SMEs Animation – EIB Group

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Small businesses are the engine of the European economy, vital in all sectors and all countries. They employ around 70% of the European workforce.

Many of the products and services we enjoy in our daily lives are provided by small businesses, often located nearby.

But access to finance is not always easy for these small and medium enterprises or SMEs as we often call them.

Are you thinking about opening or expanding your business?

The European Union is here to support your dreams! The EIB Group (composed of the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund) can offer financial support and advice to address your business needs.

How? We partner with a network of over 1 000 local banks and other financial intermediaries who can give you access to EIB Group solutions wherever you are.

Our offer responds to the different financial needs of small businesses:

- We provide microfinance and larger loans to get your project off the ground
- SMEs can also benefit from our guarantees, covering the investment risks of large and small projects
  By offering our loans and guarantees through local banks, the EIB Group makes it easier for them to provide lending to you.
- Finally, through our participation in equity funds, the EIB Group supports the SME’s business development through long-term investments

But there is more to it than money: based on our technical and financial expertise we can also provide advice to banks and companies on how to make the most of EIB Group finance.

By using our offer, you will benefit from favourable conditions and a longer repayment period - all through your preferred local bank.

Hundreds of thousands of European SMEs are growing every year thanks to EIB Group support. Could yours be next?