

Key Figures

EFSE aims to foster economic development and prosperity in Southeast Europe¹ and the EU Eastern Neighbourhood Region² through the sustainable provision of additional development finance, notably to micro and small enterprises and to private households, via qualified financial institutions.

In pursuing its impact goals, the fund observes principles of sustainability and additionality, combining development and market orientations.

FOR THE YEAR 2020

Active MSEs and households financed via EFSE	105,000
Outstanding sub-loans	EUR 961.4 million
Committed investment portfolio	EUR 917.2 million
Share of sub-loans facilitated in rural areas	31.2%
Share of sub-loans below EUR 20,000	82%
Direct beneficiaries of EFSE Development Facility projects	3,829
Partner lending institutions	67
Sub-loans provided in local currency	60.8%
Share of private capital invested in the fund (based on investor commitments)	23%
Jobs supported through EFSE's contribution	91,000
Development Facility projects specifically targeted towards COVID-19 response	22

CUMULATIVE SINCE EFSE'S INCEPTION IN DECEMBER 2005

Volume of micro and small enterprise and housing loans disbursed	EUR 8.1 billion
Number of micro and small enterprise and housing loans disbursed	1,047,834
Volume invested in partner lending institutions	EUR 3.2 billion
Jobs supported through EFSE's contribution	>1.8 million
Volume of EFSE Development Facility projects approved for capacity building, sector support and applied research	EUR 32 million
Number of EFSE Development Facility projects approved for capacity building, sector support, and applied research	523
Contribution of partner lending institutions to project costs related to capacity building	42%

¹ The Southeast Europe region in the context of this report comprises Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Kosovo³, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey.

² The EU Eastern Neighbourhood Region in the context of this report comprises Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

³ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ISJ Opinion of the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.