally intensive enterprises should have access to internet connections of 1 Gigabit per second.



AGRI CULTURE

EFSI FOR ANIMAL HEALTH

BIOVET ANIMAL HEALTH



Location: Bulgaria

Sector: agriculture, health

EFSI financing: €100 million

Financial injection for animal vaccines producer in Bulgaria

Support from the Investment Plan is helping animal health company Biovet increase its portfolio of vaccination products used in swine, poultry and cattle production.

The EIB is providing a €100 million loan under the Investment Plan to Biovet to finance a boost in its production levels and research and development (R&D) activity. The project includes setting up two new facilities: a fermentation facility in Peshtera in southern Bulgaria and a plant in Razgrad in north-east Bulgaria for the manufacturing of animal vaccines. The project will also enable the company to carry out R&D in the fields of microbiology and new product development, such as vaccines, enzymes, as well as process improvement and formulation. As a result of this financing, 210 jobs will be created in rural parts of Bulgaria.





EFSI FOR SMES

MANI FOODS



Location: Greece

Sector: industry, agriculture, SMEs

Award-winning Kalamata olive producer branches out to new markets

When Mani Foods wanted to scale up its olive production exports, it turned to the National Bank of Greece who provided a loan under the Investment Plan for Europe.

Mani Foods produces, packages and exports Kalamata olives and related products, winning awards for its extra virgin olive oil. To keep up with rising demand, Mani Foods needed to invest in new machinery. The company secured a loan from the National Bank of Greece that is guaranteed by the EIF via the EU programme for competitiveness of enterprises and small and medium-sized companies (COSME) under the Investment Plan. With this financing Mani Foods has expanded its factory for new business, developed three new production lines and doubled its staff.

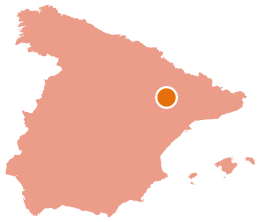




EFSI FOR SMES

Location: Spain
Sector: health, RDI, SMEs

EXOVITE



Using innovative technology to speed up patients' recovery

Financing under the Investment Plan has enabled Spanish company Exovite to create new ways to treat patients with broken bones and make the follow-up healthcare more efficient.

Returning to health after a broken bone can be a lengthy process, so Spanish SME Exovite has developed an innovative method for treating broken bones and musculoskeletal diseases that helps patients heal faster. The company uses 3D printing to produce light-weight, durable, bespoke ergonomic splints for the patient's affected limb. Using software on smart-phones, doctors are then able to monitor progress remotely, without the need for patients to make such frequent visits to the hospital. As demand from hospitals for this technology grew, Exovite needed investment to scale up. The company's founder secured a loan from Spanish SME financing body CERSA, through the EU finance for innovators (InnovFin) programme guaranteed by the EIF under the Investment Plan for Europe. Exovite has won numerous international awards for its innovation with 15 hospitals using Exovite's technology as of end 2017.



ENVIRONMENT

EFSI FOR SMES

FRUSACK



Location: Czech Republic
Sector: environment, SME



Bringing your fruit and veg home in a sustainable way

When design meets the circular economy: two students in the Czech Republic saw a gap in the market and after securing financing from the Juncker Plan, their business is reaching new heights.

Every day we bring home our fruit and vegetables from the supermarket in small plastic bags which generate a lot of one-time-use waste. The co-founders of Prague-based start-up Frusack wanted to change this. They began to design and manufacture stylish reusable and biodegradable bags using bio-plastic as a base which is made from corn. The demand for Frusack's bags has been so high that the company needed investment to scale up their business, but bank loans can be hard to find if you're a young start-up. In 2017 the company obtained a loan from Unicredit through the EU finance for innovators (InnovFin) programme guaranteed by the EIF under the Investment Plan for Europe. Frusack is now exporting to markets in the EU and across the world.



THE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR EUROPE

The **Investment Plan for Europe** is a collective and coordinated effort at European level to encourage investment in the real economy in order to:

- boost **job creation** and **economic growth**;
- meet the **long-term needs** of the economy and increase **competitiveness**;
- help strengthen Europe's **productive capacity** and **infrastructure**.

Improving the Investment Environment

An important overarching aim of the Investment Plan is to improve the investment environment, both at the European level and at the level of individual Member States. Work is underway to address barriers with an EU and Single Market dimension, as well as regulatory and non-regulatory investment challenges at national level.

THE EUROPEAN FUND FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS (EFSI)

The **European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)** is at the heart of the Investment Plan, backing up innovative projects that may need risk-coverage. A joint initiative of the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB), EFSI helps to attract private investment.

SECTORS

- Environment and resource efficiency
- Transport
- Digital
- Energy
- Research and innovation
- Social infrastructure
- Smaller and midcap companies
- Bioeconomy
- Regional development

WHO CAN APPLY?

- **Companies of all sizes**
- **Utilities**
- **Public sector entities**
- **National promotional banks or other banks providing intermediated loans**
- **Bespoke investment platforms**

To benefit from EFSI support, projects must be

- ✓ Commercially sound, and economically and technically viable
- ✓ Contributing to EU objectives, sustainable growth and employment
- ✓ Mature enough to be bankable
- ✓ Priced in a manner commensurate with the risk taken

HOW TO APPLY?

Large infrastructure and innovation public or private promoters can apply for a loan through the European Investment Bank: www.eib.org/efsi

SMEs and mid-caps can secure financing for their projects via National promotional banks and local financial intermediaries: www.eif.org/what_we_do/efsi

THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT ADVISORY HUB (EIAH)

The EIAH is a European Commission/EIB initiative to accelerate investment, offering a single access point to wide ranging support for projects and investments at all stages of the project cycle.

Advisory services include:

- ✓ Technical support for project preparation and implementation
- ✓ Enhancing use of EU funds in financial instruments
- ✓ Capacity building support
- ✓ Policy, programme and project support for Public-private partnerships
- ✓ Access to finance for innovation projects

For more information see: <http://eiah.eib.org>

THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT PROJECT PORTAL (EIPP)

The European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) is a web portal enabling EU-based projects worth at least €5 million – public or private – to reach potential investors worldwide. The Portal is provided and hosted by the European Commission and is part of the Investment Plan for Europe.

For more information see: <http://ec.europa.eu/eipp>

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For up-to-date information on the Investment Plan for Europe:
<http://ec.europa.eu/invest-eu>

To contact EIB local offices:
<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/contact/offices/>

To contact financial intermediaries:
http://www.eif.org/what_we_do/where/index.htm

To find an existing EFSI project near you:
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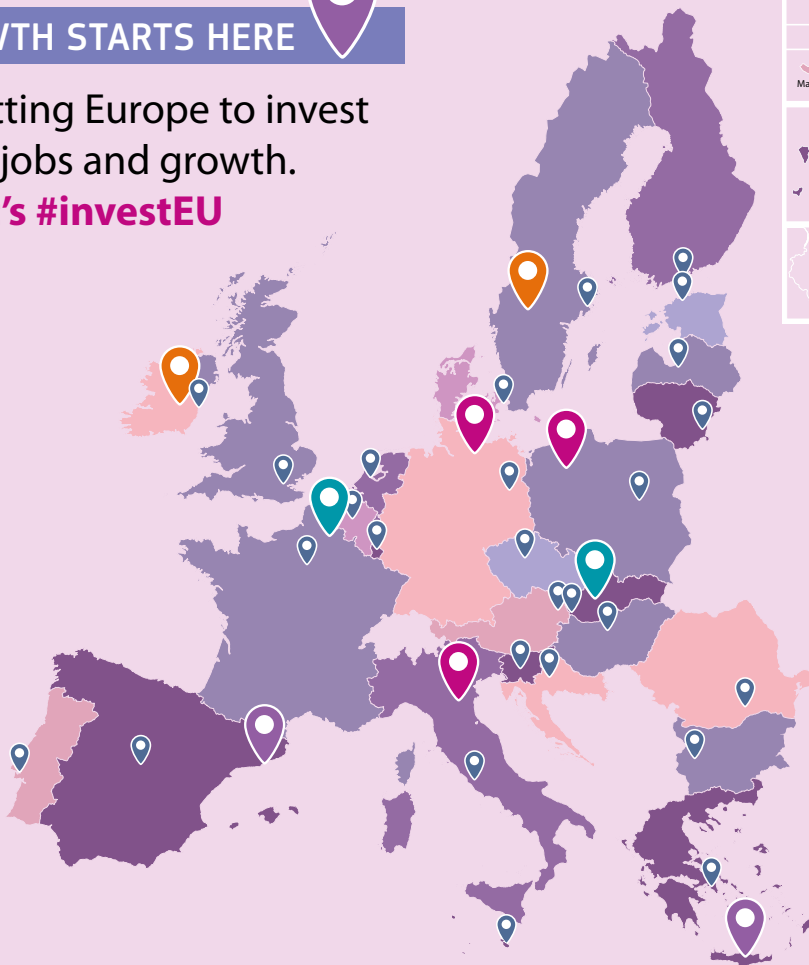
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