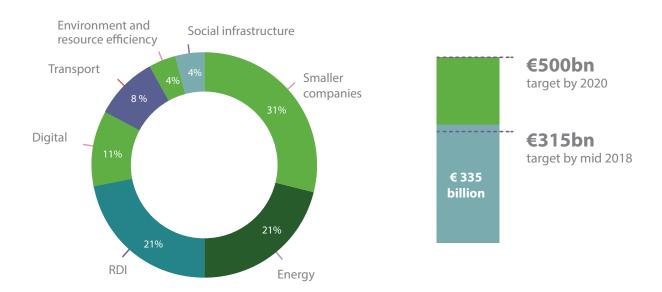


THE EUROPEAN FUND FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

(EFSI) has mobilised €335 billion in additional investment across the EU since 2015.

Two thirds of the €335 billion raised comes from private investment.



JOBS AND GROWTH

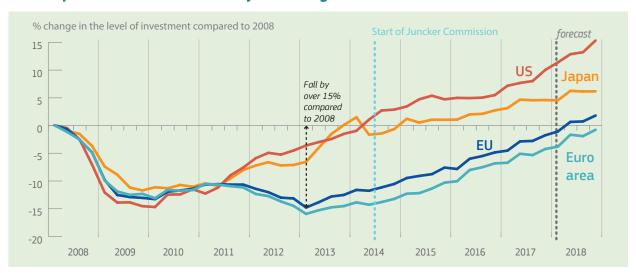
Based on EFSI operations up until the end of 2017, the Juncker Plan has supported more than 750,000 jobs with the figure set to rise to **1.4 million jobs by 2020.** It has increased EU GDP by 0.6% and it is set to increase **EU GDP by 1.3% by 2020.**

700,000 small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) – a major focus of the Juncker Plan – are benefiting from improved access to financing.

The Juncker Plan is contributing **to closing the investment gap** caused by the financial and economic crisis.



The Juncker Plan is contributing to closing the investment gap: back to pre-crisis levels and steadily increasing



Source: European Commission

WHAT IS THE EFSI?

The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) is an EU budget guarantee. It allows the European Investment Bank (EIB) Group to:

- ✓ Finance operations that are **riskier** than their average investment
- ✓ Support **highly innovative** projects
- ✓ Provide risk financing to **small companies** without a credit history
- ✓ Finance a **greater quantity** of projects and SME agreements than would have been possible without the EU budget guarantee's backing.

EFSI SECTORS





BENEFITS TO CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES

Thanks to EFSI support, the EIB and its subsidiary for financing small businesses, the European Investment Fund (EIF), have invested in hundreds of projects and provided risk financing for hundreds of thousands of SMEs across a wide range of strategic sectors in all 28 Member States. In addition to financing innovative projects and new technologies, the Juncker Plan has supported other EU **objectives**, such as in digital, social and transport policy. Thanks to the EFSI:

- 15 million additional households can access high-speed broadband
- More than 500,000 social and affordable housing units have been built or renovated
- 30 million Europeans benefit from improved healthcare services
- 95 million passengers per year are enjoying better rail and urban infrastructure
- 7.4 million **households** supplied with renewable energy

WHAT'S NEXT?

Given the success of the EFSI in mobilising investment across the EU, the Commission proposed to extend its duration and capacity to boost investment further. The so-called EFSI 2.0 entered into force on 30 December 2017. It:

- extends the lifetime of the guarantee from mid-2018 to end-2020
- increases its investment target from €315 billion to at least €500 billion
- has a greater focus on financing small businesses
- puts more emphasis on sustainable projects and sectors
- provides more advisory support at a local level.

PROPOSAL: THE INVESTEU FUND UNDER THE NEXT **LONG-TERM EU BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK (2021-2027)**

