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A three pillar approach to strengthen the risk bearing capacity of our economies

1. Mobilising Finance for Investment
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... and generate *additional* investment

1. MOBILISING FINANCE FOR INVESTMENT
   - Strong boost to strategic investments
   - Better access to investment finance for SMEs and mid-cap companies
   - Strategic use of EU budget
   - Better use of the European Structural and Investment Funds

2. MAKING FINANCE REACH THE REAL ECONOMY
   - Project pipeline preparation and selection
   - Technical assistance at all levels
   - Strong cooperation between National Promotional Banks and the EIB
   - Follow-up at global, EU, national and regional level, including outreach activities

3. IMPROVING THE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT
   - Predictability and quality of regulation
   - Quality of national expenditure, tax systems and public administration
   - New sources of long-term financing for the economy
   - Removing non-financial, regulatory barriers in key sectors within our Single Market
• Adopted on **25/06/2015**
• Entered into force as of **4/07/2015**
• Regulates
  • the European Fund for Strategic Investments
  • the European Advisory Hub
  • the European Investment Project Portal
• All language versions available **here**
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• **Commission Communication** on Strengthening European Investments for Growth and Jobs (EN/NL/FR/DE)

• **Proposal for a Regulation** amending Regulations (EU) n° 1316/2013 and (EU) n° 2015/1017 (EN/NL/FR/DE)

• **Evaluation of the use of the EU guarantee** – Commission Staff Working Document (EN; Summary in FR and DE)

• **Commission Communication** on Capital Markets Union – Accelerating Reform (EN)

• **Joint EPEC/EUROSTAT Guide** on Statistical Treatment of Public Private Partnerships (EN)
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Extension and financing provisions

- Extension of the investment period to 2020 - art. 9
- Increase of the EU guarantee to €26 MM - art. 11
- Increase of EIB contribution to €7.5 MM - art. 4
- Adjustment of the target rate of the EU guarantee fund to 35% - art. 12
Amendments to Regulation (EU) n° 2015/1017 (2/5)

Additionality

Amendments to art. 5 & 6 of the original Regulation:

- **Goal of EFSI** remains to "address market failures or sub-optimal investment situations" - > incorporated in art. 6 on the eligibility criteria
- **Basic additionality Test** remains as before - > risk profile corresponding to EIB special activities
- Amendment adds that these "shall typically have features such as subordination, participation in risk-sharing, cross-border characteristics, exposure to specific risks or other identifiable aspects as further described in Annex II."
- **Physical infrastructure** linking 2 or more MS shall also be considered to provide additionality
**Amendments to Regulation (EU) n° 2015/1017 (3/5)**

**Governance, accountability and transparency**

- Decisions approving the use of the EU guarantee shall "include the rationale for the decision, with particular focus on compliance with the additionality criterion." - art. 7(12)
- The role of the MD in avoiding conflicts of interest is enhanced - art. 7 (10) (11)
- The scoreboard shall be made public as soon as an operation under the EU guarantee is signed - section 5 of Annex II
- Final beneficiaries shall be informed of EFSI support - art. 19
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- More targeted and local technical assistance through the EIAH - art. 14
  - Leveraging local knowledge and contribute to the objective of sectorial and geographical diversification;
  - Providing pro-active support on the establishment of investment platforms;
  - Providing advice on the combination of EFSI support with other sources of funding
Increased focus on climate action

- **40% of EFSI financing** under the infrastructure and innovation window must be geared to **projects with components that contribute to climate action.** art. 9 (2)
- **EIAH should provide support** in the preparation of climate action and circular economy. art. 14.
- **Support to motorways is to be avoided** unless ... Annex II section 2.
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Improving the investment environment

At European Union level:

• Implementing the Better Regulation Agenda
• Establishing the Capital Markets Union
• Deepening the Single Market
  • Energy Union
  • Digital Single Market
  • Single market for services

At Member state level:

• Pursuing growth-friendly fiscal consolidation
• Implementing structural reforms
# State of play of (selected) EU level initiatives

## Capital Markets Union

- Commission Communication: Accelerating Reform ([NL/FR/DE/EN](#))
- [Online implementation table](#)

## Enhancing regulatory certainty and simplifying EU-rules that have a direct impact on investment

- State Aid
- Accounting rules for fiscal surveillance purposes
- Public procurement procedures
- Approval procedures for investment projects
Thank you for your attention!
More background information

EIB Evaluation (DE/EN/FR):

Independent evaluation by Ernst & Young (EN):

Opinion of the Court of Auditors on the EFSI 2.0 Regulation (EN):