

FACILITY FOR EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TRUST FUND

ABOUT THE TRUST FUND

The Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) Trust Fund facilitates investment and has been addressing funding gaps in the European Union's Southern Neighbourhood since its creation in 2004 by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

It is the Bank's oldest multi-donor, multi-sector trust fund, and is currently managed by EIB Global, the Bank's development arm, which aims to enhance the development impact of its operations beyond Europe.

For close to 20 years, the FEMIP Trust Fund has been providing a broad range of instruments to quickly and reliably support the economic and social development of the Mediterranean partner countries through technical assistance and risk capital operations. The trust fund continues to provide technical assistance throughout the project cycle, including:

- sector studies and master plans (identification stage);
- pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, audits, procurement documents (preparation stage);
- skills development at the institutional level, and support for public authority project management (implementation stage);
- studies assessing the ability of financial institutions to provide services to small and medium-sized enterprises and vulnerable groups such as women, young people and refugees, to promote financial inclusion.

Strategic priorities (2021-2025)

The FEMIP Trust Fund's long-term objectives build on the EU Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood policy and on the EIB's expertise. Following the adoption of the [New Agenda for the Mediterranean](#) in 2021, the FEMIP priorities are:

- human development (for example, health, equal opportunities, human rights);
- strengthening resilience, building prosperity and seizing the digital transition;
- green transition (including climate resilience, energy and environment).

AREAS OF ACTION

Access to finance for small businesses

Green transition and climate action

Equal opportunities and social inclusion

Infrastructure

Human development

Digitalisation



€68 MILLION in donor funds contributed
(following a €4.8 million contribution in 2023)

90 FEMIP Trust Fund-supported operations, of which 17 are ongoing
and 73 have been completed as of the end of 2022

€4.54 BILLION* Total investment mobilised as of the end of 2022 in
association with the trust fund's technical assistance and risk capital operations

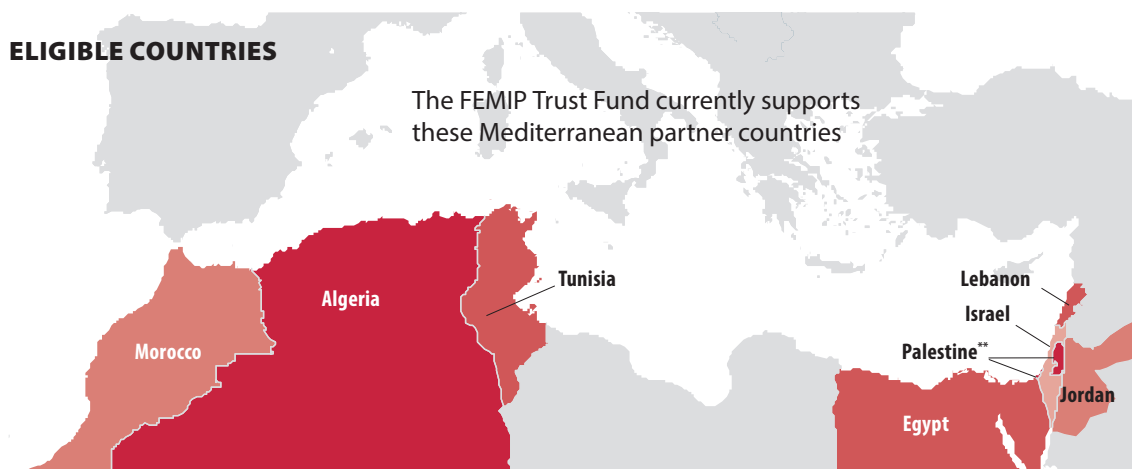
*This sum includes €2.8 billion from partner institutions and €1.7 billion in EIB lending. The EIB typically only covers up to 50% of a project's total cost and **crowds in other investors**.

Almost half of all donor resources contributing to the FEMIP Trust Fund supported regional or cross-border operations (see page FE 4). The FEMIP Trust Fund is an important facilitator in fostering private sector development and bolstering socioeconomic infrastructure in the Mediterranean region, filling critical institutional gaps in project preparation and implementation.

So far, half of the trust fund's financial resources approved for projects have supported the environment sector (26%, including climate action) and the private sector (24%, including the finance and micro and small and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) sector) (see page FE 4).

As the EU climate bank, the EIB is committed to dedicating at least 50% of its financing every year to climate action and environmental sustainability and is set to reach its target of €1 trillion in investments for this cause in the critical decade to 2030. The FEMIP Trust Fund operations contribute to this objective.

The needs of the Mediterranean partner countries are as high as ever. To tackle current local and global challenges, which include climate change, food and energy security and the lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic, **it is essential to replenish the trust fund**. In this context, EIB Global is actively reaching out to existing and potential donors, seeking their contributions to promote sustainable development and offer an inclusive future to the young populations of Europe's Southern Neighbourhood.



** This shall not be construed as recognition of a state of Palestine and is without prejudice to the positions of each EU country.

EXPECTED IMPACT

For almost two decades, the FEMIP Trust Fund has improved the lives of millions in the Southern Neighbourhood by supporting projects that supply safe and reliable water, improve education and healthcare, finance sustainable transport, and help small businesses and startups grow.

1.5 million people are expected to benefit from improved sanitation services in Egypt, and 350 000 micro and small businesses, including 105 500 women-led businesses, will be supported.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS SUPPORTED



In 2022 alone, €27.68 million from 21 FEMIP projects supported 11 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The largest share of ongoing and recently completed operations (24% of the approved amount) seeks to **develop and enhance working conditions and economic growth** (SDG 8) of the Mediterranean partner countries. And in line with the EIB policy on climate, 33% of approved funds in 2022 aimed to **mitigate the negative effects of human activities on the environment** and were associated with the environmental SDGs.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- A technical assistance grant is helping the Tunisian electricity provider STEG to carry out a study of the environmental and social impacts of a 400 MW pumped water transfer station in the Beja province in the north of the country. This will help STEG to **expand its use of renewable energy** and limit its use of gas. The project will also increase the energy storage capacity of Tunisia's electricity system, which is important for periods when renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power generate less.
- A technical assistance grant is helping the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy, MASEN, **to take advantage of the huge, untapped potential for wind energy in Morocco**. The funding will be used to carry out a feasibility study to prepare the ground for the construction of an offshore wind farm.
- The Technical Assistance Programme to Microfinance Facility (TAFIR), a €2 million programme backed by the FEMIP Trust Fund, supports Microfund for Women (MFW), a Jordanian institution that finances **female microentrepreneurs** in the kingdom. With TAFIR's support, MFW developed a scoring model to strengthen its loan approval process. The model's benefits include faster turnaround, lower processing times and more standardised loan decisions and loan approvals. This enables beneficiaries to get lower pricing and default rates and makes MFW's services more accessible to vulnerable populations, boosting financial inclusion.

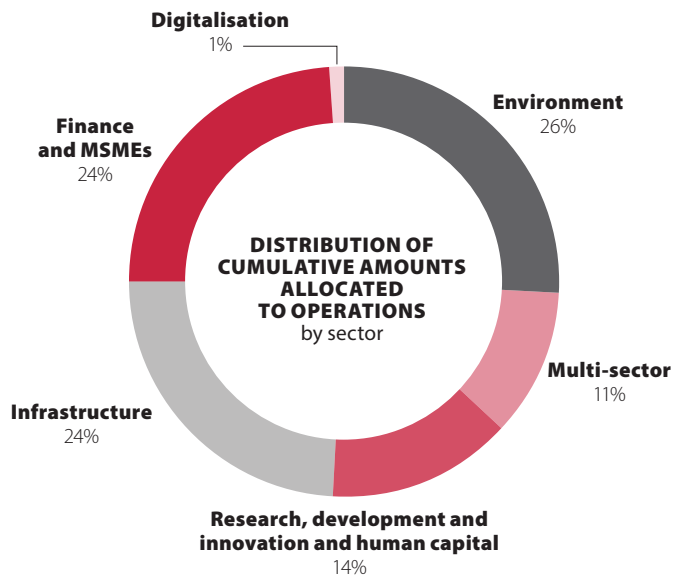
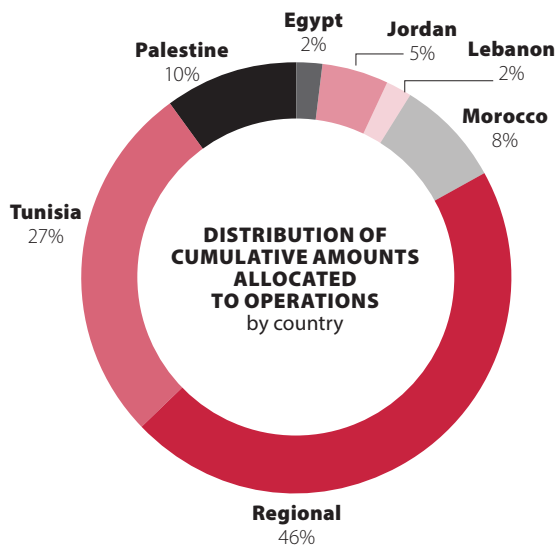
FACILITY FOR EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TRUST FUND AT A GLANCE

€68 MILLION in donor funds contributed
(including a €4.8 million contribution received in 2023)

€67 MILLION* allocated to operations

90
operations

* Returns from completed projects may bring the balance of approved funds higher than the amount of donor funds committed.



OUR DONORS

Since its inception, the trust fund has been receiving contributions from the following donors:

AUSTRIA	GREECE	ROMANIA
BELGIUM	IRELAND	SLOVENIA
CYPRUS	ITALY	SPAIN
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	LUXEMBOURG	SWEDEN
FINLAND	MALTA	UNITED KINGDOM
FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	
GERMANY	PORTUGAL	