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The **Network of European Financial Institutions for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (NEFI)** is a network of national promotional banks and institutions (NPBIs) across the European Union. It was founded in 1999 and today consists of 19 financial institutions from 18 different member states of the European Union and UK.

These institutions share a public mission to facilitate the access to finance for SMEs by offering them financial services and expertise. This mission was entrusted to them by their government and/or the legislation in force in their respective countries. Similar tasks have been assigned to the NEFI member institutions in the fields of energy efficiency, environment, infrastructure, etc.

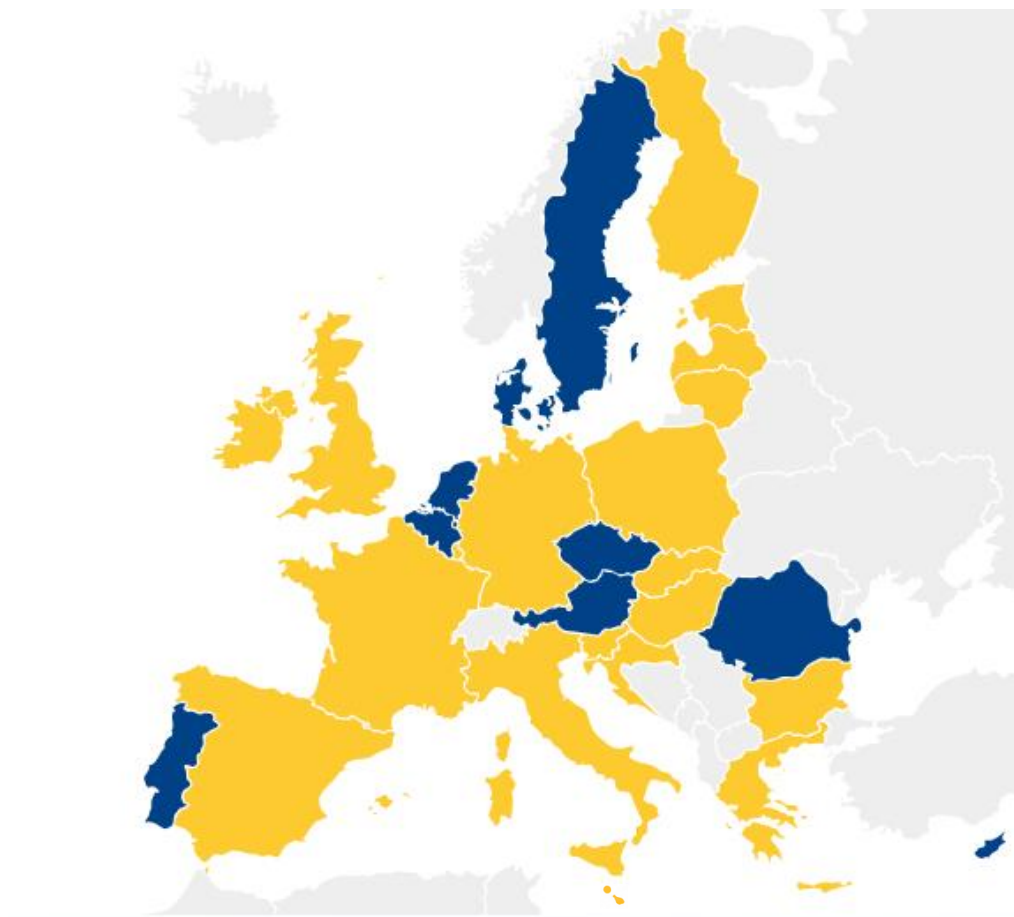
NEFI partners act complementary to and in co-operation with their national banking systems through co-financing, risk-sharing, expertise and advisory services in order to address shortcomings in the SME financial markets.

NEFI partner institutions support SMEs mainly on their own territories by financing them in the form of **loans, guarantees, mezzanine, equity finance** and **venture capital**.

NEFI's objectives as a European network of specialised financial institutions are to:

- facilitate the access to both European and national financing schemes for SME clients;
- foster our mutual co-operation and learning from each other as well as the co-operation with European (financial) institutions for the benefit of SMEs and their financing;
- maintain a permanent and constructive dialogue on SME financing issues with the European Union (EU) institutions and with other SME-related European associations and federations;
- provide expertise and advice for the EU and its financial institutions in the planning and implementation of EU-wide promotional financing schemes.

Our members



ALTUM Latvia

BBB United Kingdom

BDB Bulgaria

BGK Poland

Bpifrance France

CDP Italy

Enterprise Estonia Estonia

Finnvera Finland

HBOR Croatia

HDB Greece

ICO Spain

ILTE Lithuania

KFW Germany

MDB Malta

MFB Hungary

SBCI Ireland

SID Bank Slovenia

SNCI Luxembourg

SZRB Slovakia



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Innovative financial instruments for SMEs in Europe

NEFI’s core business is to promote access to finance for SMEs in Europe. NEFI endeavours to combine national and European forces to make the promotion of SMEs more efficient.

In a permanent exchange with the European institutions we develop and improve financing instruments as means of countering market failure in SME financing.

In order to promote access to finance for SMEs we are using different financial instruments:

- start-up and growth finance
- guarantees
- (micro) loan
- innovation and technology finance
- mezzanine finance
- venture capital and venture debt

Expertise

Consequently, NEFI members provide expertise and advice for the EU and its financial institutions in the planning and implementation of EU-wide promotional and financing schemes by

- delivering position papers on state aid law, financial programmes and promotional/financial instruments;
- contributing our expertise in expert group meetings, workshops, conferences and round tables;
- organising conferences and workshops.

2025 Key Figures

SMEs Supported	Total volume of loans and guarantees (in EUR)
311.000+	77,8+ bn



Our activities

Cooperation on EU affairs

NEFI members closely monitor and exchange insights on the latest EU developments with an impact on their activities.

- Funding opportunities
- Legislative developments (State Aid, sustainable finance, banking regulation)

- Research and Innovation
- Green transition
- Digitisation

In order to transfer this know-how and expertise and to encourage learning from each other, NEFI member institutions organise at least four times per year Permanent Working Group meetings and Workshops on relevant topics. Every second year the NEFI High-Level Meeting takes place with high-level participants from EU institutions and NEFI member institutions to determine the strategic focus of NEFI activities and to mandate new tasks for NEFI.

To facilitate the exchange of information and best practices and in order to be up to date as regards developments in EU institutions, NEFI maintains an office in Brussels.

Cooperation and best practice exchanges on SME financing

NEFI member institutions specialise in providing support for enterprises through specific financing programmes at national level.

NEFI members have thus developed strong expertise in promoting access to finance for SMEs by developing financial instruments in the field of:

Last 3 High-Level Meetings

2018

2022

2024

➤ **2021-2027 MFF**

➤ **InvestEU, Pillar assessment**

➤ **InvestEU, Business models of NPBI's**



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NEFI partners' financial products

NEFI partner*	SME loans	SME guarantees	SME mezzanine finance	SME equity finance/ venture capital	SME grants
ALTUM	X	X		X	
BBB	X	X		X	
BDB	X	X		X	
BGK	X	X		X	
BPIFRANCE	X	X	X	X	X
CDP	X	X	X	X	X
ENTERPRISE ESTONIA	X	X	X	X	X
FINNVERA	X	X			
HBOR	X	X	X	X	X
HDB	X	X			X
ICO	X	X	X	X	
ILTE	X	X		X	X
KFW	X		X	X	X
MDB	X	X			
MFB	X	X		X	
SBCI	X	X			
SID BANK	X	X		X	
SNCI	X			X	X
SZRB	X	X			

*The table lists most commonly used SME financial products and is not exhaustive. Depending on the NEFI partner, financial products are delivered directly, through intermediaries or through subsidiaries. Some financial products might be offered only in blending and not in stand-alone form.

Altum

Ownership	100% public
Type	Joint Stock Company
Employees	~250
Total assets (2025)	€ 1.729,7 mio
Country	Latvia

The Joint-stock Company Development Finance Institution Altum (AS "Attīstības finanšu institūcija Altum" – ALTUM) is a state owned enterprise, which provides efficient and professional support to specific target groups in the form of financial instruments (loans, guarantees, investments in venture capital funds, etc.) and non-financial instruments (consulting, training, mentoring, etc.), but also performs other functions delegated by the government.

ALTUM was established on 15 April 2015, an integrated institution via merger of three institutions until then providing support in the form of financial instruments – Latvian Development Finance Institution Altum (ALTUM), Latvian Guarantee Agency and Rural Development Fund. State aid in the form of financial instruments, until then provided by the above mentioned three separate institutions, is since 15 April 2015 provided by Development Finance Institution ALTUM.

ALTUM's shares are owned by the State of Latvia, the holders of the shares are the Latvian ministries of Finance, Economics and Agriculture.



ALTUM grants state aid in the form of financial instruments to the following target groups:

- Business start-ups
- Small and medium enterprises
- Farmers
- General population

The financial instruments offered by ALTUM are designed for companies at any stage of their development – from developing a business idea and launching a company to developing large-scale business projects and contributing to the growth of companies.

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BBB



Ownership	100% public
Type	Public Limited Company
Employees	671
Total assets (2025)	€5.845 mio (£4.883 mio)
Country	United Kingdom

The British Business Bank is a government-owned financial institution set up to support economic growth by making finance markets work better for smaller businesses in the UK. It uses funding and guarantees backed by the UK government to bring more private sector resources into small business lending and investment.

Smaller businesses don't obtain finance directly from the British Business Bank – it makes its impact from generating more activity by the private sector. The British Business Bank is seeking to increase both the level and diversity of funding options available to smaller businesses in the UK.

The British Business Bank provides finance and applies guarantees through commercial lenders and investors, who use these financial resources – together with their own money – to lend to or invest in smaller UK businesses. It operates right across finance markets, from supporting early-stage equity funding, through the provision of growth capital, to senior debt for established SMEs, and will share in any returns on investments made. It then recycles these back into further lending and investment.

Our mission is to drive economic growth by helping smaller businesses get the finance they need to start, scale and stay in the UK. We do this through two core businesses: Banking (Guarantees, Funding, and Small Business Lending) and Investment (Commercial Equity Funds, Development Equity Funds, Commercial Debt Funds, Direct Equity and Co-investment)

The Bank received a new mandate in October 2025, our strategic objectives are now to:

- Support our most promising businesses in the [UK] Industrial Strategy priority sectors to scale and stay here
- Make finance markets work better for smaller businesses
- Unlock the potential in people and places
- Mobilise institutional capital at scale.

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BDB

Ownership	100% public
Type	single shareholder joint-stock company
Employees	217
Total assets (2025)	€ 3.509,3 mio
Country	Bulgaria

Bulgarian Development Bank (BDB) is a credit institution 100%-owned by the Bulgarian state. It was established in 1999 as the Encouragement Bank with main focus to support small and medium-sized enterprises.

BDB is a systemically important institution and is among the Bulgarian banks with the highest credit rating: BBB with a positive outlook by Fitch Ratings. The bank provides directly financing as well as on-lending through other financial institutions.

Among the strategic priorities of BDB is to support vibrant, innovative, competitive small and medium-sized companies and the development of social and sustainable projects. The Bank aims to be the center of an ecosystem that trains, supports and finances entrepreneurs.

It also implements special mandates of the Bulgarian government. Over the years, those included the anti-crisis measures to overcome the negative effects of COVID-19, the Energy Efficiency of Multi-Family Residential Buildings National Programme, etc.

The Bank rather complements the financial market providing SME financing in niches that are not so developed and too risky for the commercial banks.



BDB Main objectives

Improvement, stimulation and development of the overall economic and technological potential of SMEs by facilitating their access to finance;

Implementation of instruments for financing public investments and development projects which are of significance to the national economy;

Acquisition and management of mid-term and long-term local and foreign resources necessary for realisation of the country's economic policy.

For the performance of its tasks and objectives, BDB has established a bank group of its own, which comprises of four subsidiaries:

- National Guarantee Fund
- BDB Microfinancing
- BDB Leasing
- Capital Investments Fund

The main activities of the Bulgarian Development Bank are as follows:

- Direct lending
- On-lending
- Provision of guarantees
- Provision of micro-financing
- Leasing
- Equity financing

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Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	2.742
Total assets (2025)	€ 69 bn
Country	Poland

Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK) is a Polish development bank, the only such institution in Poland. BGK mission is to support sustainable social and economic growth of Poland.

BGK programmes contribute to the creation of sustainable financing solutions and support the development of an ecosystem of cooperating institutions focused on a sustainable economy.

In 2025 bank generated a total of PLN 484 billion in support for the economy, 83% of which supported the implementation of as many as 11 of the 17 UN SDGs.

BGK is one of the five largest development banks in Europe. The Bank has 16 regional offices in Poland and 3 representative offices in Brussels, Frankfurt and Kyiv.

BGK Strategy 2025 – 2030

The strategy of BGK is based on 4 pillars. The 3 business pillars concentrate on creating a strong economy, strengthening the competitiveness of businesses and the resilience of local governments and society, as well as being a partner to state institutions. The business directions are accompanied by a 4th pillar focusing on internal activities that strengthen the bank as a hub of expertise and competence in financing development projects.

Development Financing and Guarantee Instruments

BGK provides guarantees, credit lines, and liquidity schemes supporting SMEs and strategic sectors. Through national and EU programs (e.g. de minimis), it reduces risk and improves access to capital, including support for companies expanding internationally.

Strategic Investment Platforms and Funds

BGK mobilises long-term capital through investment vehicles and initiatives such as the 3 Seas Initiative Innovation Fund and Innovate Poland. These programmes support investments in infrastructure and innovation, including venture and growth-stage financing for high-potential sectors.

Public Policy Implementation and Government Programs

BGK delivers key government programs in housing, infrastructure and exports. It supports municipalities and manages instruments facilitating public investment and regional development.

Support for Innovation, Green Transition and Digitalization

BGK finances innovation, clean energy, and digital projects using EU funds and blended finance. It supports renewable energy, energy efficiency, and digital infrastructure, engaging both public and private capital.

International Cooperation and Development Impact

BGK works with international partners to promote growth and connectivity. It supports sustainable development, infrastructure investment, and economic integration across Europe.

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Bpifrance

Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	4.622
Total assets (2025)	€ 106,3 bn
Country	France

Bpifrance is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations and the French State. As a trusted partner for entrepreneurs it promotes competitiveness and provides growth services for companies on behalf of the French State, acting in support of public policy.

With employees ready to serve entrepreneurs, Bpifrance has three goals:

- to support the growth of business;
- to prepare for future competitiveness;
- to create an ecosystem that is conducive to entrepreneurship.

Bpifrance assists businesses of all sizes, primarily micro-businesses, SMEs, mid-caps. Bpifrance also assists big firms that are considered strategic in terms of national economy, the territories or employment.

Bpifrance finances businesses from the seed phase to transfer to stock exchange listing and offers a continuum of solutions adapted to every key step in a business' growth through loans, guarantees, equity grants and business support services.



Acting in the French Regions, Bpifrance relies on a decentralised network of 50 regional offices, being in direct contact with the entrepreneurs and their partners: 90% of the decision making is located in the regional offices.

Major activities are:

- Innovation funding
- Guarantees for bank financing and venture capital
- Investment and operational cycle financing of SMEs and midcap companies, alongside banking and financial institutions
- Equity investment, directly or through partner funds, in SMEs, midcap and large companies (Bpifrance is the French Sovereign Fund)
- Accompanying firms developing export activities (Bpifrance is the French ECA)
- Business and non-financial Support Services

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Ownership	83% public
Type	Financial Institution
Employees	1.643
Total assets (2025)	€ 390,8 bn
Country	Italy

Since 1850, **Cassa Depositi e Prestiti** has supported Italy's economic and social development. Established to collect savings deposits and finance national infrastructure, throughout its 175 years of service to the country CDP has accompanied the various phases of growth, transforming postal savings into investments across the territory and adapting its instruments and operating models to the needs of an ever-evolving context.

Today, we operate as an institutional development partner in a way that is additional and complementary to the market. Beyond supporting investments by local authorities and infrastructure projects, we support companies in their growth and innovation initiatives, both in Italy and abroad, while contributing to the strengthening of supply chains, venture capital, and private equity.

We promote new housing solutions - dedicated to families, students, workers, and over-65s - as well as urban regeneration projects. Since 2003, CDP has operated as a joint stock company, owned 82.77% by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance and 17.23% by banking foundations, which have recently increased their shareholding. This public-private nature allows the Group to operate according to market principles, with a patient, long term approach.

As a **National Promotional Institution**, CDP plays a key role in supporting public policies by providing technical and financial advisory services for the effective use of European resources, beginning with the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), while helping mobilise public and private capital. In its role as **Italy's Financial Institution for Development Cooperation**, we finance high-impact initiatives in strategic sectors and promote projects dedicated to combating climate change, fostering financial inclusion, and supporting women's entrepreneurship in emerging markets.

The business model is based on raising resources through postal savings and bond issuances, with an increasingly sustainable orientation, aimed at financing projects for companies, public administrations, infrastructure, and international cooperation, as well as investments in the real estate and equity sectors. This takes place through a broad range of instruments: loans, guarantees, advisory services, fund management, and equity capital. Our activities are aimed at promoting financing and investments aligned with the adopted Strategic Guidelines and Policies, in order to generate positive economic, social, and environmental impacts.

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Enterprise Estonia



Ownership	100% public
Type	Foundation
Employees	380
Total assets (2025)	€ 594 mio
Country	Estonia

Enterprise Estonia (EIS) was established in 2022 following the merger of KredEx and Enterprise Estonia (EAS).

The goal of EIS is to promote entrepreneurship and Estonia's international competitiveness, increase its attractiveness as a region for business, investment, tourism, living, and working, and foster investment in modernizing the housing stock.

EIS operates based on regulations and strategic development documents from the Government of the Republic and various ministries, using external and state budget funds and implementing the action plans of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Climate, the Ministry of Culture, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To help businesses realize their ideas, we offer consultations, international marketing, grants, loans, venture capital, credit insurance, and guarantees to support their rapid development and secure expansion into foreign markets.

We also support individuals in improving their living conditions: we offer guarantees for home purchases and loans, guarantees, and grants for increasing the energy efficiency of homes. We have helped over 105,000 families build or renovate their homes.

Enterprise Estonia helps:

- businesses to develop faster and expand safely into foreign markets by providing loans, risk capital, credit insurance and guarantees backed by state guarantees
- enable people to build or renovate their home and develop energy-efficient way of thinking,
- improve people's living conditions by offering loan guarantees for home purchases, backed by state guarantees and loans, guarantees and grants for implementing energy efficiency solutions,
- develop the startup ecosystem and represent the interests of the startup sector as an umbrella organisation, so that Estonia will sprout increasingly more success stories in the field of technology. Entrepreneurship is of key importance in the implementation of the digital, green and innovation transitions,
- develop business models and boost innovation,
- increase export capacity and help manage export connected credit risks
- attract high value-added foreign investments,
- recruit top international professionals,
- increase tourism revenue by making Estonia an attractive tourist destination.

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Finnvera



Ownership	100% public
Type	Public Limited Company
Employees	373
Total assets (2025)	€ 15.517 mio
Country	Finland

Finnvera plc is a specialised financing company, owned by the State of Finland, which supplements the financial services offered by the private sector. Finnvera provides financing for various stages in the life of an enterprise: for its start, growth and internationalisation, and for exports. Finnvera has official Export Credit Agency (ECA) status.

The Finnvera Group reinforces the capacity and competitiveness of Finnish enterprises by offering loans, domestic guarantees, export credit guarantees, as well as interest equalisation and funding for export credits. Finnvera has 19.278 clients and employs 373 experts. Finnvera has a network of 15 locations throughout Finland.

By providing financing, Finnvera strives to promote:

- the internationalisation and exports of enterprises;
- the operations of small and medium-sized enterprises, especially in situations of change such as transfers of ownership; and
- realisation of the government's regional policy goals.

Finnvera supplements the financial market and we are teamed up with private providers

of financing and public actors to find the best financing solutions for customers in different situations. We understand the risks of business operations but pay close attention to opportunities as well. We are ready to take risks when the project's chances of success are in balance with the risks. We cannot provide financing for projects that are deemed unprofitable.

Finnvera's strategy is adjusted so that the company is increasingly able to respond to new challenges in corporate financing. The focus of operations is shifted more on speeding up the growth and internationalisation of companies and on improving the financing options available for start-up enterprises.

Finnvera fosters to speed up financing and promote the business opportunities of Finnish export companies irrespective of their size and has launched several new products aimed at financing small export transactions.

Finnvera is a member of Team Finland (link to: <https://www.team-finland.fi/en/> network that promotes internationalisation among Finnish enterprises.

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Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	457
Total assets (2025)	€ 4.056 mio
Country	Croatia

The Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter: HBOR) was established in 1992 and is entirely owned by the Republic of Croatia. HBOR is the parent company of the HBOR Group which was founded in 2010 and comprises two subsidiaries: Croatian Credit Insurance J.S.C. and Business Info Service L.L.C. which specialise in trade credit insurance. HBOR also has 8 regional offices spread across the country.

HBOR's role in supporting Croatia's economy is threefold. HBOR acts as a national promotional bank, an export bank and export credit agency of the Republic of Croatia whose mission is to support the development of the Croatian economy.

HBOR pursues its strategic objectives and promotes sustainable economic and social development by focusing its operations on:

- Promoting the development of the venture, equity and quasi-equity capital market in the Republic of Croatia,
- Promoting economically and socially balanced and sustainable regional development of the Republic of Croatia,
- Promoting the internationalization of the Croatian economy,
- Strengthening the competitiveness and resilience of the Croatian economy,

- Promoting the green transition of the Republic of Croatia.

Particular emphasis has been placed to provide proactive support for the development of the Republic of Croatia through financial products and services.

In order to achieve its strategic goals, HBOR provides proactive support, either directly or indirectly via financial intermediaries, through a wide range of products and services such as

- Loans for public and private entities,
- Guarantees,
- EU financial instruments,
- Venture capital and private equity funds.

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HDB

Ownership	100% Public, Private Law Body with a Public Mission
Type	Bank
Employees	119
Total assets (2025)	€ 6.999 mio
Country	Greece

MISSION

The Hellenic Development Bank (HDB) SA is a Société Anonym and Greece's National Development Bank (NPB). The bank targets principally the financing of Greek enterprises, by introducing financial instruments to the Greek economy, targeted to boost Greek entrepreneurship while amending market gaps and progressively generating positive economic, social, and environmental benefits.

HDB is built upon the mission to assist enterprises, principally SMEs, to get access to finance, through the provision of loans, grants, guarantees, and other risk-sharing financial instruments, and to support the Greek State in amending market inconsistencies, encouraging the growth of various policy areas key to the country's long-term growth while building a sustainable investment environment in Greece.

ACTIVITIES

The bank's current operating model involves the design and implementation of financial instruments, through the creation of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) injecting funding from European Structural and

Investment Funds (ESIF) and/or National Investment Programs, which are channeled to the final beneficiaries, through banks (intermediated lending).

The main financial instruments used by the bank are:

- Guarantees
- Co-financing loans
- Grants (blending)

Finally, equity financing is provided through its subsidiary Hellenic Development Bank of Investments (HDBI) on a Funds of Funds structure.

HDB envisions to become a leading development institution by fully aligning its corporate practices to reflect EU best practices, building up a strong institutional framework that highlights inclusivity and knowledge sharing whilst fostering a fair, inclusive, and sustainable environment.

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ICO

Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	419
Total assets (2025)	€ 42.645 mio
Country	Spain

ICO is a state-owned bank, attached to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Competitiveness via the State Secretariat for Economy and Enterprise Support. It is a credit institution and the State Finance Agency, with its own legal status, assets and treasury, as well as an independent management to fulfil its activities. ICO finances itself in the domestic and international markets, its debts and obligations with third parties benefiting from the explicit, irrevocable, unconditional and direct guarantee of the Spanish state.

ICO's aim is to promote economic activities contributing to the growth and development of the country and to improve the distribution of the national wealth. Working towards these goals in line with the priorities of the Spanish economy and the core areas laid out in the Recovery, Transformation, and Resilience Plan - a greener, more digital, more socially and geographically cohesive Spain - ICO in, its triple role as a national promotional bank, financial instrument of economic policy, and State financial agency, targets the following strategic priorities: business growth, sustainability, and digitisation. In 2020, ICO became Implementing Partner of the EC. ICO is also a key RRF funding institution in Spain.

As a state-owned bank, ICO provides financing for investment in and out of Spain, in three ways:

On-lending facilities: ICO designs and sets the main features of the different credit facilities and signs collaboration agreements with the financial institutions distribute through their networks. Facilities are mainly directed at the self-employed and SMEs. ICO sets the amounts of each credit facility, the purpose of the loans, the interest rates and repayment terms, and provides the funds to the financial institutions. The latter bear

the risk on final beneficiaries and decide the guarantees to be provided.

Direct funding: Corporate and structured finance for large projects involving productive, public or private investments. Loans are tailor made to match the companies' needs, with a notional minimum amount of €10 million and long repayment terms. Companies shall approach ICO directly. Funding is granted preferably in collaboration with private or public entities, whether national, international or multilateral. ICO also provides guarantees for international projects with a Spanish interest. As Implementing Partner of the EC, ICO provides blending financing linked to programmes such as CEF-AFIF or other RRF/NGEU national programs, as well as it invests in sustainable infrastructure funds and social and affordable rental housing projects with the InvestEU support.

In 2025, ICO has launched ICO Crecimiento, its first 100% digital direct financing tool for Spanish SMEs growth needs.

Private-venture Capital. ICO provides equity and mezzanine financing to a wide variety of companies and projects through Axis, its funds' manager subsidiary.

As a State Financial Agency, ICO manages the official funding instruments on behalf of the Spanish state, through which it encourages exports and development aid. This includes also ICO funding on express instructions from the Government for those affected by natural disasters, environmental disasters and other events of general interest, or managing guarantee relief schemes (such as in the Covid crisis). For these operations ICO does not bear the risk and acts with public funds provided by the Government and/or through compensation of interest rate differentials.

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ILTE

ilte

Ownership	100 % public
Type	National Promotional Bank
Employees (31.12.2025)	368
Total assets (2025)	€ 3.054 mio (including assets under management)
Country	Lithuania

ILTE UAB is a National Promotional Bank established by the Government of Lithuania. The main objectives of the operations of ILTE are to provide financial services, implement and administer financial instruments.

ILTE's activities are focused on high-value-added projects, fostering national economic growth, encouraging innovation, promoting sustainability, enhancing energy efficiency, transforming agriculture, and strengthening competitiveness. Additionally, ILTE actively participates in infrastructure development and modernisation projects.

The main activities are:

- Provision of guarantees;
- Provision of loans directly or through financial intermediaries;
- Development of Lithuanian private equity and venture capital market;
- Provision of grants when they are linked to a financial services being offered;
- Conducting of assessments of the need for promotional financing and revision of such assessments;
- Implementation of other statutory delegated functions.

ILTE most effectively employs the taxpayers' money: it assesses risks competently and focuses on projects that create wealth on the national scale.

ILTE is engaged in a wide range of activities – directing investments in areas of national importance, improving the business environment, and promoting sustainable financing and capital markets through financial instruments. It has already established a green finance institute, is contributing to industrial transformation, modernising public sector facilities and infrastructure, driving digitalisation, enhancing energy independence, and developing renewable energy sources.

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KfW Bankengruppe



Ownership	100% public
Type	Public Law Institution
Employees	8.699
Total assets (2025)	€ 540,7 bn
Country	Germany

KfW remains committed to “supporting sustainable improvement to economic, social and environmental conditions around the world” on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany and the federal states and accordance with its legal mandate as laid down in the Law Concerning KfW.¹ In 2025 alone, KfW provided funding totalling EUR 98 bn.²

KfW's focus areas for promotion and financing include i. a.:

- Promotion of SMEs and of start-ups;
- Provision of equity capital;
- The energy retrofit of buildings;
- Support for environmental protecting and biodiversity;
- Educational funding for private customers;
- Financing programmes for municipalities and regional promotional banks;
- Export and project finance;
- Promotion of developing countries and emerging economies;
- Financing and advice for companies in developing countries and emerging economies.

DOMESTIC PROMOTION

We support private individuals, companies, and public institutions that think ahead in their investment into the future.

Regular evaluations of the portfolio³ as well as our KfW stories⁴, show the real-life impacts achieved with our support and financing services.

One strong focus lies on our support to companies in the fields of

- Founding and succession;
- Business expansion and consolidation;
- Energy and the environment;⁵
- Innovation.

Offers for public organisations include the financing for investments in public and social infrastructure by municipalities, municipal companies, or social enterprises and associations.

As a 100% subsidiary of KfW, KfW Capital invests in German and European VC and venture debt funds, thereby strengthening their capital base and improving access to capital for innovative, technology-oriented growth companies in Germany.

EXPORT AND PROJECT FINANCE

Through KfW IPEX-Bank KfW finances projects of German and European companies in the global markets. As a specialist bank, KfW IPEX-Bank offers comprehensive sector and country expertise. Its financing operations serve to maintain and expand the competitiveness and internationalisation of German and European exporters.

DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

KfW supports economic and social progress in developing and emerging countries through KfW Development Bank and DEG.

KfW Development Bank finances development projects worldwide on behalf of the German government and the European Union to support partner countries in achieving their goals. DEG finances and advises German and local companies active in developing and emerging countries.

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¹ For more details visit [Promotional mandate and history | KfW](#).

² See KfW Finance Report 2025 cited above.

³ See for example the KfW Sustainability Portal: [The Sustainability Portal of KfW Group | KfW](#)

⁴ [How responsibility works | KfW Stories](#)

⁵ See the overview of promotional products (in DE only): [Förderprodukte für Energie und Umwelt | KfW](#)



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MDB

Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	27
Total assets (2025)	€ 88,7 mio
Country	Malta

The Malta Development Bank (MDB) was established on 24 November 2017 when the Malta Development Bank Act, 2017 came into force (Act No XXI of 2017 – CAP 574). It commenced operations on 11 December 2017 when the Board of Directors was appointed and held its first meeting. The MDB is fully owned by the Government of Malta.

The MDB contributes towards sustainable economic development that benefits the Maltese people by promoting inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic growth and infrastructure development. It offers financing facilities that support productive and viable operations where the market is unable or unwilling to accommodate such activities on its own in whole or part. MDB's activities focus on complementing and supplementing the operations of market players in the provision of financing facilities, particularly to SMEs, infrastructure projects that contribute to national or regional development, and projects which are socially-oriented, energy efficient and environment friendly.



Activities:

In general, the MDB can offer five main types of facilities:

- Loans
- Guarantees
- Equity participations
- Underwriting
- Advisory services

All requests for MDB financing must be bankable projects, that is, viable projects that have satisfactory revenue-generating potential. All loan applications have to be assessed according to sound banking principles.

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Ownership	100% public
Type	Private Limited Company
Employees	560
Total assets (2025)	€ 11.367 mio
Country	Hungary

MFB Hungarian Development Bank (MFB or Bank) is a specialised financial institution established in 1991 and governed by the MFB Act of 2001, with the mandate of providing funds for Hungary's medium and long-term economic development. MFB is 100%-owned by the Hungarian State, whose rights are exercised by the Minister for National Economy and supervised by Central Bank of Hungary (MNB). MFB's lending and investment operations are shaped by its development role as well as its mission related to supporting the Government's development strategy and investment priorities. While mandated to support public policy strategic goals, MFB applies private sector lending and risk management practices, striking a balance between profitability and development objectives.

MFB as the body implementing the fund of funds has been playing a key role in the distribution of EU funds in the 2014-2020 programming period. The Bank has been appointed by the Government as the body implementing the holding fund for the 2021-2027 programming period, under which loan programmes are being implemented.

MFB operates as an important actor in providing long-term financing to certain Hungarian borrowers, whether through direct lending activities or by refinancing loans of commercial banks and financial enterprises.

MFB's main strategic objective is to contribute to the development of the Hungarian economy.

ACTIVITIES

- MFB performs its objectives set out in the legislative framework and its strategy through the following activities:
- Distribution of EU funds through financial instruments: (combined) loan and venture capital programmes;
- Lending: direct and on-lending (via Group members as well);
- Equity financing (via Group members and private fund managers);
- Guarantees
- Student loans;
- Claim work-out activities (via a Group member).

STRATEGY

- Becoming an active driver of economic goals in Hungary;
- Emphasising strategically important economic sectors;
- Providing loan, equity and guarantee, with tailor-made financial advisory services;
- Providing additional, development-type financing for the Hungarian economy;
- Distribution of EU funds as the body implementing the fund of funds and the holding fund;
- Participation in centralised EU programmes;
- Powerful relations with international institutions and participation in various means of international cooperation.

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SBCI

Ownership	100% public
Type	National Promotional Bank
Employees	50
Total assets (2025)	€ 254,6 mio
Country	Ireland

Established in September 2014 as the national promotional institution of Ireland, the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland ("SBCI") avails of both national and European funding and other supports for the purpose of making low-cost, longer-term credit available to the Irish market.

Formed in response to the financial crisis, we aim to fill credit gaps, particularly for SMEs.

The SBCI scope of activities are as follows:

- Providing, and promoting the provision of additional credit to SMEs;
- Designing schemes which consistently address the growth, investment and/or operational and financial needs of borrowers, in particular SMEs;
- Creating market access for new entrants to the SME lending market, thereby fostering real competition.
- Sourcing international funding to facilitate lending;
- Providing finance to projects which promote the economic development of the State;

The SBCI partners with lending partners to provide long term, low-cost loans to SMEs, allowing them to benefit from lower funding costs. This approach also fosters competition in the Irish SME finance market by supporting new entrants and expansions.



At present, the SBCI has forty-three risk-sharing and liquidity partners, including traditional banks, non-banks, and credit unions, offering various financing options such as working capital, investment funds, leasing, equipment loans, and fleet financing.

2025 Activities and Highlights

In 2025, the SBCI supported 2,698 borrowers, providing €377m of loans through risk-sharing and low-cost liquidity products, with an average loan size amounting to €139.780.

The €500 million Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme saw strong Key Business Highlights deployment and remained central to supporting SMEs with affordable finance tailored to their evolving needs.

The Home Energy Upgrade Loan Scheme, launched in 2024, continued to support homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes by helping to increase the affordability of upgrade projects.

The SBCI has also launched the Green Transition Finance product, in partnership with a dedicated fund manager, targeting "Green and Sustainable investments". The SBCI is looking at this product structure to launch a scheme targeted at "scaling companies" in 2026.

The SBCI is crucial in restoring an effective and sustainable market for SME financing in Ireland.

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SID BANKA

Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	222
Total assets (2025)	EUR 2.499,5 mio
Country	Slovenia

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

SID bank is a national promotional development and export bank of Republic of Slovenia. SID bank develops, provides and promotes long-term financial services designed to supplement financial markets for the higher competitiveness of economy, innovation and sustainable development of Slovenia.

SID Bank is the parent company of SID Bank Group, which provides its customers a wider range of services for promotion of competitiveness in international business cooperation.

As the sole shareholder, the Republic of Slovenia is responsible irrevocably and without limitations for SID Bank's liabilities deriving from the transactions.

STRATEGY AND ACTIVITIES

The operations of SID Bank are based on a clear strategy and business model deriving from long-term development documents of the European Union and the Republic of Slovenia.

SID bank complements commercial banks with long-term funds and other financial

instruments in the area of market gaps. Financing is available in the area of small and medium sized enterprises, the internationalization of operations, as well as of developmental, environmental, regional, infrastructural, housing and other projects, which strengthen the Slovene economy. SID bank's financial products are delivered directly, through intermediaries or through subsidiaries and include debt, equity financing and guarantees.

The bank acquires most funds through borrowing on the international financial markets and from international financial institutions. In addition, SID bank manages budgetary resources and resources from ESIFs deployed through financial instruments.

SID bank also has a mandate to act as the national export credit agency (ECA). In this role SID bank provides on behalf and for the account of the Republic of Slovenia export credit and investment insurance, thus reducing risks of Slovene companies when operating on foreign markets.

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SNCI



Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	25
Total assets (2025)	€ 1.828 mio
Country	Luxembourg

ACTIVITIES

Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement (SNCI) is a Luxembourg public-sector banking institution. It is specialised in providing access to finance to Luxembourg commercial companies at every stage of their lifecycle.

SNCI focusses on small and medium-sized enterprises. SNCI also has instruments to co-finance companies that need to develop, adapt to new circumstances or that are in the process of being transferred.

SNCI's mainly grants indirect loans through the local banks and direct medium- and long-term loans to SME's and start-ups.

The goal is to provide access to financing with a view to sharing the risks and in a co-financing approach with the commercial banks, in order to ensure an appropriate balance between the different sources of your financing.

In 2025, SNCI took 109 new credit decisions for a total amount of 38,5 million Euros, 94% of which were granted to SMEs.

Besides granting loans (directly and indirectly through commercial banks), SNCI also takes stakes in companies and funds of strategic importance to the development and diversification of the Luxembourg economy.

SNCI's strategic objectives include financing projects in the fields of information and communication technologies, industry and logistics, crafts, horesca and commerce, fintech, cleantech, healthcare technologies and space technologies.

SNCI coordinates its interventions with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Finance as well as with other relevant stakeholders depending on the nature of the projects co-financed.

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SZRB

Ownership	100% public
Type	Bank
Employees	178
Total assets (2025)	€ 682,79 mio
Country	Slovakia

Slovenská záručná a rozvojová banka, a.s. (Slovak Guarantee and Development Bank or SZRB) was established in 1991.

SZRB is a specialised financial institution (joint-stock company) owned by the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (MoF) with the mission to support and develop small and medium-sized businesses on the basis of partnership and cooperation with commercial banks and other institutions supporting this segment. The Bank applies financial instruments which help establish new business entities, contribute to their stabilisation as well as to the further development of existing companies.

An alliance between SZRB and the MoF enables SZRB to partially carry out, among other things, other goals of state economic policy such as financing of projects of municipalities and higher territorial units.



In compliance with its mission SZRB supports particularly:

- small and medium-sized enterprises
- regional development
- municipalities
- employment
- rural development initiatives
- service sector
- start-up enterprises
- clients without financing possibilities through commercial banks

SZRB does not operate in the SME lending segment as a competitor. SZRB's activities support the needs of SMEs especially when the commercial banks are reluctant to finance their projects due to short business history or insufficient collateral. SZRB is positioning itself as a complementing bank, time to time as "the last chance bank" for SMEs.

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