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ESF and micro-finance: New opportunities

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Few experiences in 2007-2013



49 FEI in 7 Member States

680 million paid to FEI

 Loans, Guarantees and Equity

Limited scope for FEI



Art. 44 of Regulation 1083/2006:

- > Art. 44 (a): Enterprises, including SMEs & micro enterprises
- > Art. 44 (b): Sustainable urban development
- Art. 44 (c): Energy efficiency & Renewable energy in the building sector, including existing housing

Corresponding ESF categories of expenditures

- 68: Support to self-employment and business start-up
- 71: Pathways to integration and re-entry into employment for disadvantaged people

Rationale



Increase access to and availability of microfinance



Leverage effect



Progress Microfinance



Microloan Volume

€ 500 M

EU contribution € 100 M (2010-2013)

EIB contribution € 100 M

Social Europe

Obstacles and responses



- Limited scope of possible use
- Extended to all TO

Legal uncertainty Clearer legal framework

Complexity

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