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The European Investment Bank (EIB) is the bank of the European Union and one of the largest providers of finance for climate action in the world.

Since our establishment in 1958, the EIB has invested over a trillion euros in projects in Europe and countries worldwide. While climate action is a big part of our activities, we also focus on the environment, development, innovation and skills, small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), infrastructure and cohesion.

The European Investment Fund (EIF), which is part of the EIB Group, specialises in supporting SMEs, providing financing for new businesses, growth, innovation, research and development, employment and regional development.

The EIB works with other EU institutions to foster European integration, promote development in the European Union and support EU policies. Across Europe, our investments draw EU countries closer together.

Our work extends beyond Europe to over 160 countries. Through EIB Global, which was set up in 2022 to increase the impact of our development finance, we help address global challenges and foster growth and opportunity all over the world.
OUR IMPACT IN 2023

- €320 billion
  investment supported by EIB Group

- €87.85 billion
  EIB Group financing

- €49 billion
  green financing

- €49.8 billion
  raised on bond markets

- €20 billion
  small and medium businesses

- €26.8 billion
  sustainable energy and natural resources

- €19.76 billion
  innovation, digital technology and knowledge

- 5.4 million
  jobs for small and medium businesses

- 4.9 million
  people drinking safer water
EIB financing in 2023 was €75.14 billion, including €8.44 billion from EIB Global

- 13.8 million households with power
- 17.3 million people benefiting from improved infrastructure
- 11.6 million 5G subscriptions
- 254 million additional trips on public transport
- 1.5 million people protected from floods
- 21 700 MW renewable electricity generation capacity
- 42 988 km power lines installed or upgraded
- 13 million smart energy meters installed
- 130.6 million people receiving better health services, including vaccinations
The Kolos sports and rehabilitation complex for people with disabilities opened in May 2023 in Reshetylivka, Ukraine, after an extensive reconstruction backed by the EIB.
Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine continues to cause terrible suffering, massive destruction of infrastructure, towns and communities, and major disruption to the economy. The EIB stands by the Ukrainian authorities and the people of Ukraine. We support an independent Ukraine.

As part of a coordinated EU and international response to this crisis, the Bank has mobilised financial support through the EIB Solidarity Package for Ukraine to help the government meet urgent liquidity needs, ensuring that food, medical supplies and fuel remain available to Ukrainians.

The assistance provided by the EIB in 2023 centred on the EU for Ukraine Fund, which lends help in all sectors, including venture capital investment for the private sector.

EU Member States pledged more than €400 million to this EIB fund for sectors like health, transport, education, cybersecurity, critical social infrastructure and the private sector.

Other EIB assistance to Ukraine includes:

- an EU guarantee allowing the Bank to make €100 million in financing available for fast recovery, such as for municipal or energy infrastructure repairs;

- €100 million in advisory and technical assistance from the EIB’s own funds to help Ukraine prepare recovery projects.
Logistics company CTP is turning the roofs of its facilities into massive solar power farms, cutting costs and emissions for its tenants. The EIB backed CTP with a €200 million loan in 2023.
CLIMATE AND ENERGY

Climate change is the biggest global challenge of our generation. Achieving climate targets will determine the well-being of our children. The EIB’s climate and energy goals are setting new standards in Europe and beyond. We do not back fossil fuel projects, and we devote more than 50% of our investments to climate action and sustainability.

EIB investments support the green transition. As the EU climate bank, the EIB is helping to meet the commitments of the Paris Agreement — the international treaty on climate change — and the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. We pledged €1 trillion in investment for the climate and the environment by 2030, and are on track to meet that target.

The EIB’s operations accelerate green growth and the decarbonisation of economies. We support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, which help to reduce carbon emissions and strengthen our energy security.

EIB investments also fight the effects of climate change on vulnerable communities, protecting biodiversity and promoting sustainable farming. We preserve natural resources and are making the environment safe for future generations.

Every project that the EIB supports, whether for innovation, small businesses or infrastructure, must be aligned with our climate goals. We back projects that protect the environment our children will live in, even as we innovate to make their future more prosperous.
The Dutch company Rocsys received an €18 million loan from the EIB in 2023 to develop robotic arm equipment that connects charging cables to vehicles using touch sensors to mimic human actions.
INNOVATION

Innovation is the beating heart of human progress. It improves well-being, drives prosperity and benefits future generations. It is crucial to economic growth and employment.

The EIB Group is committed to breaking down investment barriers and helping the European Union take the lead in the next wave of innovation. Innovation keeps Europe competitive and creates high-value jobs. The EIB supports the many stages of innovation, backing the ideas that improve standard of living.

We support large-scale research and development, as well as small, specialised firms. Our investments in sectors like telecommunications, aviation, medicine and digitalisation are a stamp of approval that attracts additional private sector financing to those projects.

With EIB loans, universities build and expand their research facilities. Startups increase their staff and improve their equipment. Cutting-edge ideas are turned into business successes.
In 2023, a €1 million loan from the EIB helped repair the V.I. Vernadskyi School in Poltava Oblast, Ukraine.
INCLUSION

The EIB empowers small businesses and young people and supports female entrepreneurs by giving them access to loans and coaching. We make it possible for people on low incomes, the self-employed and microenterprises to get financing and business advice to make sure their projects succeed.

The EIB has extended its support for local microfinance institutions in regions where people often have no access to banks. When people are able to obtain credit, businesses employ more workers, women become independent, displacement is reduced and households can work their way out of poverty.

We help ensure no one is left behind. We provide safe, energy-efficient homes for lower-income populations. Our investments create opportunities around the world for rural communities, and for women and children.
The EIB approved a €750 million loan in September 2023 to rehabilitate nearly 22 kilometres of commuter train lines in Alexandria, adding new cars, renovating the stations and converting diesel engines to electric-powered systems.
The EIB is accountable to EU citizens. It supports projects that promote the priorities and objectives of the European Union, including climate and environmental sustainability, innovation and skills, infrastructure, SMEs, cohesion and development.

Our staff includes economists, engineers, financial analysts and climate specialists, who work daily with local experts, institutions and governments across the globe.

The EIB is financially autonomous, and raises money by issuing bonds on international capital markets. Our excellent credit rating means we can raise funds at good rates, and we pass these benefits on to our clients.

Usually, we do not lend more than half of the cost of a project. EIB involvement is designed to act as a catalyst to attract the private sector, increasing investment.

The EIB’s capital markets experts created and developed the green and sustainable bond markets. We are the largest supranational issuer of green bonds, which support renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean water and sanitation.
In 2023, the EIB partnered with the European Commission and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to cover polio vaccinations for nearly 370 million children every year in Africa.
EIB GLOBAL

The great challenges and opportunities of today are global because all our economies are interconnected. Prosperity in one region promotes prosperity everywhere.

EIB Global, the EIB’s development arm, brings all the resources of the Bank to bear on its operations outside the European Union. It is designed to foster strong, focused partnerships with Team Europe, made up of Member States and EU institutions for government and finance.

As part of Team Europe, we support Global Gateway, a European strategy to invest in sustainable, high-quality projects around the world that are good for people and the planet.

EIB Global is well on track to facilitate at least a third of the €300 billion of investment that Global Gateway aims to mobilise by 2027. This will help support projects that are focused on digitalisation, helping meet the challenges of climate change, clean energy, healthcare, education and transport.

EIB Global brings us closer to local people, companies and institutions, sharing EIB sector knowledge and providing independent advice. These advisory services may accompany the Bank’s financial products, and can also be offered independently of any financing.

EIB Global works through efficient cooperation with our partners and beneficiaries, development finance institutions and civil society. The bottom line: more impact from our financing.
The EIB Group consists of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF).

The EIB is the European Union’s bank. It is one of the world’s largest multilateral borrowers and lenders. Based in Luxembourg, the Bank has a network of local and regional offices in Europe and beyond.

The EIF supports small businesses by improving their access to finance in Europe and a number of non-EU countries. The EIF designs and develops venture and growth capital, guarantees and microfinance instruments to promote innovation and employment.

EIB Global is the international development arm of the EIB. It is committed to financing climate action, innovation and sustainability around the world.