

FACILITY FOR EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TRUST FUND

ABOUT THE TRUST FUND

The Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) Trust Fund has facilitated investment and addressed funding gaps in the European Union's Southern Neighbourhood since its creation in 2004 by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

It is the Bank's oldest multi-donor, multi-sector trust fund, and is currently managed by EIB Global, the Bank's development arm, which aims to enhance the development impact of its operations beyond Europe.

For 20 years, the FEMIP Trust Fund has been providing a broad range of instruments to support the economic and social development of the Mediterranean partner countries quickly and reliably through technical assistance and risk capital operations. The trust fund continues to provide support throughout the project cycle, including through:

- sector studies and master plans (identification stage);
- pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, audits, procurement documents (preparation stage);
- skills development at the institutional level, and support for public authority project management (implementation stage);
- studies assessing the ability of financial institutions to provide services to small and medium-sized enterprises and vulnerable groups such as women, young people and refugees, to promote financial inclusion.

Strategic priorities (2021-2025)

The FEMIP Trust Fund's long-term objectives build on the EU Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood policy and on the EIB's expertise. Following the adoption of the [New Agenda for the Mediterranean](#) in 2021, the FEMIP Trust Fund's priorities are:

- human development (for example health and equal opportunities);
- strengthening resilience, building prosperity and seizing the digital transition;
- green transition (including climate resilience, energy and environment).

AREAS OF ACTION

Infrastructure

Human development

Access to finance for small businesses

Equal opportunities and social inclusion

Green transition and climate action

Digitalisation



€68 MILLION Total donor contributions to the trust fund

90 FEMIP Trust Fund-supported operations,
of which 14 are ongoing and 76 have been completed as of the end of 2023

€5.33 BILLION* Total investment mobilised as of the end of 2023
in association with the trust fund's technical assistance and risk capital operations

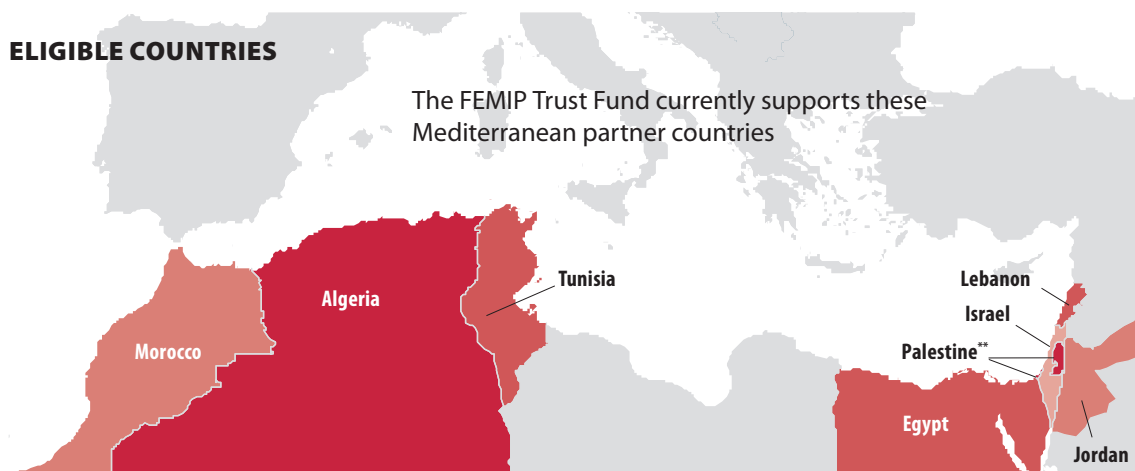
*This sum includes €3.1 billion from partner institutions and €2.2 billion in EIB lending. The EIB typically only covers up to 50% of a project's total cost and **crowds in other investors**.

Almost half of all donor resources contributed to the FEMIP Trust Fund supported regional or cross-border operations (see page FE 4). The FEMIP Trust Fund is an important facilitator in fostering private sector development and bolstering socioeconomic infrastructure in the Mediterranean region, filling critical institutional gaps in project preparation and implementation.

So far, half of the trust fund's financial resources approved for projects have supported the environment sector (26%, including climate action) and the private sector (24%, including the finance and micro and small and medium-sized enterprises (MSME) sector) (see page FE 4).

As the EU climate bank, the EIB is committed to dedicating at least 50% of its financing every year to climate action and environmental sustainability and is set to reach its target of €1 trillion in investments for this cause in the critical decade to 2030. The FEMIP Trust Fund operations contribute to this objective.

The needs of the Mediterranean partner countries are as high as ever. To tackle current local and global challenges, which include climate change, food and energy security and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential to replenish the trust fund. In this context, EIB Global is actively reaching out to existing and potential donors, seeking their contributions to promote sustainable development and offer an inclusive future to the young populations of Europe's Southern Neighbourhood.



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EXPECTED IMPACT

For two decades, the FEMIP Trust Fund has contributed to improving the lives of local populations in the Southern Neighbourhood by supporting projects that supply safe and reliable water, improve education and healthcare, finance sustainable transport, or help small businesses and startups grow.

1.5 million people are expected to benefit from improved sanitation services in Egypt, and 350 000 micro and small businesses, including 105 500 women-led businesses, will be supported.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS SUPPORTED



In 2023 alone, €22.3 million from 17 FEMIP trust fund projects supported 11 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The largest share of ongoing and recently completed operations (24% of the approved amount) seeks to **develop and enhance working conditions in and economic growth** (SDG 8) of the Mediterranean partner countries. And in line with the EIB policy on climate, 37% of approved funds in 2023 aimed to **mitigate the negative effects of human activities on the environment** and were associated with the environmental SDGs.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Tunisian electricity provider STEG is carrying out a study of the environmental and social effects of a 400 MW pumped water transfer station in the Beja province in the country's north. The study, which benefited from a technical assistance grant, will help STEG **to expand its use of renewable energy** and limit its use of gas. The project will also increase the energy storage capacity of Tunisia's electricity system, which is important for periods when renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power generate less.
- A technical assistance grant is helping the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy, MASEN, **to take advantage of the huge, untapped potential for wind energy in Morocco**. The funding will be used to carry out a feasibility study to prepare the ground for the **construction of an offshore wind farm**.
- The Technical Assistance Programme to Microfinance Facility (TAFIR), a €2 million programme backed by the FEMIP Trust Fund, supports microfinance institutions in the region. In Tunisia, it is supporting the Enda Tamweel institution in its digitalisation process by advising it on the construction of an electronic document management system. The FEMIP Trust Fund is also helping Enda Tamweel develop an offer of non-financial services for agricultural clients and a youth strategy.
- With the help of TAFIR, the Lebanese microfinance institution Al Majmoua improved its business model to reach more customers. By integrating the data from its non-financial and financial services, the institution can now offer a path to financing for customers previously excluded from its financial services. These clients can benefit from non-financial services such as training to acquire financial literacy and business planning skills to help them become eligible for classic financial services, such as microloans to set up their own businesses.

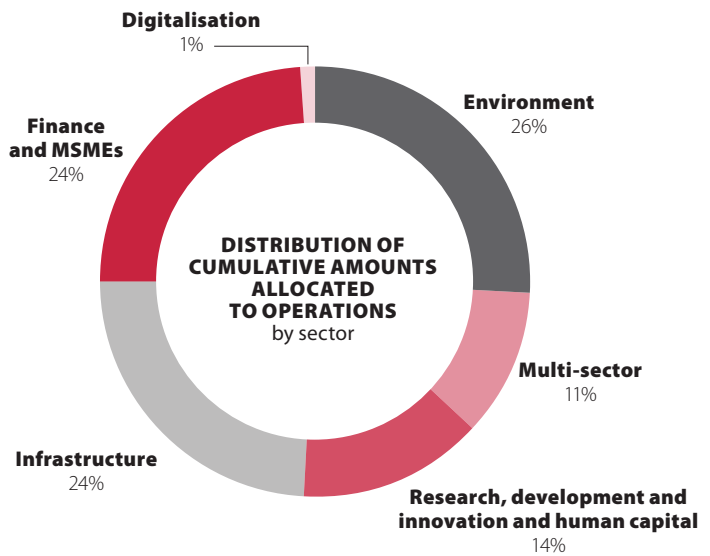
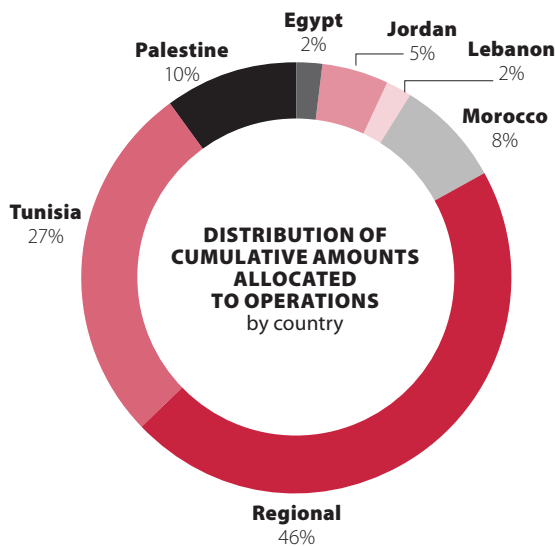
FACILITY FOR EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TRUST FUND AT A GLANCE

€68 MILLION in donor funds contributed

€67 MILLION* allocated to operations

90
operations

* Returns from completed projects may bring the balance of approved funds higher than the amount of donor funds committed.



OUR DONORS

Since its inception, the trust fund has been receiving contributions from the following donors:

AUSTRIA	GREECE	ROMANIA
BELGIUM	IRELAND	SLOVENIA
CYPRUS	ITALY	SPAIN
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	LUXEMBOURG	SWEDEN
FINLAND	MALTA	UNITED KINGDOM
FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	
GERMANY	PORTUGAL	