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THE EIB GROUP AND EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT



“ At the EIB Group, we aim to improve lives in Europe and beyond. Our goals and vision are aligned with European foundations. Together, we can make Europe stronger. ”

Nadia Calviño, EIB Group President

European foundations and the EIB Group believe that investment should always serve people and communities. When we work together, our impact is greater.

ABOUT THE EIB GROUP

The EIB Group is the financing arm of the European Union. It supports the economic, social and environmental objectives of the European Union by providing state-of-the-art financial and advisory solutions to enhance investment.

The Group consists of the [European Investment Bank \(EIB\)](#) and the [European Investment Fund \(EIF\)](#). The EIB focuses on long-term financing for projects in infrastructure, innovation and climate action. The EIF is the subsidiary of the EIB Group specialising in providing guarantees and equity to improve access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses and startups across Europe.

In 2025, the EIB Group signed €100 billion in financing and advisory services for over 870 high-impact projects. For more information about different types of financing, see the [EIB Group product catalogue](#).

WHY PARTNER WITH THE EIB GROUP

The EIB Group has shown that combining philanthropic and foundation capital with public finance can create highly effective, scalable solutions. Many European foundations already focus on areas directly aligned with EIB Group priorities and share a long-term perspective. Working together can help advance EU priorities such as competitiveness and the green transition, address market gaps and mobilise private capital.

- **More impact:** The EIB Group brings scale, financial strength and presence across Europe and beyond. The EIB Group can multiply the impact of foundation resources by attracting additional public and private investment.
- **Pan-European by design:** Owned by the 27 Member States of the European Union, the Group has a diversified portfolio that supports investment in large-scale infrastructure and innovative, high-risk projects around the world.
- **Financial and technical expertise:** The Group combines great financial and market knowledge with strong technical expertise. Foundations benefit from robust due diligence, advisory support and impact assessment tools.
- **Support at EU level:** The Group connects foundations to the European Union's institutional and financial ecosystem. Through roundtables, workshops and joint initiatives, the EIB and the EIF bring together partners, strengthen visibility and support awareness-raising campaigns at European level.
- **Invest with confidence:** With an AAA rating, independent governance and rigorous project assessment, we structure investments carefully, mitigate risk and mobilise additional public and private capital.

WHAT DIFFERENTIATES THE EIB GROUP

- **Scale and network:** Turning philanthropic contributions into large-scale, systemic interventions.
- **A single access point:** Direct access to key EU instruments, including InvestEU, advisory mandates and thematic initiatives.
- **EU mandate, policy proximity and operational capacity:** Combining these three elements enables foundations to expand beyond national boundaries.
- **A trusted partner:** Mission-driven, not profit-oriented, the EIB Group operates in the public interest and delivers tangible impact.

HOW TO WORK WITH THE EIB GROUP

We offer flexible models of collaboration, already tested with foundations, governments, development institutions and private partners.

Here are two priority avenues:

- **Investment:** Foundations can provide catalytic grants or concessional or investment capital to vehicles or projects supported by the EIB and/or the EIF, often with a blended-finance approach. The EIB Group contributes senior equity, venture debt or other forms of capital. Due diligence remains independent but can be coordinated and co-branding may be used. This approach is well suited to high capital expenditure sectors such as green tech and industrial decarbonisation.
- **Advisory:** Foundations can support feasibility studies, market analyses and environmental, social and gender due diligence. The EIB Group helps ensure that projects meet our requirements, making them bankable and sustainable, including beyond the European Union.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR IMPACT

The EIB Group has experience combining philanthropic capital with public finance for more impact.

Partnerships with the Gates Foundation in global health, Bloomberg Philanthropies in urban green transitions and the Norrsken Foundation in impact investing show what can be achieved when capital is put to work for a shared purpose.



ACCELERATING THE GREEN TRANSITION

Nearly 60% of EIB Group financing supports climate action and environmental sustainability, including climate adaptation and water resilience, helping communities prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change.

Through initiatives such as the EU-Catalyst partnership, private investors and philanthropic sources are working together to scale solutions such as clean hydrogen, long-duration energy storage and sustainable fuel for aviation.

BACKING EUROPE'S COMPETITIVENESS

Through initiatives like TechEU, including the [European Tech Champions Initiative](#) managed by the EIF, the EIB Group supports fast-growing technology companies across Europe.

Foundations can play a catalytic role in early-stage and high-risk investments, as well as in scaleups, helping companies move more quickly from developing ideas to market.



INVESTING IN HEALTH SYSTEMS THAT SAVE LIVES

The EIB Group invests in affordable healthcare, biotech and life sciences that improve lives and strengthen societies worldwide. We support groundbreaking medical research, modern infrastructure and new technologies that make healthcare more affordable and effective.

Our support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative shows how public and philanthropic finance helped Madagascar eradicate polio.

EMPOWERING WOMEN, UNLOCKING GLOBAL IMPACT

The EIB Group invests in projects that advance gender equality and women's economic empowerment. Our development arm, EIB Global, works with partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean to support women and provide economic opportunities.

The Gender Finance Lab, a joint initiative of the EIB Group and the European Commission under InvestEU, works with commercial banks to explore new markets and expand access to finance for businesses led by women.



LET'S CONNECT

The EIB Group invites European foundations to work together to help shape Europe's future. By combining our networks, expertise and resources, we can scale impact where it's needed most.

The EIB Institute, the Group's philanthropic arm, coordinates our engagement with foundations. Get in touch with institute@eib.org to explore partnership opportunities and connect with the relevant teams across the Group.

