

EFSI Operation Scoreboard¹

PROJECT PRESENTATION	
Project name	EFL - ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR SMES & MIDCAPS
Promoter and financial intermediary	EUROPEJSKI FUNDUSZ LEASINGOWY SA
Country of implementation	Poland
Summary project description	<p>The proposed operation is a guarantee aimed at supporting new lending to SMEs and Mid-caps ("Final Beneficiaries") mainly in Poland. The operation will have a specific focus on Micro-enterprises. The operation will largely support the Cohesion Objective as most of Poland's territory consists of Cohesion Regions. Moreover, it is expected to support women's economic empowerment, in line with EIB's Gender Equality Strategy, and to contribute to the Innovation Objective.</p> <p>The EIB Group will guarantee a mezzanine tranche in a synthetic securitisation transaction. The underlying portfolio is a granular portfolio of leases to SME and Mid-Cap originated by Europejski Fundusz Leasingowy S.A. ("EFL").</p> <p>Thanks to the additional lending capacity generated through the transaction, EFL will contractually commit to generate new EFSI eligible funding to Final Beneficiaries.</p>

¹ This Scoreboard of indicators reflects the information presented to the EFSI Investment Committee (IC) for its decision on the use of the EU guarantee for this operation. Therefore, the document does not take into account possible developments that could have occurred after this decision.

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PROJECT PILLAR ASSESSMENT

Pillar 1

Contribution to EU policy	Significant
Cross-cutting objectives	
EIB Cohesion Priority Regions / Economic and Social Cohesion	80.00%
Climate Action	2.00%
EFSI	
Contribution to EFSI	100.00%
EFSI: Research, development and innovation	11.00%
Projects that are in line with Horizon 2020	11.00%
EFSI: Financial support through the EIF and the EIB to entities having up to 3 000 employees	89.00%
Other financial support through the EIF and the EIB to entities having up to 3 000 employees	89.00%

Pillar 2

Quality and soundness of the project	Excellent
1. Capacity and soundness of the Intermediary and quality of the operating environment	[...]
2. Increasing access to finance and improving financing conditions including for final beneficiaries	[...]
3. Employment	[...]

This pillar evaluates the quality and soundness of the operation. This pillar is composed of up to four indicators, as relevant, among which:

- (i) "Growth" i.e. for example and where relevant the economic rate of return ('ERR'), which considers the project's socioeconomic costs and benefits, including its spillover effects;
- (ii) "Promoter capabilities" i.e. the capacity of the promoter/intermediary to implement the project and create the expected impact at the [final] beneficiary level;
- (iii) "Sustainability" i.e. environmental and social sustainability²;
- (iv) "Employment" i.e. the project's direct employment effect;
- (v) "Increasing access to finance and improving financing conditions including for final beneficiaries".

Pillar 3

EIB Technical and financial contribution to the project	Significant
1. Financial contribution	[...]
2. Financial facilitation	[...]

This pillar measures the EIB's particular contribution to the project and its financing scheme in the form of financial and non-financial benefits which go beyond what commercial players would normally be able to offer. This dimension of value added is assessed through up to three indicators:

- (i) "Financial Contribution" i.e. improving the counterpart's funding terms compared to market sources of finance (interest rate reduction and/or longer lending tenor);
- (ii) "Financial Facilitation" i.e. helping to attract private financiers (for example through positive signaling effects), promoting synergies in co-financing with other public sources of funds including National Promotional Banks or EU financial instruments;
- (iii) "Technical Contribution and Advice" i.e. providing advice with a view to optimizing the financing package (financial structuring), or technical advisory services in the form of expert input / knowledge transfer - provided in-house by the EIB or in the form of assignments to external consultants - to facilitate the preparation or implementation of a project.

² For additional information on the EIB's assessment of the project's environmental and social aspects, please refer to the project's Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) published on the EIB website.

Pillar 4 - Complementary indicators

Additionality

The operation contributes to the EFSI objective of support to Microenterprises, SMEs and Midcaps by enabling additional risk-bearing capacity of Europejski Fundusz Leasingowy SA and increasing access to finance for this market segment in Poland. This is a joint operation between the EIF and the EIB, whereby the EIF guarantee to the mezzanine tranche is supported by a back-to-back guarantee by the EIB. As improved conditions for SMEs' and Micro-enterprises' access to finance would trigger new investments and eventually lead to more innovation, the operation will also support the EFSI objective of Research, Development and Innovation in line with the Horizon 2020 programme. This is of utmost importance in a country such as Poland, whose territory consists still mostly of Cohesion Regions (the sole non-Cohesion Region being Mazowieckie, around Warsaw). The operation will therefore address the objective of supporting less-developed regions and transition regions with circa 80% of the operation expected to be deployed in Cohesion Regions. The operation will thus also contribute to the Union priorities on convergence and social cohesion, helping reduce regional disparities by supporting investment. Furthermore parts of the new financing to be made available by Europejski Fundusz Leasingowy SA shall be dedicated to female entrepreneurs and/or female leaders in line with the EIB's Gender Equality Strategy.

The operation addresses an existing market gap by financing Microenterprises, SMEs and Midcaps in Poland, which experience lasting difficulties in accessing long-term finance, in a country in which the current and traditional banking financial offer focuses mostly on short-term lending with strict requirements. Microenterprises, SMEs and Midcaps are key for growth creation and employment but, as smaller entities, they have greater difficulty in accessing financing sources.

Thanks to EIB support, the operation will support the investments of eligible Microenterprise, SME and Midcap beneficiaries across a variety of regions and sectors, hence contributing to sustainable economic growth and job creation in Poland. This guarantee, provided by the EIB under EFSI, will allow Europejski Fundusz Leasingowy SA to create a new loan portfolio to the benefit of new Microenterprises, SMEs and Midcaps. The EIB would not be able to provide such type of financing support and reach out to this market segment in such volumes during the period in which the EU guarantee can be used, or not to the same extent, without EFSI.

Due to the risk profile of the transaction, the operation will qualify as Special Activities. The operation will release significant additional private sector financing, as it enables Europejski Fundusz Leasingowy SA to increase its own financing capacity to SMEs and Midcaps, which will in turn invest further own resources for necessary investments in their businesses.

Structured finance transactions such as this operation require a significant amount of structuring, advising and support to be provided by the EIB Group.

Set of indicators related to the macroeconomic environment

Poland - Economic environment

Economic Performance

	PL 2017	EU 2017	US 2017	PL 2001-2007
GDP per capita (EUR, PPS)	20,931.74	29,996.06	43,470.37	14,695.62
GDP growth (%)	4.80	2.43	2.21	4.09
Potential GDP growth (%)	3.20	1.56	2.02	3.76
Output gap (% of potential GDP)	0.88	0.08	0.03	-2.42
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.30	7.30	4.10	16.31
Unemployment Rate (%) - Y/Y change (% points)	-1.10	-0.89	-0.60	-1.21
Bank-interest rates to non-financial corporations (%)	3.82	1.33	2.37	6.28
Bank-interest rates to non-financial corporations (%) - Y/Y change (% points)	0.12	-0.04	0.39	0.47
Investment rate (GFCF as % of GDP) - Total	17.71	20.16	20.45	19.59
Investment rate (GFCF as % of GDP) - Public	3.77	2.73	3.30	3.31
Investment rate (GFCF as % of GDP) - Private	13.93	17.42	17.15	16.28

SME/midcap

	2013	2014	2015	2016	EU (latest available)
Share of SMEs with Access to Finance Difficulties (%)	22.10	30.59	23.06	21.54	20.90
Availability of Private equity (Thousand euro)	430,483.75	257,839.53	799,568.13	725,296.36	50,091,573.98
Availability of Venture Capital (Thousand euro)	37,632.22	28,853.78	28,872.80	21,318.22	4,035,807.28

- Country average for "GDP per capita (EUR, PPS)" is calculated in real terms

- EU value for "Bank-interest rates to non-financial cooperations" corresponds to Euro Area average; Country average is the simple average between 2003 and 2007

- The EU value is displayed as the value in the year that corresponds to the latest value of the indicator in a particular country

Other indicators³

Key project characteristics	Expected value at PCR
EIB/EFISI eligible investment mobilised [MEUR]	457.00 MEUR
External EFSI multiplier	5.60
External EIB (non-EFSI) multiplier	
Amount of private financing [MEUR]	374.99 MEUR
Sum of number of employees of all final beneficiaries (no additionality) (Relative to the SME/Mid-Cap share)	54,000
Allocation volume dedicated to SME/Mid-Caps [%]	89.00 %
Co-financing with national promotional banks [MEUR]	0.00 MEUR
Co-financing with structural funds (ESIF) [MEUR]	0.00 MEUR
Co-financing with other EU instruments (i.e. Horizon 2020, Connecting Europe Facility, etc) [MEUR]	

³ For additional information on the EIB's assessment of the project's environmental and social aspects, please refer to the project's Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) published on the EIB website. The abbreviation PCR stands for Project Completion Report. If applicable, a difference between the amount of Project investment costs and EIB/EFISI eligible investment mobilized might derive from the fluctuation of the underlying exchange rate.