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Financing Corporates: Lessons from the COVID-19 Crisis and Challenges Ahead

Session 2: Finance needs to support the recovery, digitalization and the green transition

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Our priorities: EIB Group activity in 2021









INNOVATION, DIGITAL AND HUMAN CAPITAL



€ 20.7 bn

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES



€ **15**.38 bn

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND REGIONS



€ 13.8 bn

SMEs AND MID-CAPS



€ 45 bn

EIB Group activity in Spain & Portugal in 2021

Spain



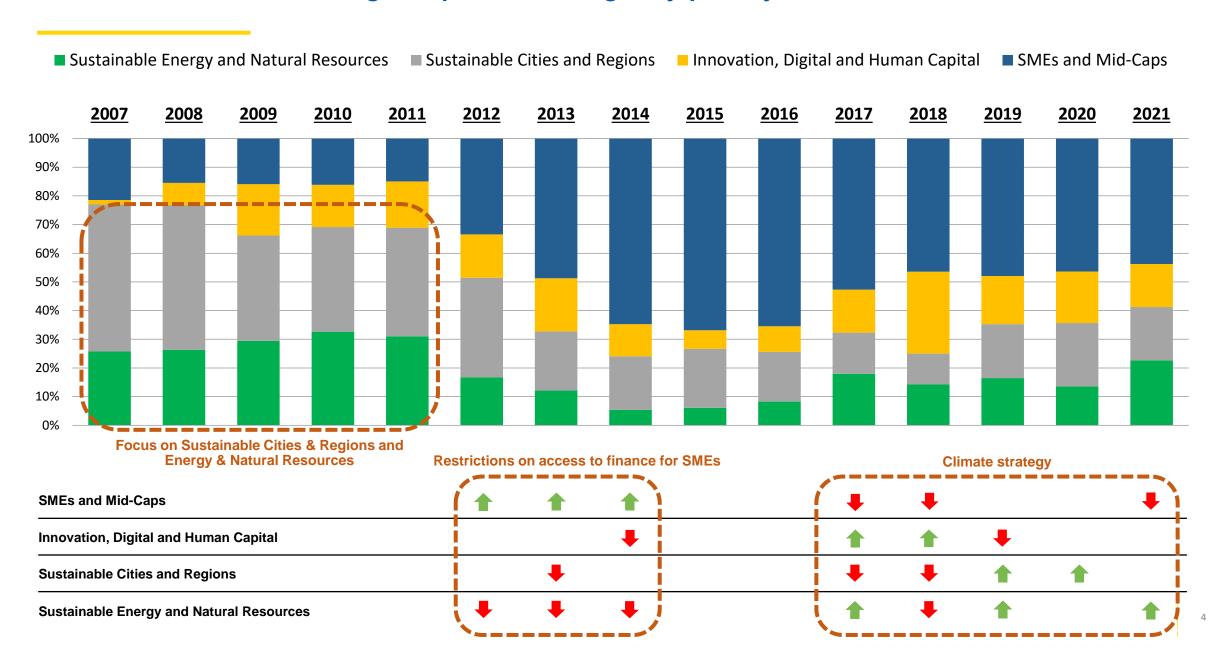
- **111 operations** signed for an equivalent of 1.07% of GDP.
- Third biggest beneficiary in the European Union.
- **€** 7.25bn for **SME support**, making Spain the largest beneficiary for this objective.

Portugal



- 27 operations signed.
- Second largest beneficiary in the EU as % of GDP and 5th in absolute terms.
- 92% of financing went to support SMEs.

Evolution of EIB financing to Spain & Portugal by priority area

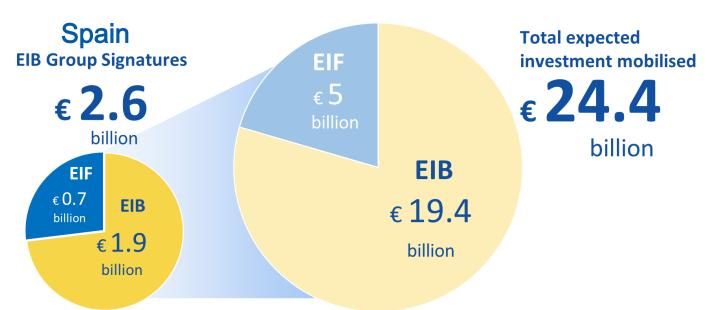


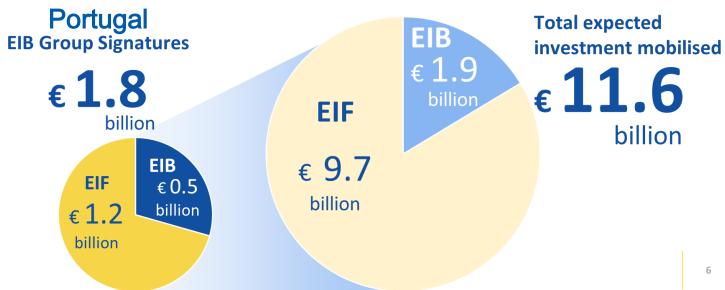
Combating COVID-19 – EIB response in Spain & Portugal

- Strong support to SMEs.
- European Guarantee Fund (EGF).
- Support to the public sector to finance infrastructure and equipment with a particular focus on the Health sector and on rail & green urban transport infrastructure.
- Financing the **development of new vaccines**.
- Reorientation / adaptation of existing loans and increases of financing amounts.



EGF – European Guarantee Fund





Digitalisation

- EU firms are overall **lagging behind US peers** in adopting and creating new digital technologies.
- The **EIB Corporate Digitalisation Index** shows that the EU on average fell short of the US during the first Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020. However, several EU countries outperformed the US (including Spain and Portugal).
- Slow speed of digitalization jeopardises long-term competitiveness, innovation and growth.
- The pandemic accelerated the pace of digitalization, making it a cornerstone of the recovery.









Climate Bank Roadmap



Supporting investment in Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability of € 1 trillion by 2030



Dedicate at least 50% of financing to Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability by 2025



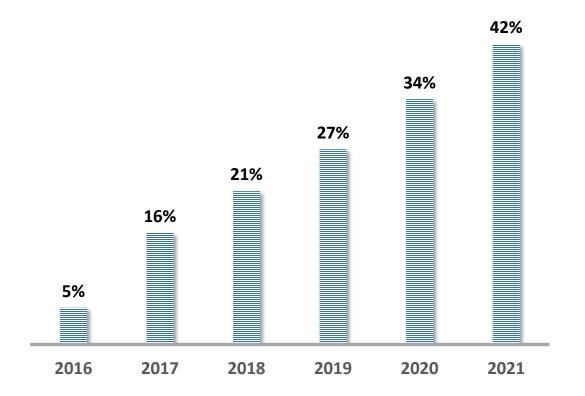
No more financing of fossil fuels



Since January 2022, counterparties for new operations to be aligned with the Paris Agreement (PATH)

Climate Action financing

Evolution of Climate Action financing in Spain and Portugal (as a percentage of aggregate EIB lending in Spain and Portugal).





Conclusions



Strong response to support Spanish and Portuguese corporates throughout the pandemic and recovery.



A reinforced commitment to the **digital transition** of the economy as a cornerstone for long-term competitiveness, innovation and growth.

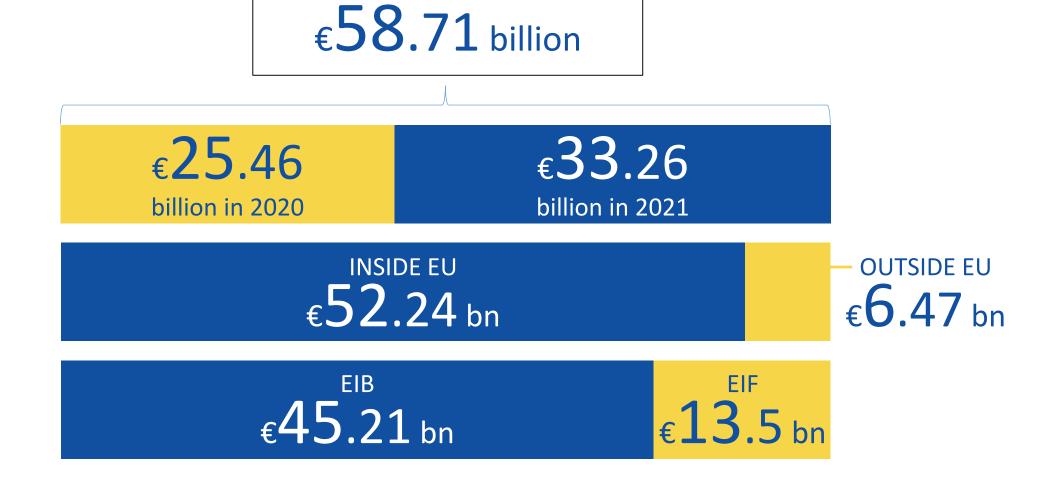


 Complete dedication to leading the EU's green transition.





Annex 1: EIB Group financing to support COVID-19 recovery



Annex 2: EIB – The EU's Climate Bank



- Leader in climate finance with € 27.6 billion of green investments in 2021.
- Issuer of the **first** "use-of-proceeds" **green bond** in 2007, branded as a Climate Awareness Bond (CAB). EIB created Sustainability-Awareness Bonds in 2018.
- Top supranational entity in green bond issuance.
- First institution to align the bond prospectus to the **EU Taxonomy**.
- Increase **resilience** and **reduce dependence** from external sources in the energy sector.
- Technical assistance and advisory services for clients.
- Large range of financial products targeting various risk profiles and enabling to cover various market segments.

Annex 3: Climate Action financing

