

# Inclusive finance for employment and social innovation

The Civil Society Division of the European Investment Bank (EIB) would like to invite stakeholders to a workshop about financial and technical solutions contributing to support entrepreneurship, youth employment and the development of businesses with high social impact in Europe.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about and discuss the advantages, features and suitability of inclusive finance programmes. Representatives from the EIB Group, as well as beneficiaries and financial intermediaries implementing such programmes, will share their expertise and experience in an interactive format.

**Time:** Monday 6 June, 10.00 to 12.30 followed by a sandwich lunch

**Location:** EIB Brussels office,  
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# Programme

## 9.30 Registration and refreshments

## 10.00 Opening remarks: Hakan Lucius (EIB)

**Chair:** Edvardas Bumsteinas (EIB)

## 10.15 Microfinance & Technical Assistance

Per-Erik Eriksson (EIF) & Christos Pouris (EIB)

Patrick Sapy (Microstart, Belgium) & Joan Ursula Arrias (Joany's pedicure, Belgium)

Q&A

## 11.15 Specific examples within the EIB Group

The Social Impact Accelerator (SIA): a fund of funds for social SMEs in Europe

Cyril Gouiffes (EIF)

Olivier de Guerre (Phitrust Partenaires, France)

The EIB's "Skills and Jobs – Investing for Youth" programme

Rien Wagenvoort (EIB)

Pawel Narkiewicz (EFL, Poland)

Q&A

## 12.15 Closing remarks: Hakan Lucius (EIB)

## 12.30 Lunch and networking activities

Please **register** your place [here](#) or visit our **website** [here](#) for more information

## Speakers

### Opening remarks

**Hakan Lucius** is Head of the Stakeholder Engagement, Transparency and Civil Society Division at the European Investment Bank. This responsibility is built on fifteen years of experience in the financing of projects with social and environmental impacts and benefits, which he implemented at the EIB and previously at UN Relief and Development organizations. Hakan Lucius also lectures at various masters programmes internationally.

**Edvardas Bumsteinas** is Head of the Microfinance Unit responsible for microfinance and impact finance operations at the European Investment Bank. Since joining the EIB in 2005, Edvardas has served on a number of governance bodies and investment committees of various microfinance investment companies with a special focus on Africa.

### Microfinance & Technical Assistance

**Per-Erik Eriksson** is Head of Microfinance Investments within the Guarantees, Securitisation & Microfinance department. Since 2015 he is leading the investment team responsible for the investment activity under EaSI, the EPMF successor program, which targets not only microfinance but also social entrepreneurship.

**Christos Pouris** is a member of the EIB fi-compass advisory services team and is responsible for the implementation of the EaSI TA actions focusing on improving the quality of microcredit providers through capacity building services and development tools for the whole microfinance sector.

**Patrick Sapy** is Cofounder and CEO of microStart as well as President European Microfinance Network (EMN). microStart is a group of social enterprises created in 2010 which social mission is – through microcredit – to finance and support those excluded from the banking system. Since 2010, microStart have disbursed 17 MEUR to help 3000 microentrepreneurs. microStart currently has a team of 30 employees and works with more than 150 volunteers.

**Joan Ursula Arrias** is originally from Suriname and currently lives in Belgium. Last year, she received a microloan to start her own pedicure business where she visits her customers in the comfort of their own home or in her practice. She combines this with her part-time job as cleaning lady in a hospital in Antwerp.

## Specific examples within the EIB Group

**Cyril Gouiffes** is Social Impact Investment Manager at the European Investment Fund. Since 2012, he has been working within the social impact team of EIF, in which he contributed to raise the SIA fund-of-funds. Prior to joining EIF, Cyril gained unique field experience working with microfinance institutions in the Middle East.

**Olivier de Guerre** is Chairman of PhiTrust Partenaires social investment fund which he funded. Previously Olivier worked in finance at Banque Indosuez and Credit Suisse Asset Management. In 2016, Phitrust Partenaires launched a new fund dedicated to European social enterprises with the support of Social Impact accelerator and institutional investors. Olivier is also director at Finansol and Admical in France and until May 2016 at EVPA Brussels.

**Rien Wagenvoort** is Senior Economist at the European Investment Bank. His work focuses on financial economics, banking, capital market, and corporate finance. Currently, he is working on investment appraisals of projects in education and information technology, and lending to SMEs and Mid-caps.

**Paweł Narkiewicz** is Deputy Director in Finance Department, EFL SA. He is responsible for cooperation with International Financial Institutions, including special programs promoted by EIB. He is currently coordinating the implementation of “Skills and Jobs – Investing for Youth” program in EFL.