

EIB at a glance 2019



The European Investment Bank is the lending arm
of the European Union.

We are the world's largest multilateral lender
and the biggest provider of climate finance.

We help the economy, create jobs and promote equality.

The EIB Group has two parts: the European Investment
Bank and the European Investment Fund. The EIF
specialises in finance for small businesses
and mid-caps.

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accomplished development institutions in the world.



*The Bank's financing improved transport
for 290 million passengers in 2018.*

€230,000,000,000	in investment supported by EIB activities
€64,190,000,000	in EIB Group financing ¹
€60,000,000,000	raised on global bond markets
€23,270,000,000	in financing for small businesses
€13,520,000,000	to boost innovation
5,000,000	jobs sustained for small companies
854	projects signed
29%	of EIB financing supported climate action

¹ Our €64.19 billion in financing in 2018 supported around €230 billion in investment. The EIB typically does not finance more than 50% of a project, so our involvement encourages other institutions to help finance the projects.



*The Bank provided €15.15 billion
to protect the environment in 2018.*

Our priority

The European Investment Bank focuses on four areas: innovation, small businesses, climate and infrastructure.

The combined expertise of our economists, engineers, financial analysts and climate specialists ensures the success of our projects. In turn, the stamp of approval from our specialists triggers more investment from the private sector. We work around the world to improve people's lives. In 2018, we made drinking water safer for 20 million people, built better roads for millions of drivers and brought electricity to more than 34 million households.



With EIB support, the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics in Nicosia renovated its research and treatment facilities.

Our financing and advice supports millions of jobs and helps thousands of small businesses thrive. In 2018, we secured financing for 374,000 small companies. We make Europe more competitive by supporting cutting-edge innovation and climate action. We backed 29 million high-speed digital connections in 2018.

One of our tools is the European Fund for Strategic Investments. It aims to bridge the big financing gap in Europe by creating €500 billion in investment by 2020. By the end of 2018, the EIB Group had approved €70.4 billion in financing under EFSI and mobilised €375.5 billion in investment.



*A welder in a bus assembly plant in Senegal.
The EIB invested in a fund that is helping
this company thrive.*

Our clients

We lend to the public and private sectors. We support small companies through local banks and lend money to innovative start-ups. Mid-cap companies can receive direct support for research and development investments. We do not lend more than half of the cost of a project, because we want our loans to crowd in financing from private investors and other public financial institutions.

The Bank offers a wide range of financial products at favourable terms. For certain projects that support innovation and skills in Europe, we accept more risk than a commercial bank. We also offer technical assistance to help prepare and implement projects.



The Bank helps cities like Paris use renewable energy, improve mobility and upgrade roads and bridges.

Our resources

The EIB is financially autonomous. We raise money by issuing bonds on international capital markets.

Our excellent credit rating means we raise money at good rates. We pass on these benefits to our clients.

We are one of the greenest multilateral banks on the global markets. Our bankers invented the “green bond” market.

Our commitments

- high environmental and social standards in all activities
- strong governance, transparency and accountability
- minimal environmental footprint

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