

The EIB: the EU bank



- ▶ Natural financing partner for the EU institutions since 1958
- ▶ Around 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
 - ▶ We raise our funds on the international capital markets
 - ▶ We pass on favourable borrowing conditions to clients
- ▶ Some 450 projects each year in over 160 countries
- ▶ Headquartered in Luxembourg with 40 local offices
- ▶ Around 3 000 staff:
 - ▶ Not only finance professionals, but also engineers, sector economists and socio-environmental experts
 - ▶ 60 years of experience in financing projects

EIB Group financing in 2017



EUR **78.2bn**



EUR **250bn**

Total investment supported

Our priorities

Environment



EUR



16.7bn

Infrastructure



EUR



18bn

Innovation



EUR



13.8bn

SMEs



EUR



29.6bn

The Economic appraisal of projects at the EIB

Beyond the financial rate of return

- ▶ Economic appraisal to assess costs and benefits to society as a whole:



Human resources

Technological resources

Natural resources

Using shadow prices (e.g. shadow price of carbon)

- ▶ Nature Based Solutions: Generate revenues or save costs, **powerful economic rationale!**

Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF)

Boosting investment for biodiversity and nature-based adaptation to climate

- ▶ A financial instrument blending EIB finance with EC funding under the LIFE programme
- ▶ **Loans and grant-based technical assistance component**
- ▶ Overall size: EUR 100-125 Million
- ▶ Target: 9-12 operations
- ▶ Pilot phase: 2015-2019 (extended till 2021)

What type of projects can the NCFE finance?

- ▶ Green/blue infrastructure
- ▶ Payment for ecosystem services
- ▶ Biodiversity offsets (compensation beyond legal requirements)
- ▶ Pro-biodiversity and adaptation businesses
- ▶ Nature-based solutions for adaptation to climate change

Rewilding Europe Capital

Europe's first 'rewilding enterprise' funding facility



Danube delta rewilding area, Romania

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The first project supported by the NCFF, signed in April 2017, was a EUR 6 million loan to [Rewilding Europe Capital](#). It will provide support for over 30 nature-focused businesses across Europe. The comeback of iconic and threatened European wildlife species such as the European bison, brown bear, black vultures as well as pelicans and white-tailed eagles of the Danube and Oder Delta, to name a few, could also benefit from the investments.

White pelicans, [Pelecanus onocrotalus](#),

EIB's support to NBS in cities

Mainstreaming nature-based solutions into financing of urban development

- ▶ EIB as a leader in financing urban development (EUR 22.7 billion in 2017)
- ▶ Green/blue infrastructure financing:
 - ▶ Stand-alone project
 - ▶ Part of a **larger investment scheme for an urban area**
 - ▶ Part of a **social housing scheme**
- ▶ Support to the EU Urban agenda (“Sustainable use of land and nature-based solutions”)

THANK YOU!

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