



Financial instruments under the ESF and EFSI, including microfinance – European and Italian perspectives

Rome, Thursday, 1 December 2016

Programme



Background of event

Financial instruments can be co-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) to support the investment priorities outlined in the ESF Operational Programmes (OP) of the Member States.

Provided that they address an identified market gap, they can contribute to the achievement of the thematic objectives of the ESF.

The 2014-2020 legal framework puts ESF managing authorities also in a much better position to make use of microfinance instruments than at any time in the past.



Objectives

This full-day event aims at providing participants opportunities to:

- Further their understanding of how financial instruments can help in their efforts to deliver ESF 2014-2020 objectives, with particular emphasis on microfinance instruments;
- Familiarise themselves with the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI);
- Exchange views on the potential use of EFSI for ESF-type actions;
- Explore the possibility of combining European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) elements with EFSI;
- Increase their understanding of centralised instruments that are currently available for use by managing authorities;
- Enhance their awareness and knowledge about microfinance financial instruments; and
- Exchange and discuss examples, advantages, features and suitability of financial instruments in delivering ESF 2014-2020 objectives.



Methodology

The event will consist of:

- Presentations by experts from the Italian Ministry of Labour and the NUVAP (*Dipartimento Politiche di Coesione, Presidenza del Consiglio*), as well as the European Commission (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion), the European Investment Bank Group (EIB Group), and microfinance providers represented through RITMI and EMN as Microfinance Networks;
- Question and answer sessions with the speakers; and
- Networking opportunities with speakers and participants.



Audience

This event is limited to participants involved or planning to become involved in the implementation of financial instruments, including microfinance FIs, under the ESF in Italy. ESF managing authorities from Italy and other Member States are the main target group of the event. Furthermore, Italian representatives of financial intermediaries, microfinance providers as well as banks involved in the social field are invited to attend the event. If capacity allows, final recipients and other stakeholders from Italy supporting financial instruments implementation will be admitted to attend the event.

Venue

Hotel Cicerone, Via Cicerone, 55/C, 00193 Rome

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Language

The event language will be Italian with the exception of one or two interventions in English. Interpretation between English and Italian will be provided for these presentations.

Registration

Please register online via www.fi-compass.eu.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, 29 November 2016.

[Click here to register to this event](#)

The capacity is limited to 100 participants and we advise registering as soon as possible. After registering online through the www.fi-compass.eu website, registrants will receive an automatic email acknowledging receipt of their registration. This message is not a confirmation of participation. Within two weeks after application, the registrants will be informed by a separate email whether or not they can attend the event. The decision will be based on available seats, targeted audience and balanced representation of organisations.

Costs

Registration is free. Participants are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation costs. In case of unforeseen circumstances such as force majeure or low participant numbers, the event might be moved to a different date or cancelled. In this case, registered participants will be informed immediately via email. The reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses or work hours lost will not be possible.



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Moderator: Bruno Robino, Head of *fi-compass*, European Investment Bank

- 8.30 – 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 – 9.15 **Welcome**
Jader Canè, Senior Expert, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- 9.15 – 9.30 **Financial instruments under ESF in Italy – State of play**
Intervention from Martina Rosato, *Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali – DG Politiche Attive, Servizi per il Lavoro e la Formazione - Divisione II*
- 9.30 – 10.00 **Success factors of financial instruments**
Alessandro Apa, Fund and Structuring Officer, European Investment Bank and Gianluca Palermo, Regional Business Manager, European Investment Fund
Followed by Q&A
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Introducing EFSI, with a view to its social dimension**
Matthieu Bertrand, Mandate Manager, European Investment Bank
Followed by Q&A
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Combining ESIF and EFSI programmes, including case studies**
Christos Pouris, Financial Instruments Advisor, European Investment Bank
Followed by Q&A
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break and networking*
- 11.30 – 12.00 **From microfinance to inclusive finance**
Riccardo Aguglia, Senior Investment Manager, European Investment Fund
Followed by Q&A
- 12.00 – 12.30 **Regional case study on the implementation of microfinance instruments**
Luca Galassi, Director for the provision of Service Support to the Managing Authority for the ESF OP, Sardinia
Followed by Q&A
- 12.30 – 12.45 **Intervention from the Ente Nazionale per il microcredito**
Mario Baccini, President, Ente Nazionale per il microcredito
Followed by Q&A
- 12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch break*
- 14.00 – 14.30 **ESF and microfinance: paving the way for stronger financial inclusion programmes at national and regional level**
Giampietro Pizzo, President, RITMI (Italian Microfinance Network)
Followed by Q&A
- 14.30 – 15.00 **ESF and microfinance in Europe: best practices and perspectives**
Jorge Ramirez Puerto, General Manager, EMN (European Microfinance Network)
Followed by Q&A

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15.00 – 15.30 **ESF and microfinance: a set of performance and impact indicators**

Salvatore Vescina, Senior Advisor (Area Progetti e Strumenti), Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale

Followed by Q&A

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break and networking opportunity*

16.00 – 16.30 **Private-Public-Partnership Microfinance in Piemonte Region: experiences and recommendations from the field**

Corrado Ferretti, President, PerMicro

Followed by Q&A

16.30 **Final conclusions**

Marianna D'Angelo, Managing Authority of ESF National Operational Programmes Iniziativa Occupazione Giovani and Sistemi di Politiche Attive per l'Occupazione



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