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More information on the Organisers of the European Microfinance Award

The European Microfinance Platform | www.e-mfp.eu

e-MFP's aim is to promote co-operation amongst European microfinance bodies working in developing countries. e-MFP facilitates high level discussion, communication and exchange of information, its vision being to become the microfinance focal point in Europe linking with the global South through its members.

e-MFP, founded in 2006, is a growing network of over 120 organisations and individuals active in microfinance. As a multi-stakeholder organisation it represents the European microfinance community through a diverse membership including banks, financial institutions, government agencies, NGOs, consultancy firms, researchers and universities.

e-MFP's values:

- e-MFP members believe that everyone should have access to financial services and that microfinance contributes significantly to this development
- e-MFP enables synergies and knowledge sharing, fosters innovative action and research, and advocates sustainable and responsible microfinance in the global South

Inclusive Finance Network Luxembourg | www.InFiNe.lu

The Inclusive Finance Network Luxembourg Asbl (InFiNe.lu) was created in March 2014 as a continuation of the former *Luxembourg Microfinance Round Table*, an informal initiative since 2004. The uniqueness of InFiNe.lu is to bring together key stakeholders from the public, private and civil society sector in Luxembourg around the common objective of promoting financial inclusion. 23 members have already joined this network.

InFiNe.lu, capitalising on Luxembourg's leading position in the financial and development sector, aims to develop knowledge and expertise by stimulating exchange and collaboration amongst its members while consolidating Luxembourg as a center of excellence in the field of inclusive finance.

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Luxembourg's Development Cooperation has been committed for 20 years to actively supporting the development of microfinance and inclusive finance. The Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs works with civil society stakeholders specialised in microfinance and contributes to the evolution of this sector through supporting conceptual innovation, for the research and development of new tools, political action in national and international fora, exchanges with public and private multilateral and bilateral partners, members of civil society, and through its financial commitment to a multitude of actors and programmes active in this area.



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The European Investment Bank (EIB) | www.eib.org/

The European Investment Bank is the long term lending institution of the European Union, owned by its Member States, tasked with making long-term finance available for sound investment in order to contribute towards policy goals. It was founded in 1958, and has been active outside of the European Union since 1963. The EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) invested EUR 80.3 billion in 2014, and is active in over 160 countries. The Bank has a long track record in microfinance and, as well as addressing financing gaps in emerging markets, also provides technical assistance. The EIB is a dedicated sponsor of European Microfinance Week and the European Microfinance Award.

European Microfinance Week

The European Microfinance Award is held in the framework of Europe's largest conference dedicated to the microfinance sector, European Microfinance Week, which annually hosts more than 400 professionals at the Abbaye de Neumünster in Luxembourg. It is organised by the European Microfinance Platform (e- MFP) with the support of the Luxembourg Government and it gathers practitioners and policy makers from this rapidly evolving sector to discuss lessons learned and tomorrow's challenges.