InvestEU: WHAT WILL IT FINANCE?

InvestEU supports four different policy areas, focusing on where the EU can add the most value by providing a budget guarantee to attract private investment.

**SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Financing projects in sustainable energy | digital connectivity | transport | circular economy | water, waste and other environment infrastructure and more.

**RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DIGITISATION**

Financing projects in research and innovation | taking research results to the market | digitisation of industry | scaling up larger innovative companies | artificial intelligence and more.

**SMALL BUSINESSES**

Facilitating access to finance for small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) | small mid-cap companies.

**SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND SKILLS**

Financing projects in skills, education, training | social housing, schools, universities, hospitals | social innovation | healthcare, long-term care and accessibility | microfinance | social enterprise | integration of migrants, refugees and vulnerable people and more.
RECENT EXAMPLE OF EU-FINANCED PROJECT IN SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND SKILLS

EPIOQUUS JOB TRAINING
Finland

A fund which makes social impact investments is financing a scheme to integrate thousands of migrants and refugees into the Finnish labour market by providing training and job-matching assistance.

AMONG THE BENEFITS, INVESTING IN SOCIAL PROJECTS AND SKILLS WILL HELP THE EU:
• Deliver on the European Pillar of Social Rights;
• Modernise education and healthcare infrastructure in Europe;
• Support European culture and creativity.

RECENT EXAMPLE OF EU-FINANCED PROJECT IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

METROGUAGUA
Gran Canaria, Spain

A new network of hybrid and electric buses which reduces pollution, encourages the use of public transport and improves journey times for passengers.

AMONG THE BENEFITS, INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE WILL HELP THE EU:
• Cut CO₂ emissions and meet our Paris Agreement targets;
• Transition to a circular economy and to a low-emission mobility;
• Meet our digital agenda targets for broadband connectivity.

RECENT EXAMPLE OF EU-FINANCED PROJECT IN RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DIGITISATION

PLAYGROUND ENERGY
Bulgaria

A start-up which developed interactive playgrounds that use children’s energy to motivate them to play, learn and be healthy by turning kinetic energy into sound and light.

AMONG THE BENEFITS, INVESTING IN RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DIGITISATION WILL HELP THE EU:
• Complete the Digital Single Market;
• Boost investment in artificial intelligence in Europe;
• Meet the 3% EU GDP in Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) target.

RECENT EXAMPLE OF A SMALL BUSINESS THAT RECEIVED EU-BACKED FINANCING

AGRIFARM
Greece

An SME which grow agricultural products – mainly pulses and rice – in a natural way, focusing on the effects of microclimate and the social impact of the business.

AMONG THE BENEFITS, PROVIDING ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES WILL HELP THE EU:
• Boost employment and job creation further across the Union;
• Complete the Capital Markets Union;
• Help European start-ups to scale up and compete internationally.