



# The EIB GROUP

a sustainable institution

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# A holistic approach

We **support** projects that contribute to **sustainable growth and employment in Europe and beyond.**

With that  
in mind, we:

invest in **four primary areas:**

- SMEs
- innovation
- infrastructure
- environment

promote **economic and social cohesion** throughout **all our activities**

finance **climate change action in and outside the European Union**



**The Treaty on European Union** establishes an internal market that supports Europe's sustainable development.

**focus** our impact **where it is needed**

# Integrating sustainability

We **only finance projects** that pass our **financial** and **sustainability due diligence**

We **assess all investment projects** with respect to their **environmental, social** and **governance** aspects

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We **refuse** to finance certain activities

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We **request** that projects meet **EIB environmental** and **social standards**

3

We **perform** a separate **economic appraisal** of a **project's costs** and **benefits** to **society**



# Our commitment to climate

Our **economic appraisal** takes account of **all resources used** by the **project**, often **using shadow prices**, including for **carbon emissions**

Commit to invest

USD **100**bn

in climate action

over five years (2015-2020)



Act in line with the

**Paris Agreement**



Below **2°** Celsius  
Mobilise the **financial power** needed to tackle global warming

# Sustainable borrowing

Continuing to play our **leading role** in the **development** of **green finance**:

In **2007** the EIB issued **Climate Awareness Bonds**, the **world's first green bonds**.



We also **market our Sustainability Awareness Bond**, created in **2018**, the proceeds of which will be used for **water investments**.



Using **all proceeds** from our bond offerings to **finance sustainability projects**

# Guided by the **Sustainable Development Goals**



We help countries **leverage public money** to attract **private investments**



We provide **technical assistance**



Our financing acts as a catalyst to achieve the **UN goals**



# Valuing openness

▶ **Transparency:**

**improves**

the **effectiveness** and **sustainability**

of the projects we finance



helps to build  
**trust**



**strengthens our credibility with**

**EU citizens**



**builds confidence that  
we can implement**

**EU policies**



# Engaging stakeholders



Discussions with  
stakeholders  
are held

at the **Board** level,  
at the **policy** level,  
and at the **project** level

This  
dialogue  
helps us to

improve public knowledge  
and **build trust**, in addition  
to **improving our policies**  
and our understanding  
of **local issues**

# Accountability



## Zero tolerance

We will not tolerate corruption, fraud, money laundering or terrorism financing



## Evaluations

Independent evaluations assess whether our activities are **in line with mandates** and **identify areas of improvement**

## A 2-tier grievance mechanism

The EIB Group **Complaints Mechanism** gives citizens **a means of recourse**

If they are not satisfied with the outcome of the process, citizens can go to the **European Ombudsman**.

# Commitment to compliance

The **independent EIB Group** compliance function ensures that

the **highest standards of integrity**

are **applied to all the Bank's activities**



A **robust framework** addresses compliance risks



## **International initiatives**

**exert pressure** for all parties to **respect international norms**



## **The compliance function**

promotes a **corporate culture** based on **ethics** and **professional conduct**



# Our own footprint

**Minimising**  
the **EIB Group's**  
environmental impact

Tracking our  
**environmental**  
performance

**Reducing**  
the **carbon footprint**  
of our internal operations

Compensating for our  
**carbon emissions**

**We are**  
**certified** under  
**ISO 14001**, the  
international standard  
for an **effective**  
**environmental**  
**management system**,  
and **EMAS-validated**

# Community engagement



The **EIB Institute** helps  
the **EIB Group** engage with  
**citizens** and  
**communities**



The **institute** was set up  
to **support social, cultural**  
and **academic initiatives**  
with **European stakeholders**  
and the **public at large**

# Employer of choice



Our staff ensures that we deliver on our mission to **foster sustainable growth** in and **outside the EU**

We offer a **diverse, multicultural** working environment that attracts highly skilled professionals



We promote **diversity and inclusion**

