Who we are

The **European Commission** is in charge of the Plan. To deliver it, we're working in our focus countries with:

- governments
- businesses
- local EU offices

And we're working with 17 development banks, including:









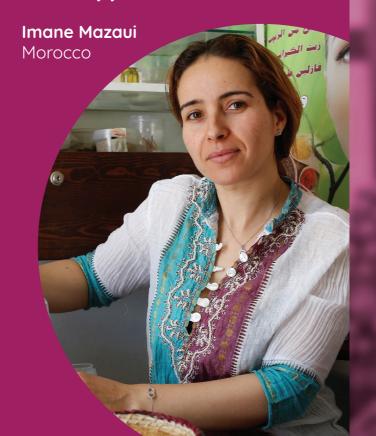




On the ground

66 For years I tried to get a loan to expand my organic products shop. But banks considered it too risky.

Then an EU-backed local bank offered me a micro-loan. Since then my yearly turnover has risen by 36%.



Apply now

We're financing projects that transform communities.

If you're a private investor with just such a project which you want to co-finance, please contact one of the development banks we're working with.



You'll find a full list at ec.europa.eu/eu-eip

Questions? Comments?



We'd be happy to hear from you: EC-EIP-EFSD-Secretariat@ec.europa.eu



Sharing risk.

Maximising impact.

About the plan



We're focusing on people in countries **neighbouring the EU** and in **Africa**.



We're creating **new opportunities** for them to
build their lives in their home
countries.



Making it possible to have a decent **job**, start a small **business**, or access **electricity** or the **internet**.



By using €4.5 billion in public funds, we'll secure €44 billion by 2020 in public and private investment for development.



We're also working with **governments** and **businesses** to attract this investment – and even more besides.





Finance

We offer two kinds:

Guarantees

Here we take an all-new approach. We **share the risk** so that private investors and development banks will lend to entrepreneurs or finance development projects.

Blending

Here we **cover part of the costs** of a development project, with public and private investors financing the rest, to get it off the ground.





Expertise

We also fund what's called **technical assistance** from experts.

They:

- help develop new projects and ensure they succeed
- enable local and EU firms to draft business plans
- support governments in enacting reforms.



We work with governments closely to help them improve the **investment** climate.

This means the **conditions** which investors consider when making their **decisions**.

They include:

- the business environment like how easy it is to start a business
- other factors, such as how stable a country is.

And we bring together governments and business to **discuss** investment **challenges**.