



EIB Group activity in the Netherlands in 2020

- Record year for EIB Group financing
- European Investment Fund plays growing role
- Strong focus on social aspects of finance

In spite of everything, 2020 was a record year in the Netherlands for financing provided by the European Investment Bank Group (EIB Group), consisting of the EIB and its subsidiary, the European Investment Fund. With nearly 40 separate operations signed over the course of the year, some €3.18 billion was made available for operations based in or focusing on the Netherlands.

Apart from lending to healthcare and special care facilities, a main focus of the Group was to make financing available to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across the board, in the face of the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. This culminated in a joint EIB-EIF operation with Dutch bank ING to make over €1.1 billion available to Dutch SMEs, in addition to no less important operations in support of microfinance and crowd lending. A further important step was the EIF's collaboration with the newly founded Dutch national promotional institution Invest-NL. All in all, this year's work provided much to build on for the years ahead.





A FIRST IN SPECIAL CARE

First-ever loan in the Netherlands for special care for people with intellectual disabilities

€200 million loan will help 's Heeren Loo to further improve its care facilities

In many aspects 2020 was a year of 'firsts'. Luckily, there were some positive first-times to be mentioned too. 's Heeren Loo, the Dutch market leader in care for people with intellectual disabilities, became the first in its sector to borrow from the European Investment Bank. A €200 million loan agreement will be used for 's Heeren Loo's medium-term investment plans, concerning new construction of living quarters and daytime activity locations for its clients. This will create better care conditions for its residents and will also reduce the CO₂ emissions of 's Heeren Loo's various premises.

With this agreement, 's Heeren Loo is the first institution that takes care of people with intellectual disabilities to sign a European loan. "That is something we're proud of, and we worked hard for this," said their CFO Ernst Klunder. The living facilities of the organisation's clients will be adapted to the latest requirements. For example, clients who currently still share sanitary facilities will obtain private bathrooms and larger bedrooms. To implement this, a new housing concept has been developed, with the overarching idea of 'renovation where it is possible, new construction where it is necessary.'

Annual EIB volume

Projects signed by the European Investment Bank amounted to

€2.037bn





FUELLING THE FUTURE OF DUTCH INNOVATION

EIF backs Dutch national promotional institution Invest-NL in setting up the Dutch Future Fund

Fund set to initially provide €300 million for Dutch SMEs in energy transition, sustainability and the circular economy

A new initiative between Invest-NL and the EIF is set to make more financing available for SMEs that are ready to scale up their business. Both parties are investing €150 million in the Dutch Future Fund (DFF), making €300 million available for Dutch SMEs. The €150 million committed by Invest-NL includes a €25 million contribution by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy.

Overall, the DFF aims to support the Dutch economy and help it prepare for the future by focusing on areas such as digital innovation, artificial intelligence, life sciences and key enabling technologies, as well as certain thematic objectives. The programme is being implemented by the EIF to build a balanced portfolio of 15 to 20 funds that must have a strong commitment to the Netherlands. The DFF will pay special attention to investments with a focus on energy transition, sustainability and the circular economy, as well as climate change in general, all of which are priorities for the Netherlands and the EIB Group. As an overall result, the initiative is offering fresh funding to Dutch SMEs, who are already hard-pressed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



European Investment Fund

The EIF significantly increased its support for Dutch projects, committing

€1.3bn





OVERALL EIB GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

Supporting good projects

Projects approved by the EIB Group amounted to

€76.8bn

both inside and outside the EU

Green Financing

Last year no less than

40%

of all EIB projects were green

COVID-19 related financing

EIB Group COVID-support totalled

€25.46bn

Investment Plan for Europe

The European Fund for Strategic Investments supported

€210m

worth of projects in the Netherlands in 2020

One of the biggest ever

A joint EIF-EIB operation with ING secured

€1.1bn

in new lending to SMEs dealing with the fallout from COVID

51 266

jobs supported

in 2020 alone thanks to EIF activities in recent years

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