



FI Campus 2019

Looking ahead to 2021 and beyond

Brussels

Wednesday, 4 December – Thursday, 5 December 2019

Preliminary programme



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fi-compass is pleased to announce the FI Campus 2019 event, taking place on 4-5 December 2019 in Brussels

FI Campus 2019 is an event for all ESIF financial instruments practitioners from across the EU. It is organised by the European Commission in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB).

With this year's slogan 'Looking ahead to 2021 and beyond', FI Campus 2019 will offer a comprehensive programme, including information sessions and interactive formats covering:

- Looking ahead to the next programming period, the proposed new Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) and InvestEU;
- Horizontal topics related to ESIF financial instruments, such as State aid and audit;
- Best practice and current experience of implementing ESIF financial instruments in the 2014-2020 programming period;
- The use of financial instruments in a range of different sectors such as SME competitiveness, research development and innovation and urban development. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own individual learning curricula, choosing from parallel sessions of their particular interest;

There will also be opportunities to network and exchange experiences among the participants and invited experts.

Audience

Participants interested in ESIF financial instruments, in particular:

- ESIF authorities directly involved or planning to become involved in the implementation of ESIF financial instruments;
- Bodies implementing or considering to implement financial instruments under ESIF programmes and financial intermediaries; as well as
- Stakeholders interested to hear about InvestEU and the Member State compartments.

fi-compass Showcase 2019 Award – share your ESIF financial instruments story and vote for your favourites at FI Campus

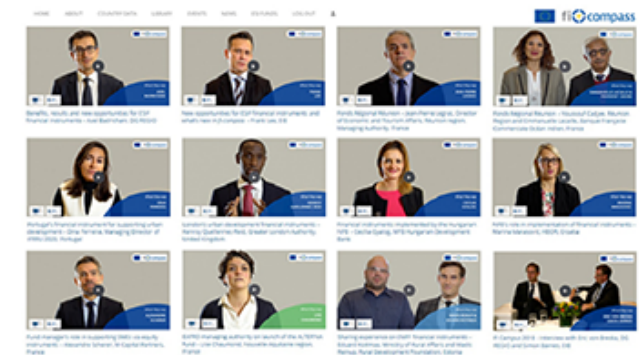
fi-compass Showcase 2019 – Promoting ESIF financial instruments stories across the EU

The *fi-compass Showcase 2019* promotes stories from all across the EU related to ESIF financial instruments and the supported projects. These stories, for example short videos about final recipients benefitting from the instruments, are published on the *fi-compass Country Pages*, contributing to the broad scope of content available on the *fi-compass website*.

The fi-compass Showcase 2019 Award

For the first time this year, a number of submitted stories will be presented at FI Campus 2019. Event participants will be invited to explore the shortlisted stories at the *fi-compass Showcase 2019* on-site exhibition and vote for their favourite story. The Awards ceremony will take place during the FI Campus closing plenary on Thursday, 5 December 2019. We hope you will be able to stay with us until the end of the event to celebrate the winners of the Showcase.

Share your story with fi-compass



How to participate in the Showcase and be considered for the Award?

In order to be considered for the *fi-compass Showcase 2019 Award*, we invite you to share your story about ESIF financial instruments and the projects you finance until **Monday, 11 November 2019**. More information about the *fi-compass Showcase 2019* can be found [here](#).



Connect with other participants and arrange your individual meetings at FI Campus 2019

This year, FI Campus participants will have the opportunity to connect with other attendees and arrange face-to-face meetings at the event to exchange between peers on topics related to ESIF financial instruments.

How will it work?

The face-to-face meetings will be managed via a free online tool. Participants who register online and are confirmed to attend the event will receive in the official *fi-compass* confirmation email a link to the online tool.

We encourage to complete your profile in this tool with your professional background and the topics of your interest related to ESIF financial instruments.

This will allow you to easily identify, match and connect with other participants using the tool.

You can add the confirmed meetings also to your online calendar for a better general overview of your event days.



Where will the meetings take place?

There will be a designated area at FI Campus where the face-to-face meetings will take place. Each of your meetings will have a table number assigned. This table will be at your disposal for the duration of your meeting. The meetings can be organised throughout the FI Campus event, especially during the coffee or lunch breaks.

We hope that this unique networking opportunity will make FI Campus 2019 even more interactive for you.

AgendaDay1

Wednesday, 4 December 2019 | Venue: Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace, rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

PLENARY

From 8:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

9:30 – 10:00 [010101] **Official opening of FI Campus 2019**
ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

10:00 – 10:30 [010201] **Keynote speech**
ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

10:30 – 11:00 [010301] **Introductory statements**
ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:15 [010401] **ESIF financial instruments: annual summary and outcomes of the *fi-compass* stocktaking study**
ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

12:15 – 13:45 *Networking lunch*



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Wednesday, 4 December 2019 | **Venue:** Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace, rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

13:45 – 16:00 [010501] **The proposed new Common Provisions Regulation (CPR): presentation of the legislation – interactive session**

ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:45 [010601] **InvestEU: presentation of the Programme – interactive session**

ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

19:30 – 22:30 [010701] **Networking dinner**

ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM



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AgendaDay2

Thursday, 5 December 2019 | Venue: Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace, rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

8:30 – 9:00	<i>Welcome coffee</i>				
PARALLEL SESSIONS					
9:00 – 10:15	<p>[020101] Case study session 1 ERDF financial instruments supporting urban development in the low carbon economy ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020102] Case study session 2 ERDF financial instruments supporting SMEs, including research, development and innovation (RDI) ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020103] Case study session 3 ESF financial instruments: student loans ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020104] Roundtable session 4 EAFRD financial instruments for post-2020 and overview of current developments ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020105] Session 5 EMFF financial instruments - taking stock of the 2014-2020 experience and looking post-2020 ROOM: TBC</p>
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>				
10:45 – 12:00	<p>[020201] Case study roundtable 1 ERDF financial instruments supporting urban development in the low carbon economy ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020202] Case study roundtable 2 ERDF financial instruments supporting SMEs, including research, development and innovation (RDI) ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020203] Session 3 New ideas for financial instruments under ESF: Crowdfunding ROOM: TBC</p>	<p>[020204] Brainteaser Practical issues of deploying ESIF FIs ROOM: TBC</p>	
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Networking lunch</i>				



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AgendaDay2

Thursday, 5 December 2019 | **Venue:** Crowne Plaza Brussels - Le Palace, rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium

13:30 – 14:30

[020301] **Workshop 1: State aid**

ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

[020302] **Fishbowl discussion 1: Equity instruments**

ROOM: KLIMT

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee break

15:00 – 16:00

[020401] **Workshop 2: Audit and control**

ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

[020402] **Fishbowl discussion 2: Debt instruments**

ROOM: KLIMT

16:00 – 16:15

Room change

PLENARY

16:15 – 17:00

[020501] **Plenary closure and fi-compass Showcase 2019 Award ceremony**

ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

17:00 – 17:30

Networking coffee





Registration

Please register online via www.fi-compass.eu. The deadline for registration is **Friday, 22 November 2019**. We advise to register as soon as possible.

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

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. 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 Member States and 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.

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION 4-5 DECEMBER 2019

The venue

CROWNE PLAZA BRUSSELS
Le Palace, Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels, Belgium
[> How to get there](#)

If you plan to stay at the Crowne Plaza Brussels, you can book, upon availability and until 3 November 2019, rooms within a limited contingent blocked for FI Campus participants. Specific booking conditions apply. For room booking within the contingent, please use the following [link](#).

Language

The event language will be English. Simultaneous interpretation for one or more sessions might be provided (*tbc*).



Detailed information about the session

Day 1, Wednesday, 4 December 2019

PLENARY, 9:30 – 17:45

Moderator: Jacki Davis, *fi-compass* expert
ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

[010101] **Official opening of FI Campus 2019**

Official opening statements from high-level representatives.

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission
European Investment Bank

[010201] **Keynote speech**

Inspirational keynote speech presenting the impact of ESIF financial instruments supported projects and how financial instruments can be used to tackle key strategic objectives in the future.

[010301] **Introductory statements**

Introduction to the event and the theme: 'Looking ahead to 2021 and beyond'.

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission
European Investment Bank

[010401] **ESIF financial instruments: annual summary and outcomes of the *fi-compass* stock-taking study**

*Presentation and analysis of the latest annual summary on the use of ESIF financial instruments as well as the findings of the sectoral *fi-compass* stock-taking study.*

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission
European Investment Bank

[010501] The proposed new Common Provisions Regulation (CPR): presentation of the legislation – interactive session

Presentation of the proposal for a new legislative framework of the CPR for financial instruments for the upcoming programming period 2021-2027. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their questions during this interactive session.

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission

[010601] InvestEU: presentation of the Programme – interactive session

Presentation of the InvestEU Programme for the next programming period 2021-2027. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their questions during this interactive session.

Speaker(s):

European Commission

NETWORKING DINNER, 19:30 – 22:30

[010701] ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

Networking dinner

Walking dinner animated by a live jazz band.

Day 2, Thursday, 5 December 2019

PARALLEL SESSIONS, 9:00 – 10:15 AND 10:45 – 12:00

[020101] [020201] ROOM: TBC

Case study and roundtable sessions 1: ERDF financial instruments supporting urban development in the low carbon economy

The case study session will feature presentations about financial instruments set up to use ERDF resources to support urban development and energy efficiency. The roundtable session will focus on a discussion with the speakers and audience on practicalities and lessons learnt of implementing urban development and energy efficiency financial instruments using ERDF.

[020102] [020202] ROOM: TBC

Case study and roundtable sessions 2: ERDF financial instruments supporting SMEs, including research, development and innovation (RDI)

This session will present a number of ERDF financial instruments supporting SME competitiveness, including RDI. Topics discussed will include the difference between equity and debt products to support SMEs and the different challenges of the presented instruments.



PARALLEL SESSIONS, 9:00 – 10:15

[020103] [ROOM](#): TBC

Case study session 3: ESF financial instruments: student loans

The session will explore how ESF resources can enable the set-up of financial instruments delivering student loans. Case studies as well as experience of qualified practitioners will animate the discussion.

[020104] [ROOM](#): TBC

Roundtable session 4: EAFRD financial instruments for post-2020 and overview of current developments

A session about financial instruments co-financed with the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) for the 2021-2027 programming period and an overview of current developments. This session will feature presentations about the use of EAFRD financial instruments to support agriculture, as well as will further focus on a roundtable discussion with the speakers and audience on possibilities, practicalities and lessons learnt in view of the use of EAFRD financial instruments post-2020. Participation of the audience in the discussion will be encouraged.

[020105] [ROOM](#): TBC

Session 5: EMFF financial instruments - taking stock of the 2014-2020 experience and looking post-2020

A session about financial instruments co-financed with the European maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in the current programming period and looking post-2020. This session will feature presentations taking stock of the 2014-2020 experience of EMFF managing authorities with financial instruments using or not EMFF resources to support fisheries and aquaculture sectors, and the results if the recent fi-compass survey. Discussion will follow with the speakers and audience with further focus on the use/non-use of EMFF FI and the possibilities in the post-2020 framework.

PARALLEL SESSIONS, 10:45 – 12:00

[020203] [ROOM](#): TBC

Session 3: New ideas for financial instruments under ESF: Crowdfunding

ESF resources can usefully support innovative financial instruments and alternative financing models. In this session, participants will learn how financial instruments can work for crowdfunding platforms and stimulate social initiatives backed by local stakeholders.

[020204] [ROOM](#): TBC

Brainteaser: Practical issues of deploying ESIF FIs

Using a quiz-like format, participants will work in small groups to tackle questions relating to practicalities of implementation of ESIF financial instruments.

PARALLEL SESSIONS, 13:30 – 14:30

[020301] ROOM: PLENARY BALLROOM

Workshop 1: State aid

This session will feature an update on current State aid topics. In addition, some of the key outputs of the recent fi-compass Knowledge Hub will be shared.

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission

DG COMP, European Commission

National authorities

[020302] ROOM: KLIMT

Fishbowl discussion 1: Equity instruments

Interactive discussion session with a number of financial intermediaries of ESIF financial instruments on practical experiences with equity instruments. The discussion will focus on practical challenges as well as the forward-looking theme: how the VC ecosystem has developed in Europe, both generally and specifically for ESIF financial instruments. Participation of the audience in the discussion will be encouraged.

PARALLEL SESSIONS, 15:00 – 16:00

[020401] ROOM: PLENARY BALLROOM

Workshop 2: Audit and control

In this workshop, the Commission representatives will present the main aspects of management verification and audit for ESIF financial instruments. This will include also the new audit methodology. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their questions during this interactive session.

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission

[020402] ROOM: KLIMT

Fishbowl discussion 2: Debt instruments

Interactive discussion session about a range of different debt instruments (loans and guarantees), co-financed with ESIF. This session will tackle also a look ahead into the potential for using debt instruments also in the next programming period. Participation of the audience in the discussion will be encouraged.



PLENARY, 16:15 – 17:00

Moderator: Jacki Davis, *fi-compass* expert

[020501] ROOM: PALACE BALLROOM

Plenary closure and *fi-compass* Showcase 2019 Award ceremony

*Summary of the key messages of the event and announcement of the winners of the *fi-compass* Showcase Award 2019.*

Speaker(s):

DG REGIO, European Commission



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