

Financial Inclusion Fund

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9:45 – 10:00 *Welcome coffee*

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome words & Introduction to the EIB Financial Inclusion Fund**

The Luxembourgish government and EIB are joining hands to raise-living standards through improved access to finance in developing countries worldwide. Key enablers of financial inclusion are microfinance services providers. Through the Financial Inclusion Fund, the EIB and its Donors will help raise such providers to financially independent entities via technical assistance.

Christoph Kuhn, Director, Mandate Management, European Investment Bank (EIB)
Sami Masri, Attaché, Multilateral Affairs, Development Aid and Compliance, Luxembourg Ministry of Finance

10:15 – 10:50 **EIB Microfinance operations – raising living-standards**

Microfinance is a key area where we can improve people's lives. The EIB is truly committed as demonstrated by its 25 years of experience in the sector.

Milena Messori, Head of Division, Intermediated Financing for Micro, Small and Medium Entreprises, EIB

Technical Assistance – added value for an enhanced development impact

Isabelle Van Grunderbeek, Head of Inclusive Financial Services Unit, Advisory Services, EIB

10:50 – 11:15 **Looking ahead – financial instruments for a long-lasting impact**

Technical assistance is only one of the means that will help achieve the Fund's objectives. More tools exist to bridge the financial inclusion gap that can be deployed promptly with Donors' support. First loss portfolio guarantees could complement the possibilities offered by the Fund.

Olivier Edelman, Head of Microfinance Unit, Operations, EIB

Hanan Al Tabari, Manager Non-Financial Services, Microfund for Women

11:15 – 11:55 **EIB Donor partnerships**

Donor partnerships enable us to tackle challenges together and make a lasting difference in developing countries. Together we can unlock projects with high socio-economic returns, reaching out to people and places most in need of assistance.

Jesper Persson, Head of Division, Blending and Trust funds partnerships, EIB

Q&A

11:55 – 12:00 **Closing remarks**

Christoph Kuhn, Director, Mandate Management, EIB