

E JUNCKER PLAN BENEFITED LATVIA?

EIB financing: €270 m

Expected to trigger

in total investments



LATVIA CURRENTLY RANKS 9

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

Approved projects and SME agreements

As of November 2019 the Juncker Plan has mobilised €450.6 bn

in additional investment across the EU

7,300

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



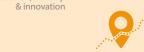
Digital















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 Latvia is available in this European Semester Country Report.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE JUNCKER PLAN



Research and study centre: UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA

The EIB is lending the University of Latvia €30 million backed by the Juncker Plan to build state-of-the-art research and study facilities. The loan will help finance the construction and furnishing of two buildings in the new Tornakalns campus. This will bring together a large portion of the university's activity in one area, making it more convenient not only for the administration, but also for the teachers and students.



Supporting innovation: HANSAMATRIX

Latvian tech start-up HansaMatrix has received €10 million in EIB financing under the Juncker Plan to expand its production capacity and boost its research and development activities. HansaMatrix develops electronic systems and services that are used in a wide range of areas such as imaging, medical equipment and manufacturing. HansaMatrix was the first private company in Latvia to receive direct financing from the EIB under the Juncker Plan.



Finance for very small businesses: ALTUM

Thanks to a guarantee agreement with the European Investment Fund, Latvia's state-owned development institution ALTUM is providing €15 million in loans to 600 microbusinesses in Latvia between 2018 - 2021. The EIF agreement was signed under the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and is backed by the Juncker Plan. Micro-entrepreneurs will be able to benefit from I oans at a reduced interest rate with I ower collateral requirements. ALTUM will primarily target start-ups and small businesses, including young people with little business experience.