

ECON BUDG Hearing 26/05 2020

Introductory statement by Mr Molterer, Managing Director of EFSI

EFSI Delivery to date

- EFSI delivery is continuing at full speed. Currently, the **EIB+EIF have approved EUR 89.9bn of financing** based on the EFSI guarantee, supporting **Investment Mobilised of EUR 486bn** throughout all Member States.
- Encouragingly, the share of **Climate Action** in the Infrastructure and Innovation Window has reached almost **42%**. That is 6% percentage points higher than when the EP introduced the 40% Climate Action target at the beginning of 2018 – when the portfolio EFSI portfolio already had a size of more than EUR 256bn.
- Keeping in mind that EFSI explicitly has **no sectoral or geographic allocation, EFSI support has been widely spread:**
 - **Sectorally**, the highest share of EFSI support has reached **SMEs (31%)**, followed by **RDI (26%)** and **Energy (17% incl. Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure**. [Digital 9%, Transport 7%, Social Infrastructure 5%, Environment and Resource Efficiency 4%, Bioeconomy 1%]. All sectors have benefitted.
 - Geographically, **all countries have been reached**, and **more than 4 out of 10** EFSI projects directly benefit **Cohesion regions**. On a purely nominal basis the three largest EFSI countries are France, Italy and Spain. But it is important to keep the different sizes and absorption capacities of the national economies in mind. **Adjusted for GDP**, the **top five countries** having received financing with EFSI support are **Greece, Estonia, Portugal, Bulgaria and Spain**.
- Beyond the headline numbers, the impact of EFSI is felt on the ground. Examples:
 - More than **1.1m SME** are benefitting from **better access to financing** though support **by the EIF** alone. To respond to the current situation, this has been reinforced, so that more of the remaining EFSI risk capacity can reach SMEs until the end of 2020.
 - **Renewable Energy** project supported by EFSI generate sufficient electricity to cover the needs of **more than 10 million households**.

-)] **Waste treatment and circular economy** projects benefitting more than **33 million people**.
-)] More than **500,000 affordable flats** are being built or renovated.
-)] On a macro level, the EIB's Economic Department expect that the EFSI supported investments will **add 1.8 million jobs** and **1.9% to European GDP** by 2022.
-)] **We are confident that the target of EUR 500bn Investment Mobilised by end of this year can be met**, even the investment Climate has been impacted severely by the COVID-19 epidemic.
-)] Nota bene: The Investment Committee has provided a **Rationale for all its decisions** approving the use of the EFSI guarantee by EIB since 2018, and they have been **published together with the Scoreboards** of the operations (unless commercially confidential, when they have been published after signature).