

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

“ 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%. ”

Imane Mazoui
Morocco



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:
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The EU External Investment Plan

Sharing risk.

Maximising impact.



About the plan



Where?

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



Why?

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



What?

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



How?

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



How else?

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



What we offer

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**.

Investment climate support

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**.