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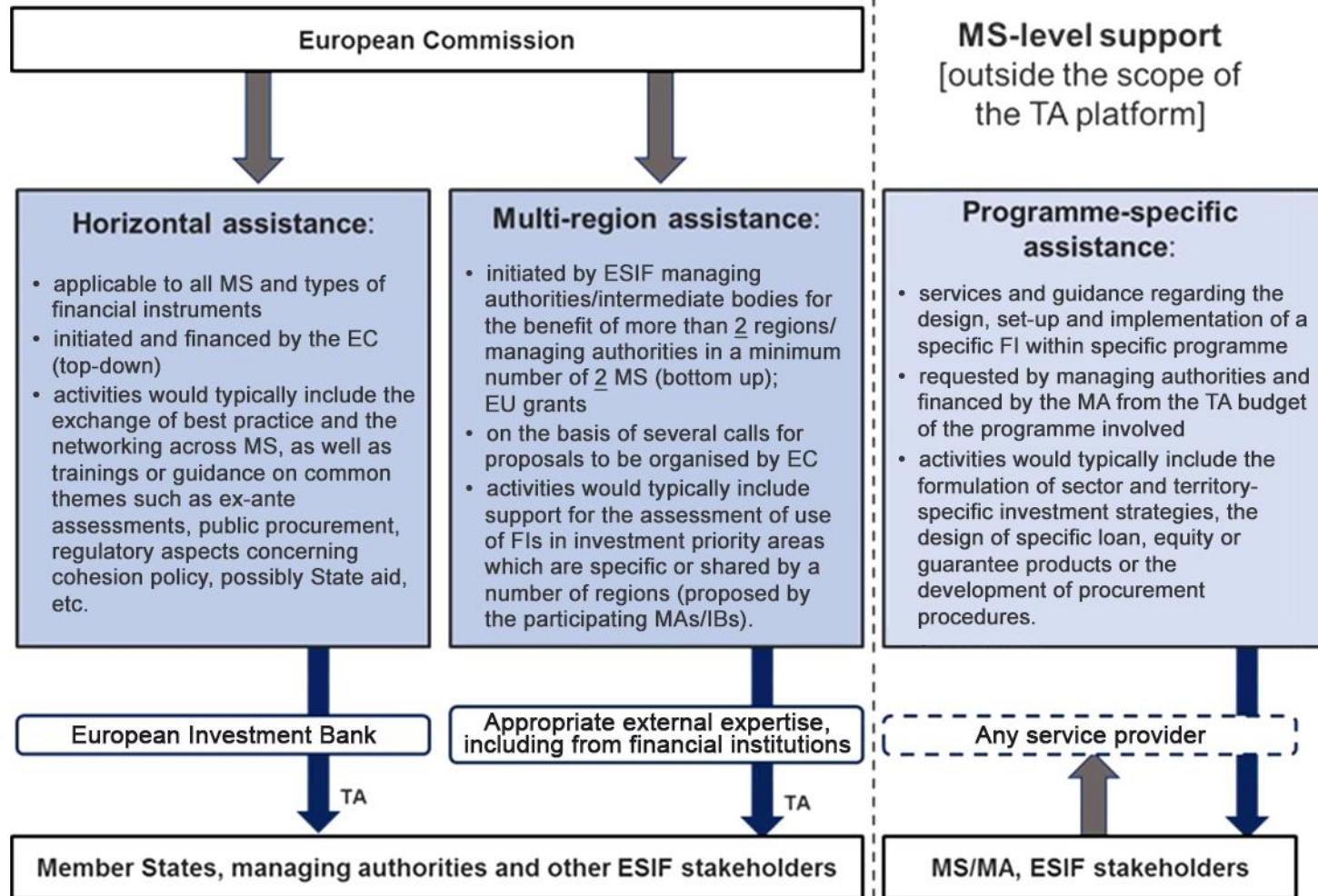
Pieter Coppens,
Advisory Services Department,
European Investment Bank



Reminder: fi-compass is designed as a catalyst



Two forms of assistance delivery under fi-compass



upstream / generic

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downstream / tailored



What does *fi-compass* offer?

1

Step-by-step process guidance and manuals

throughout the entire FI life cycle consistent with regulatory provisions, evidence-based practice and the realities of ESIF Managing Authorities. This includes ESI Fund-specific guidance.

► ***fi-compass offers:*** *Information brochures, Handbooks, Case studies and examples of practice, audio-visual materials*

2

Learning opportunities

to further the necessary understanding & skills in the market

► ***fi-compass offers:*** *Face to Face Training and E-learning opportunities*

3

Awareness raising and networking

for Managing Authorities, the general public, potential bodies implementing FIs, private and public investors interested in co-investment opportunities, entrepreneurs or enterprises, or for other potential final recipients.

► ***fi-compass offers:*** *Public events (EU conferences, thematic seminars/workshops, networking events), but also promotional campaigns (social media), etc.*

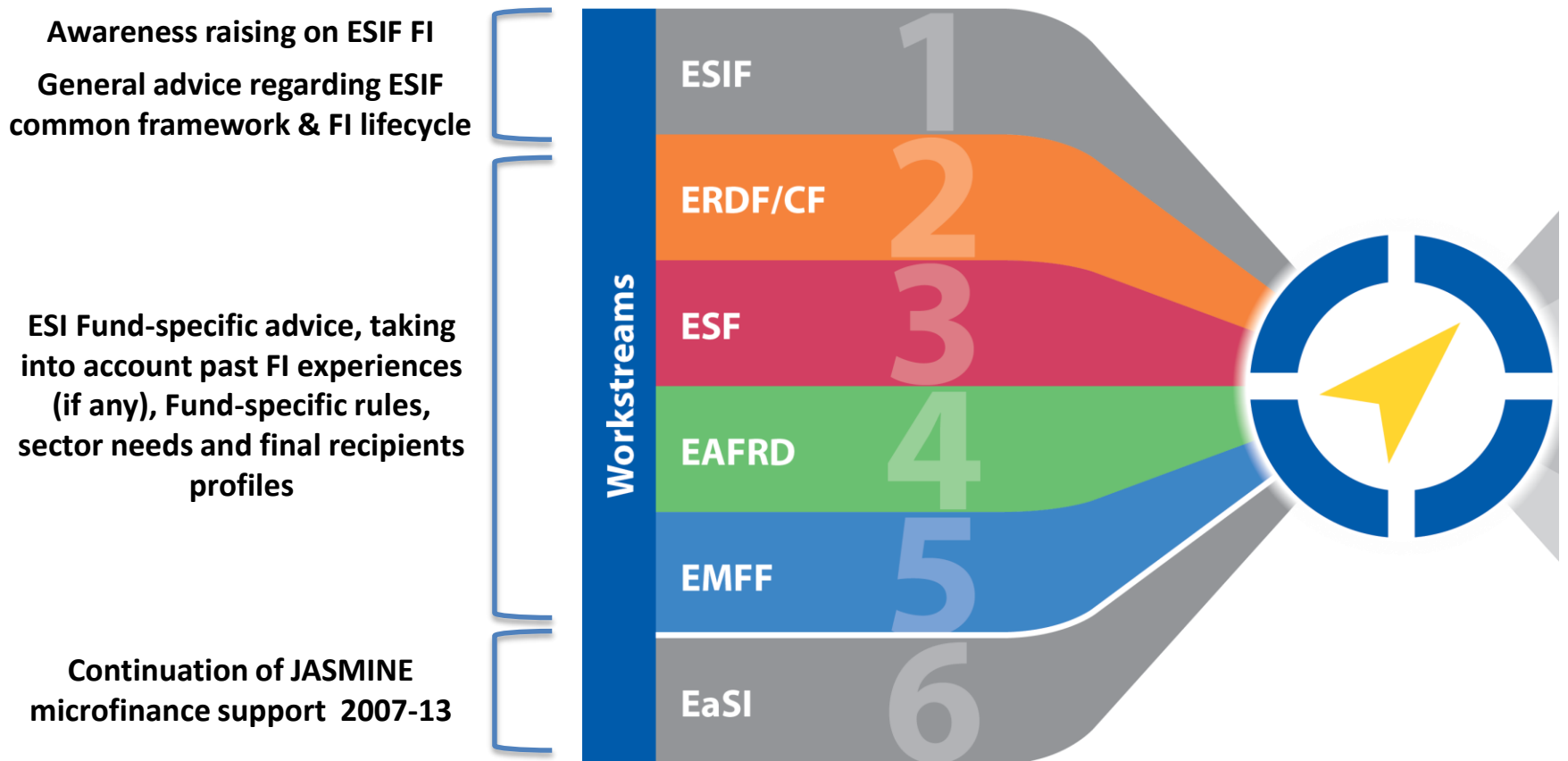
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Access to a single knowledge hub

to ensure (timely and targeted) availability of information and methodological advice.

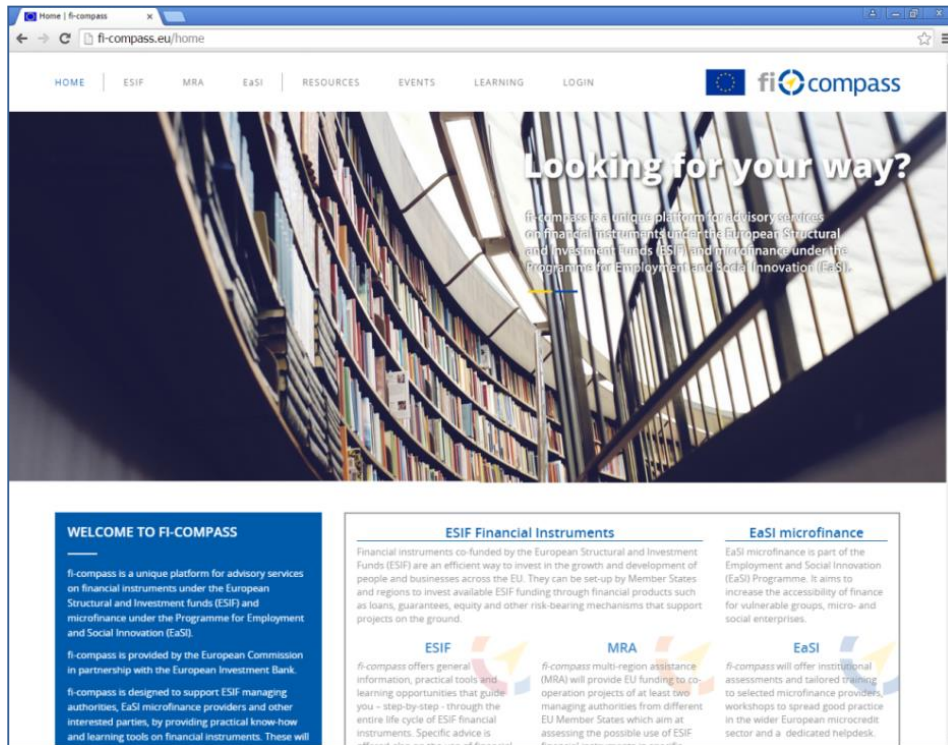
► ***fi-compass offers:*** *Knowledge Management Hub (web portal), Newsletters, FAQ, specific publications, etc.*

How is *fi-compass* delivery structured?



Distinct *fi-compass* work streams

fi-compass knowledge hub for ESIF FIs - single entry point



Guides



Case studies



Audio-visual material



Access to future and past events



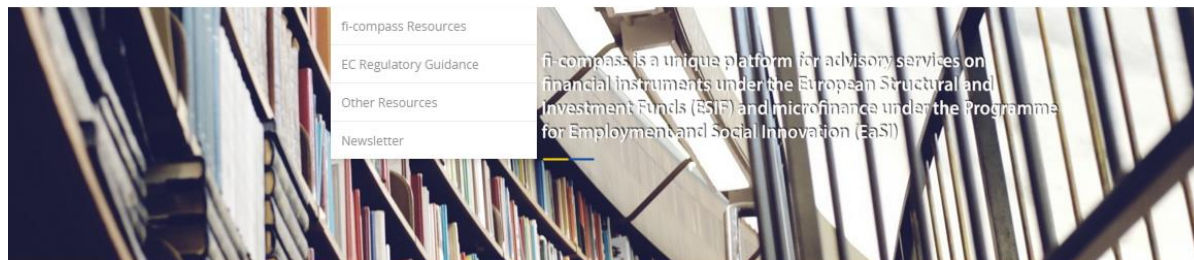
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Different types of publications

- **EC Regulatory Guidance**
- **fi-compass resources e.g. manuals, brochures, case studies**
- **Other resources**

Some publications available also in multiple languages

In Hungarian:
Factsheets on ESIF and individual funds ERDF, CF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF



RESOURCES

- EC REGULATORY GUIDANCE
- FI-COMPASS RESOURCES
 - MANUALS
 - CASE STUDIES
 - BROCHURES
 - OTHER FI-COMPASS RESOURCES
- OTHER RESOURCES
- NEWSLETTER
- FEATURES
- TOOLKIT

RESOURCES

Useful resources are available to managing authorities (MA) and financial instrument stakeholders from different providers. They include:

- **EC regulatory guidance** – The European Commission provides guidance in the form of working documents for colleagues and bodies involved in the monitoring, control or implementation of the European Structural and Investment Funds on how to interpret and apply the EU rules relevant to financial instruments. The Commission services' explanations and interpretations of the rules aim to facilitate programme implementation and to encourage good practice.
- **fi-compass resources** – Resources provided by fi-compass aim to address issues faced by MAs before and during establishment and the implementation of financial instruments, being responsive to their needs at different stages of the financial instrument lifecycle. fi-compass' resources aim to improve the understanding of MAs on the technical requirements and/or provide them with practical advice on the approach to take with regard to particular issues.
- **Other resources** – A variety of networks, organisations and practitioners are also forging ahead with implementing financial instruments or advancing the financial instruments agenda. Their insight and learning can be inspirational to those considering implementing financial instruments or looking to further the effectiveness of financial instrument implementation. You can search all these resources using the facility below.

Factsheet (The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF))



Description:
 Financial instruments co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund are a sustainable and efficient way to invest in the growth and development of people and businesses in EU regions and cities. They can support a broad range of development objectives to the benefit of a wide range of recipients with the potential for funds to be reused for further investments.

Country: EU28
Objective: 1 Methodological advice
Responsibility: EIB
FI phase: design

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fi-compass events



- FI promotion, networking, exchange of experiences and learning
- Different types of events
 - Member State-specific events in nearly all MS; ca. 80-100 participants
 - ESI Fund-specific seminars (ERDF/CF; EAFRD; ESF); series of 3 events for each ESI-Fund in different EU locations, ca. 100-120 participants
 - EU conferences (ESIF general; EAFRD; ESF): 1-2 day events, up to 300 participants

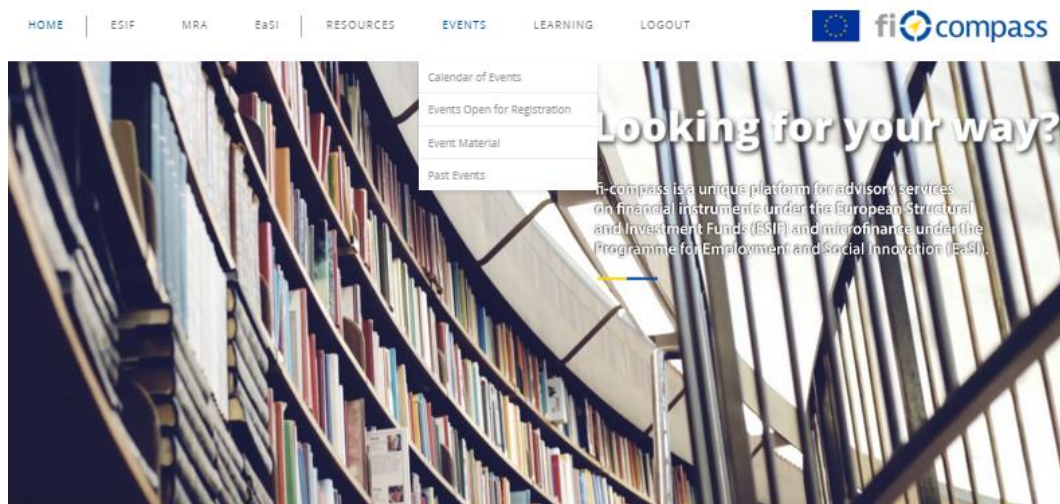


fi-compass events calendar



Event section on the fi-compass website

- **Events calendar** with upcoming events; dedicated event pages with explanation on the aim of the event and the target audience, the (preliminary) agenda and the online registration
- Easy access to all materials from previous events in the **past events section**



WELCOME TO FI-COMPASS

fi-compass is a unique platform for advisory services on financial instruments under the European Structural and Investment funds (ESIF) and microfinance under the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI).

fi-compass is provided by the European Commission in partnership with the European Investment Bank.

fi-compass is designed to support ESIF managing authorities, EaSI microfinance providers and other interested parties, by providing practical know-how and learning tools on financial instruments. These will be available through various formats for quick access to the information.

ESIF Financial Instruments

Financial instruments co-funded by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) are an efficient way to invest in the growth and development of people and businesses across the EU. They can be set-up by Member States and regions to invest available ESIF funding through financial products such as loans, guarantees, equity and other risk-bearing mechanisms that support projects on the ground.

ESIF

fi-compass offers general information, practical tools and learning opportunities that guide you – step-by-step - through the entire life cycle of ESIF financial instruments. Specific advice is offered also on the use of financial instruments under the ERDF the

MRA

fi-compass multi-region assistance (MRA) will provide EU funding to co-operation projects of at least two managing authorities from different EU Member States which aim at assessing the possible use of ESIF financial instruments in specific thematic areas of common interest

EaSI microfinance

EaSI microfinance is part of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) Programme. It aims to increase the accessibility of finance for vulnerable groups, micro- and social enterprises.

EaSI

fi-compass will offer institutional assessments and tailored training to selected microfinance providers, workshops to spread good practice in the wider European microcredit sector and a dedicated helpdesk.

So if you are a microfinance

fi-compass upcoming events


















Upcoming fi-compass events







- 5 further national events
- Calendar for May 2016 and beyond in development

EVENTS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

March


	Date_update	Location	Title
 	08.03.2016 (All day)	 Warsaw	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds
 	10.03.2016 (All day)	 Budapest	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds
 	15.03.2016 (All day)	 Tallinn	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds
 	17.03.2016 (All day)	 Vilnius	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds
 	22.03.2016 (All day)	 Paris	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds

April

	Date_update	Location	Title
 	NEW DATE 14.04.2016	 Nicosia	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds
 	NEW DATE 19.04.2016	 Stockholm	Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds

Legend

 Learning  Events

 Webstreaming

 Open for registration

* The current planning for this seminar series is tentative. The indicative timetable will be confirmed as part of preparatory discussions with relevant authorities and stakeholders in Member States. The events will be confirmed with the opening of the registration process on the fi-compass website.

fi-compass events – past events section



General information about the event

ABSTRACT

A series of Member State events on financial instruments delivering ESI Funds was opened in Bratislava on 02 October 2015. A total of 25 such national events in the next five months.

The seminar aimed to:

- provide Ministers, Managing Authorities and other relevant ESI stakeholders from the public and private sectors with an opportunity to learn more about the advantages, features and suitability of financial instruments in delivering ESI 2014-2020 objectives, with a specific focus on the thematic priorities of the Slovak Republic;
- provide the opportunity to learn about and discuss in depth the technical challenges that the stakeholders are facing as regards the design and set-up of financial instruments;
- offer support for Member States and Managing Authorities by introducing relevant fi-compass learning material.

The seminar in Bratislava featured case studies on financial instruments, the opportunities offered by the 2014-2020 regulatory framework, the advisory products issued by fi-compass to support the design and set-up of financial instruments. In addition, two nation-on-nation workshops were provided.

The final agenda
Priscia Loney

Seminar: Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds, Bratislava, 2 October 2015

Bratislava was the stage for the first national fi-compass event, where participants from Slovakia and a few neighbouring countries explored the potential of using financial instruments to deliver 2014-2020 ESI objectives in the local and regional context. Similar seminars will be held in most other Member States during the next five months. The seminar provided the participants with practical information, including case studies and regulatory clarifications, on how financial instruments can help in their efforts to deliver ESI 2014-2020 objectives.

Ivan Lesný, the Slovak State Secretary from the Ministry of Finance welcomed the guests. Three case studies on financial instrument implementation from Slovakia and Poland were presented to provide practical insights for the use of financial instruments.

Martin Polný from the Slovak Ministry of Finance highlighted Slovakia's commitment to using financial instruments in 2014-2020 and illustrated the steps towards the set-up of the funds of funds. Two other cases featured experiences from the 2007-2013 period and lessons learned.

Other examples showcased included the Slovak State Housing Development Fund contributions to improved insulation of residential buildings, and a Polish financial instrument of particular relevance for ESI stakeholders's supporting social enterprises.

These examples were complemented by a detailed presentation on the key issues, implementation options and guidance provided by the European Commission, the European Investment Bank, disclaimer and fi-compass can do to help Member States move forward with ESI financial instruments.

Afternoon sessions featured two workshops on both general features of financial instruments as well as an in-depth analysis of their design. During several roundtable sessions, participants engaged in discussions and exercises with moderators and representatives from the European Commission and the European Investment Bank.

Participants had plenty of networking opportunities, where many discussions focused on the specifics of the Slovak context for implementing financial instruments. Please check our [events page](#) for the full calendar of fi-compass seminars.

Final agenda

VIDEO INTERVIEWS FROM PARTICIPANTS

Event photos, for some events also **video impressions** such as short video interviews with speakers and participants

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DELIVERING ESI FUNDS, BRATISLAVA, 2 OCTOBER 2015

TIME	SPEAKERS
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome Ivan Lesný, State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic
10:15 - 10:30	Presentation of case studies on Financial Instruments
10:30 - 10:45	Financial Instruments in Slovakia: State of Play Martin Polný, Department of Financial Strategy for Economic Growth, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic
10:45 - 11:00	State Housing Development Fund (SDSICA Slovakia) Michal Kollár, Head of EU Structural Funds Section, State Housing Development Fund, Slovak Republic
11:00 - 11:15	Loan Fund for Social Economy (European Social Fund) Joanna Mandzińska, Vice President, Social and Economic Investment Company TISE S.A. (Financial Intermediary), Republic of Poland
11:15 - 11:30	Opportunities offered by the European Commission (DG REGIO) 2014-20 Partnership
11:30 - 11:45	fi-compass advisory support Peter Gagniers, European Investment Bank

presentation audio video case study The not yet available

Presentations (for some event also available as **audio** or **video** files)

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- **April 2015**
- **July 2015**
- **Oct 2015**
- **Dec 2015**
- Next newsletter planned for spring 2016

fi-compass videos:

- **Benefits of financial instruments**
- **Seven steps to effective ex-ante assessments for ESIF Financial Instruments**
- **Benefits of the FIs in EAFRD**



The Beacon - December 2015

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The Beacon December 2015

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Sharing the risk of business investments: lessons from the fi-compass case study library
EU Member States are being encouraged to revolve European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) through the adoption of financial instruments. Lessons learned from the successes of existing financial instruments that use ESIF support can provide valuable experience, and fi-compass is involved in sharing this experience through advisory products such as case studies.
Our most recently published case study features a venture capital (VC) co-investment instrument from the Languedoc-Roussillon region in France. [Read more](#)

Toolkit

New European Commission guidance note on management costs and fees for financial instruments implemented according to Article 38(4)(b)
The new guidance note explains the novelties and contains an example for the calculation of thresholds.
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Journal

Second meeting of the fi-compass expert group



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