THE EIB INSTITUTE

was set up within the EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) to promote and support social, cultural and academic initiatives with European stakeholders and the public at large. It is a key pillar of the EIB Group’s community and citizenship engagement. Because of the pandemic, most events were held online.
We donated 1,014 laptops and desktops to 61 schools and not-for-profit organisations in 13 countries.

As part of the EIB Group’s response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Institute coordinated a donation of €1 million.

Half went to NGOs fighting the effects of the pandemic and half to well-known EU research institutes active in COVID-19 related research.

Also in 2020, the EIB Group, through the Institute, donated €250,000 to mitigate the humanitarian crisis caused by hurricanes in Central America.

We launched the Digital Literacy bootcamp to help microfinance institutions and companies cope with the challenges of digitalization, aggravated by the pandemic.

Navilens (Spain), Sponsh (Netherlands), BeeOmonitoring (Belgium) and Plasticfri (Sweden) were the winners of the SIT Alumni PeppyPals, Progetto Quid and HeHop joined the session on “EIB and gender” at the Reyjkavik Global Forum organised by HeraMobileApp (Turkey) was the winner of a new category, the Audience Choice Award.

“Turning the tide is still possible”, said the speakers of the October Days for Sustainable Development 2020 dedicated to “Biodiversity loss and pandemic emergency: reverse the trend and build a sustainable future”.

216 social entrepreneurs from 31 countries joined the competition.

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ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE

We launched the EIB Climate Chair with the European University Institute and the Chair on Sustainable Development and Climate Transition with SciencesPo.

Seven universities benefited from STAREBEI grants for young researchers

Two students consultancy projects (capstones)

were carried out with SciencesPo and LSE the LONDON SCHOOL of ECONOMICS and POLITICAL SCIENCE.

22 professionals from 17 countries graduated from the 4th edition of the Certificate in Law and Regulation of Inclusive Finance with University of Luxembourg and Dauphine University.

We launched the first EIB Climate Chair with the University of Zagreb and the Chair on Sustainable Development and Climate Transition with CHALMERS.

12 universities in 9 EU countries where we deliver courses.
**ARTS & CULTURE: BOOSTING TALENT**

Meta Drčar (Slovenia) Panayiotis Doukanaris (Cyprus) and Niamh Schmidtke (Ireland) were the laureates of the 2020 edition of the Artists Development Programme, a residency in Luxembourg for budding artists mentored by Jorma Puranen.

**Behind the Lens**, the yearly staff photo competition, celebrated its 11th anniversary with 284 photographs submitted in the following categories: Climate Change, My Europe, EIB Footprint and Go Green.

The monthly online staff newsletter ‘L'Art au temps du Coronavirus’ was launched to address the effects of COVID 19 on the arts and creative industries.

Our 7 Most Endangered programme with Europa Nostra became a yearly programme and 7 sites were announced in March.

“**Togetherness a new heritage deal for Europe**” by Europa Nostra president Hermann Parzinger was published in the EIB Big Ideas series.