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More information on the Organisers of the European Microfinance Award

The European Microfinance Platform | www.e-mfp.eu

e-MFP's aim is to promote co-operation amongst European microfinance bodies working in developing countries. e-MFP facilitates high level discussion, communication and exchange of information. e-MFP's vision is to become the microfinance focal point in Europe linking with the south through its members.

e-MFP, founded in 2006, is a growing network of over 120 organisations and individuals active in the area of microfinance. As a multi-stakeholder organisation it represents the European microfinance community. e-MFP members include banks, financial institutions, government agencies, NGOs, consultancy firms, researchers and universities.

e-MFP values:

- e-MFP members believe that everyone should have access to financial services and that microfinance contributes significantly to this development
- e-MFP enables synergies & knowledge sharing, fosters innovative action & research, and advocates sustainable and responsible microfinance in the South

Inclusive Finance Network Luxembourg | www.InFiNe.lu

The Inclusive Finance Network Luxembourg Asbl (InFiNe.lu) has been created in March 2014 as a progressive continuation of the former *Luxembourg Microfinance Round Table*, an informal initiative since 2004. The uniqueness of InFiNe.lu is to bring together key stakeholders from the public, private and civil society sector in Luxembourg around the common objective of promoting financial inclusion. 21 members have already joined this platform.

InFiNe.lu aims to develop knowledge and expertise by stimulating exchange and collaboration amongst its members. It will also capitalize on Luxembourg's leading position in both financial and development sectors. Therefore, InFiNe.lu will focus to strengthen and promote Luxembourg as centre of excellence in the field of inclusive finance.

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– Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs | www.cooperation.mae.lu

Luxembourg's Development Cooperation has been committed for nearly 20 years to actively support the development of microfinance and inclusive finance. The Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs works with civil society stakeholders specialised in microfinance and contributes to the evolution of this sector through its contribution to the work of conceptualisation, its support for research and development of new tools, its political action in many national and international fora, its exchanges with its multilateral and bilateral partners, both public and private, or members of the civil society and through its financial commitment to a multitude of actors and programmes active in this area.



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The European Investment Bank (EIB) | www.eib.org/

The European Investment Bank is the long term lending institution of the European Union owned by its Member States. It makes long-term finance available for sound investment in order to contribute towards policy goals. It was founded in 1958, and has been active outside of the European Union since 1963. The EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) invested EUR 75.1 billion in 2013, and is active in around 160 countries. The Bank has a long track record in microfinance and, as well as addressing financing gaps in emerging markets, also provides technical assistance. The EIB is a dedicated sponsor of European Microfinance Week and European Microfinance Award.

European Microfinance Week

The European Microfinance Award is held in the framework of Europe's largest conference dedicated to the microfinance sector, the European Microfinance Week. The conference annually hosts more than 400 professionals at the Abbaye de Neumünster, Luxembourg. It is organized by the European Microfinance Platform (e- MFP) with the support of the Luxembourg Government and it gathers practitioners and policy makers from this rapidly evolving sector to discuss lessons learned and tomorrow's challenges.