Investment in the social sector is a driving force for well-being and growth. The Juncker Plan enables the European Investment Bank to finance a wide range of sustainable investment projects. These include the construction, expansion or refurbishment of schools, universities, clinics and hospitals as well as affordable and social housing projects. The Plan also increases access to funding for people wishing to start up their own micro and/or social business.

**How Has the Juncker Plan Benefited the Social Sector?**

- **500,000** Social or affordable housing units built or renovated
- **71** Beneficiaries of upgraded or new urban infrastructure and services
- **3.2 million** Inhabitants with access to improved health care services
- **30.6 million** Social or affordable housing units built or renovated

**EIB Financing:** €2.3 bn

**Expected to Trigger:** €11.8 bn in total investments
The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) can be used to finance projects in:

- Education and training
- Cultural and creative industries
- Health
- Medical research
- Social services
- Tourism
- Solidarity
- Social entrepreneurship

Refugee and migrant integration in Finland: EPIQUUS

A €10 million investment in a social impact bond scheme is helping support the integration of up to 3,700 migrants and refugees into the Finnish labour market. The project provides training and job-matching assistance, with hundreds of participants already successfully in work.

Hospital expansion in Poland: RYDYGIER REGIONAL GENERAL HOSPITAL

€57 million in financing is facilitating the renovation of Rydygier general hospital in Toruń, Poland. The financing will lead to a rise in number of hospital beds from 551 to over 1,000. The project will merge 6 clinics, bringing administrative savings as well as increasing the number of medical staff.

Employment for the disabled in Spain: ILUNIÓN

A €35 million loan is backing social enterprise Ilunión in its mission to support social integration and employ disabled people in Spain. The financing will be used to make its chain of laundrettes more energy efficient as well as to renovate its hotels, further improving their accessibility. This project will create 200 additional long-term jobs as well as more than 700 jobs during construction.