The EIB’s support to the implementation of measures in the Member States

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The EU bank

- Natural financing partner for the EU institutions since 1958
- More than 90% of lending is within the EU
- Shareholders: 28 EU Member States

Investing in Europe’s growth
The EIB at a glance

• **Largest multilateral lender and borrower in the world**
  • Raise our funds on the international capital markets
  • Pass on favourable borrowing conditions to clients
• **Some 440 projects each year in over 160 countries**

• **Headquartered in Luxembourg and 28 local offices**

• **Around 2 100 staff:**
  • Not only finance professionals, but also engineers, sector economists and socio-environmental experts
  • More than 50 years of experience in financing projects
Underpinning EU external priorities

The world’s largest multilateral lender

Total
EUR 71.7bn

European Union
EUR 64.0bn

Outside the EU
EUR 7.7bn

- Africa, Caribbean, Pacific, South Africa
  EUR 1.0bn
- Asia and Latin America
  EUR 1.2bn
- EFTA & Pre-accession Countries
  EUR 1.8bn
- Eastern Neighbours
  EUR 0.6bn
- Southern Neighbours
  EUR 0.6bn
EIB Water lending policy

• **EIB water lending policy** consistent with EU water & development policies

• **Traditional lending mandate**: ensure compliance with EU Directives (sustainable WRM in river basins, wastewater treatment, flood management)

• **New focus on resilience to CC** – plan for adaptation in all new projects (assets with 20-50 yr lifetime)
EIB lending to the water sector

Annual average lending EUR 3.6 bn, (EUR 3.3 bn in EU) up from EUR 2.5 bn in 2004-08
Marked increased in lending in 2009-13 vs 2004-08 in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK
EIB role

EIB provides long-term finance for projects promoting European objectives

- to Member States, regions, utilities, private sector and other beneficiaries
- by developing financial engineering, blending grants with loans
- through programme oriented instruments (*Programme Loan, Framework Loan, Structural Programme Loan*)
- and through direct *Investment Loans* for large stand-alone projects
Value added of the Bank’s lending

- financing sound projects that meet EU objectives
- financial benefits of EIB funds
- leveraging EU funds
- upstream – project preparation JASPERS
- project implementation support
- supporting macroregional strategies
Bankable programme

Some aspects of a bankable project/programme:

• compliance, including sector governance
• maturity
• climate vulnerability and risk assessment
• stakeholders engagement
• realistic timescales of implementation
• proper programme/project management structures in place
• promoter’s capacity (could be enhanced by Technical Assistance)
Main messages

- EIB has a proven track record as a reliable, flexible partner for the implementation of EU policies on natural resources management, drinking water/wastewater, flood risk management, climate action
- EIB has been able to mobilise very large and increasing funding volumes for the EU water sector
- EIB experts can greatly contribute to sector development, project quality and successful implementation
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