

DIGITAL



The Commission is committed to completing the Digital Single Market, one of its ten priorities.

The Investment Plan could help to meet the **Digital Agenda's broadband targets**. Priority should be given to support greenfield deployments of digital infrastructure, investments in innovative digital services and the digitalisation of the traditional sectors (Industry 4.0).

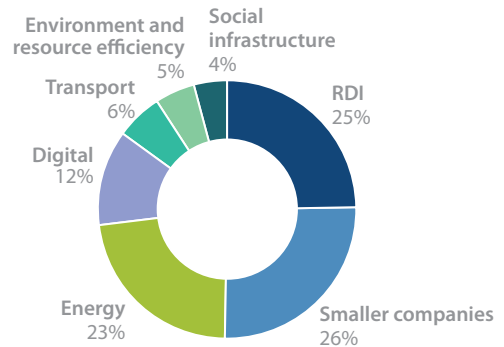
With the Investment Plan, three main types of investments in the digital sector may be promoted, and this has already started.

- **Large greenfield digital infrastructure projects**, with deployment of the latest technologies to allow access to ultrafast broadband across the EU territory. These projects can originate under national broadband plans, regional initiatives or be led by private companies willing to invest in future-proof infrastructure (e.g. FTTx) and digital service infrastructures (cloud services, high-performance computing).
- **Investment Platforms** would be key to making a substantial impact on the digital sector, since they will allow the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) to address the numerous smaller size projects in the digital sector. Under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), advanced discussions are ongoing with the European Investment Bank and the National Promotional Banks on the establishment of an Investment Platform for smaller broadband projects, which could be further expanded under the EFSI. Similar schemes will be explored for digital services and digital skills, among others.
- **The collaboration with the European Investment Fund** for SMEs is another key area of the EFSI with strong impact for the digital sector. The digital market remains very fragmented in Europe, where SMEs are key actors in several digital sub-segments (e.g. photonics, cybersecurity).

In coordination with the EFSI, an increased involvement of the **European Investment Advisory Hub** in the digital sector will also be decisive to bring support to project promoters in structuring and implementing their digital projects.

Higher visibility of digital projects could be ensured via the **European Investment Project Portal**.

Sectoral coverage (some projects cover several sectors)

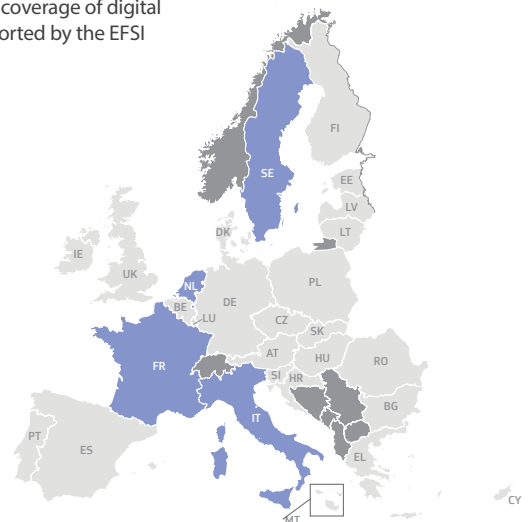


Out of the EFSI transactions approved by the EIB so far, 12% are in the digital sector.

Infrastructure and Innovation projects



Geographical coverage of digital projects supported by the EFSI



List of projects in the digital sector

NL



High speed mobile internet rollout
(approved, not yet signed)

SE



FR



Alsace Très Haut Debit (signed April 2016)

- Rollout of very high speed fibre to the home (FTTH) broadband to around **700** communes of the Region of Alsace, France.

FR



Nord Pas de Calais THD
(signed October 2015)

- Rollout of fibre broadband to over **500,000** households in low-density areas of Nord Pas-de-Calais, as well as to nearly **75** public and business sites.
- EIB financing under the EFSI: **EUR 147 million**
- Total investment expected: **EUR 609 million**

IT



TI Accelerated High Speed Broadband Rollout
(signed December 2015)

- Rollout of a new broadband access network (combined fibre and copper solutions) to provide ultra-high-speed broadband services in Italy. Planned to increase the network reach by about **7 million households**.
- EIB financing under the EFSI: **EUR 500 million**
- Total investment triggered: **EUR 1.8 billion**