

HOW HAS THE JUNCKER PLAN BENEFITED MALTA?

EIB financing:

€39 m

Expected to trigger

in total investments





MALTA CURRENTLY RANKS 27

in terms of EFSI-related investment triggered, relative to GDP

Approved projects and SME agreements

As of November 2019 the Juncker Plan has mobilised

in additional investment across the EU

SMEs set to benefit from improved access to finance

Our next goal is to reach

in mobilised investment across the EU by the end of 2020

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



Bio-economy



Environment & resource efficiency







Research, development & innovation



Digital











Regional development



Smaller companies









Beyond mobilising significant investments, the Juncker Plan also supports project promoters and helps to develop a pipeline of quality projects in Europe. Two initiatives offer great opportunities to project promoters and investors. The <u>European Investment Advisory Hub</u> provides tailored advisory support to prepare and develop investment projects in the EU. The <u>European Investment Project Portal</u> offers a matchmaking service between quality projects in the EU and potential investors worldwide.

The Juncker Plan is also making Europe's investment environment more business-friendly, working to remove barriers to investments at all levels. More information on challenges and opportunities for investments in Malta is available in this <u>European Semester Country Report</u>.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE JUNCKER PLAN



Semiconductors: STMICROELECTRONICS

STMicroelectronics is a global semiconductor manufacturer. The company secured financing from the EIB under the Juncker Plan to invest in R&D into the next generation of semiconductors, particularly in the Smart Driving and Internet of Things domains. The company is based in France, Italy and Malta.



Innovative companies: APS BANK

The EIF has signed a financing agreement with APS Bank to boost their lending to innovative small and medium-sized businesses. The agreement is expected to make €12 million in loans available to Maltese companies.



Mobile broadband network: GO

GO plc is a leading telecommunications provider in Malta. Thanks to a €28 million loan from the EIB under the Juncker Plan, GO is increasing the reach of its Fibre-To-The-Home network to provide high-speed broadband to thousands of homes across the country. The three-year project will result in an additional 70,000 Maltese households having access to fast internet, making a big difference for businesses and families alike. The investment will also be channelled towards making the mobile network 5G-ready.