



European European Investment Advisory Hub

Europe's gateway to investment support

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Investment Plan for Europe

Create an investment-friendly environment

through improvements of the European regulatory environment Support investment in the real economy

through the European Investment Advisory Hub

and the European Investment Project Portal Mobilise EUR 500bn of additional financing

through the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)



Advisory Hub

A joint initiative

European Investment Advisory Hub

Aims to strengthen Europe's investment environment and improve the **quality of investment projects**

A single access point to a comprehensive offer of advisory and technical assistance services





An instrument to assess and **address** unmet **needs** for advisory support A cooperation platform to leverage and exchange expertise from EIAH partners



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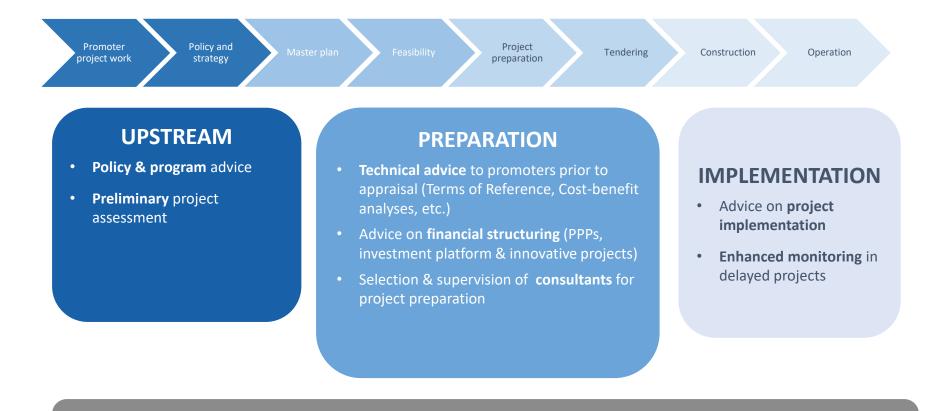
EIAH Work Programme

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Four streams of activity...



The Hub in the project cycle

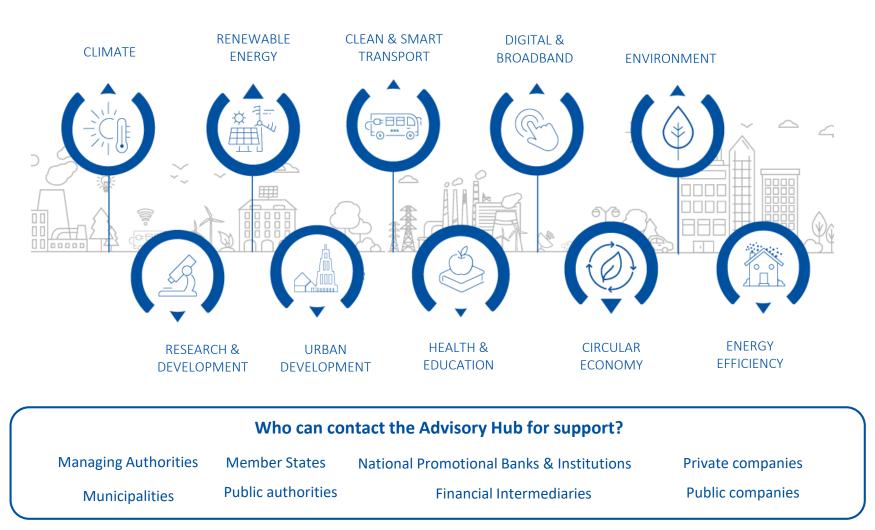


CAPACITY BUILDING RELATED TO PROJECTS

Capacity building on technical issues - Cooperation centres of expertise - Dissemination best practices & case studies

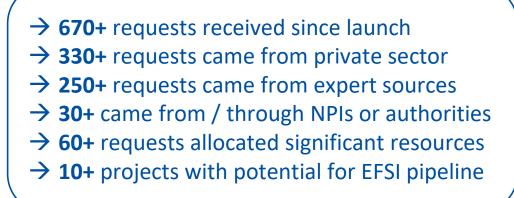
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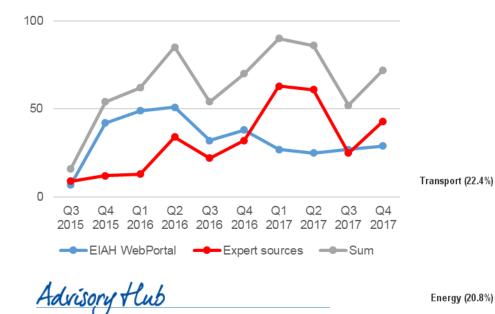
Advisory interventions in key sectors

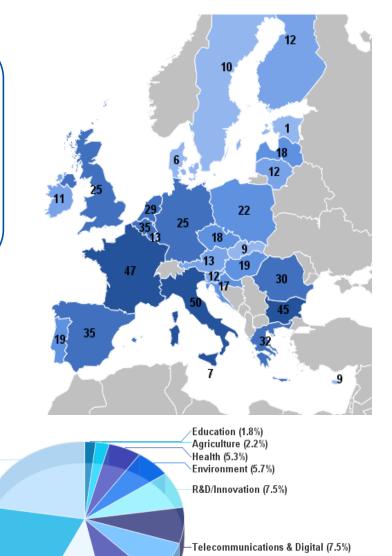


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EIAH track record





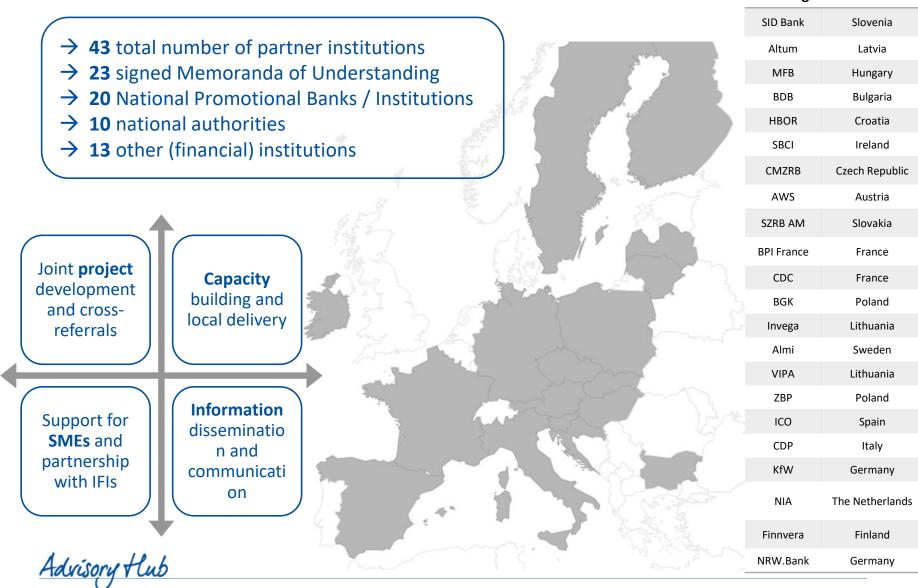


Other (7.9%)

Urban/Rural development (8.7%)

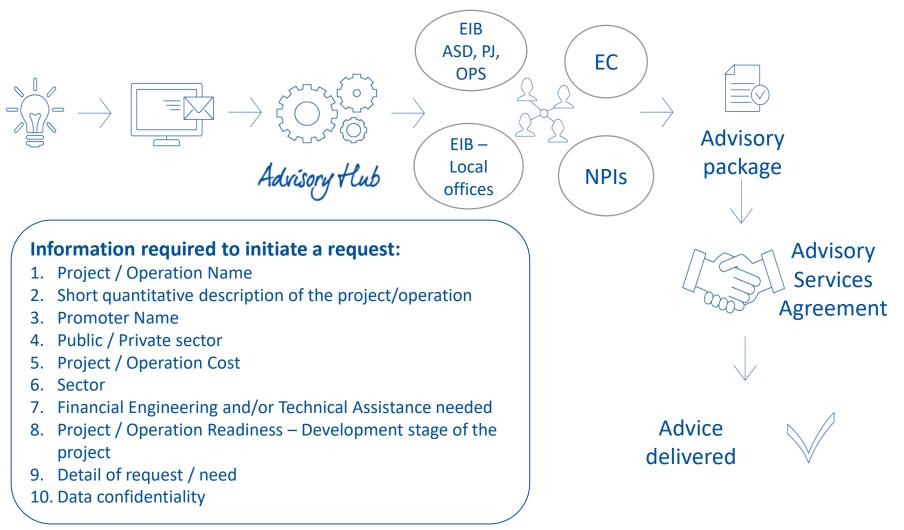
SMEs / start ups (10.1%)

Growing network of EIAH partners



Signed MoUs

Practice: how are request handled



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- 1. A new initiative to provide dedicated investment advisory to urban authorities
- 2. To support integrated urban development programmes comprising a number of smaller projects within a strategic framework
- 3. Tailor made technical advice to support the development of urban investment strategies and investment programmes and to improve the quality and bankability of projects
- 4. Advice to support the development of innovative financing approaches for city investment, including urban based investment platforms

eligibility

5. Available via the Advisory Hub



Success Stories - Examples

Social Housing in Poland

- Speed up Access to Finance
- EFSI context
- Financial modelling
- Strong EIB collaboration
- Coordination of institutional set-up
- Replication within the sector
- Co-financing with BGK

Hospital in Croatia

- Collaboration with NPI HBOR
- Access to finance by increasing project readiness
- Facilitation from HBOR
- Technical Assistance provided by EIAH





Influencing factors

- Clear description of the project SCOPE
- Clear description of the project / promoter's NEED
- Constructive Collaboration and Exchange
- Project OWNERSHIP
- Keep the MOMENTUM on the development of the project

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Investment platforms - Context

- EFSI regulation emphasis on Investment Platforms a tool for pooling and aggregating investments on a sectoral and/or geographic basis
- NPBs can play an important role due to their geographic reach, market knowledge, expertise and complementary products
- EFSI/ESIF combinations of growing importance and viewed to be a key means of increasing EFSI deployment in cohesion countries
- EIAH is a very useful tool in providing advisory support

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What are Investment Platforms?

- Dedicated financing structures, co-financing or risk-sharing arrangements, channeling public and private financing from entities, to finance a number of investment projects
- Flexible concept
- With a defined geographical or sectoral/thematic scope
- Potential tool to use EU funds, financial instruments or national support together with EFSI to support specific policy objective
- Or to facilitate/organise co-financing with NPBs and other parties
- But they are not magic tools that would transform non-bankable projects into bankable projects. They must include credible business proposals and credible identifiable promoters



Potential role of ESIF in Investment platforms

- Limited ESIF resources in more developed regions, can be augmented with EFSI to pilot Investment Platforms and attract private investors (at fund and project level).
- Assisting in the deployment of EFSI in less developed regions, using ESIF to lower the risk profile of projects and/or facilitate more affordable funding, especially for longer term payback projects (e.g. energy efficiency)
- Using ESIF as grants, as well as FIs to help with project identification, preparation and affordability constraints

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Thank you for your attention!

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