

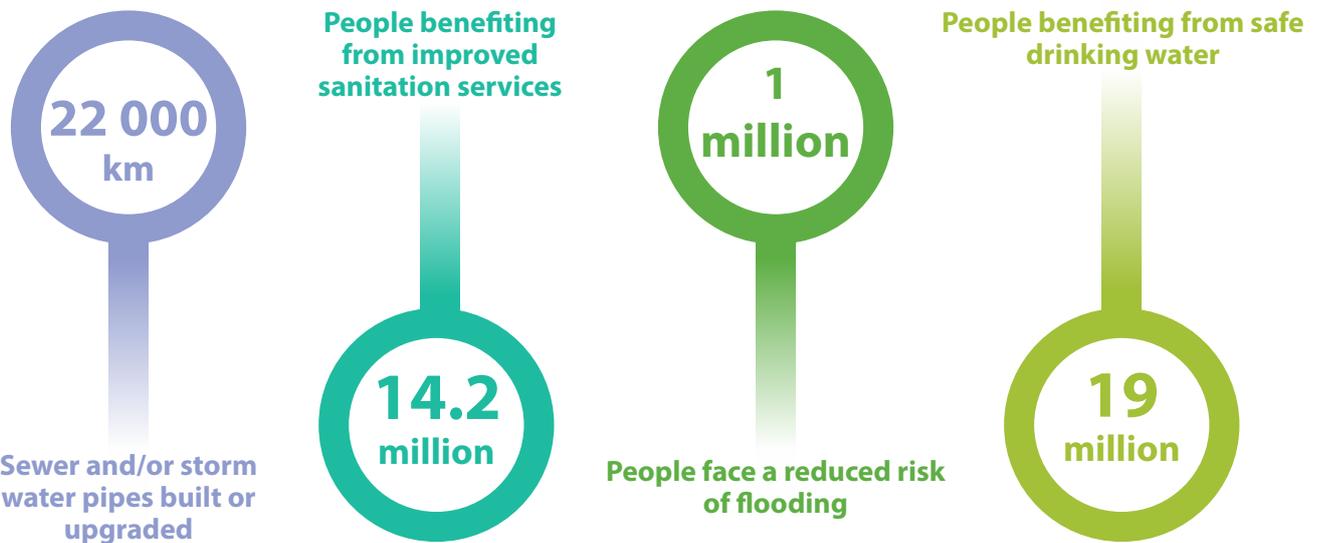


# JUNCKER PLAN: IMPACT

## SECTOR FACTSHEET - ENVIRONMENT

### HOW HAS THE JUNCKER PLAN BENEFITED THE ENVIRONMENT?

The EU's environmental policy aims at greening the economy and at safeguarding the health and quality of Europeans' lives. The Juncker Plan contributes to developing a sustainable, resource efficient and competitive economy. Thanks to this initiative, the European Investment Bank can back a variety of projects that support the transition to a circular economy, where the value of products, materials and resources is maintained for as long as possible.





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## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE JUNCKER PLAN

The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) can be used to finance projects in:

Environmental protection

Sustainable urban and rural development

Strengthening eco-system services

Climate change actions

### Cutting food waste: WINNOW



Food waste management company Winnow Solutions uses artificial intelligence to develop software and hardware solutions to help staff in professional kitchens track the amounts and types of food they throw away. The ultimate aim is to provide users with data to manage and prevent food waste. Thanks to a €7.5 million loan, Winnow will boost its research and development activities, and support 69 jobs.

### Water-saving solution: ORBITAL



Orbital is a technology company in Sweden that has developed a water-saving solution for showers, saving up to 90% of water and 80% of energy compared to a conventional shower. Water that would normally go down the drain is cleaned and re-used in the same shower cycle, after being purified by a micron filter and a UV light to neutralise bacteria. Orbital secured a €15 million loan from the EIB under the Juncker Plan in order to step up the commercialisation of its product and continue its research and development.

### Recycling sea waste: ECOALF



Ecoalf is a circular economy start-up in Spain that collects marine debris from the bottom of the sea, treats it, and converts it into thread to make clothes and accessories. Ecoalf works with 3,000 fishermen across 40 ports, collecting and transforming 250 tonnes of sea waste per year, with nearly 80% of what comes out of the sea being recycled. The company secured a loan under the Juncker Plan from its local bank, which has helped it create new jobs and seen some 80% growth.