



Key Applicant Information

Note: In order for your application to be directed swiftly to the corresponding investment teams at the EIF, please send us the following information duly filled in alongside with your investment proposal.

Applicant (company name):

Name of the Fund:

Type of Financial Intermediary :

Team Location:

Sector Focus of Investments:

Geographical Focus of Investments:

Stage focus:

Target Fund Size:

Minimum Fund Size:

Currency:

Date of Application:

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Single EU Equity Instrument



To:

European Investment Fund
Single EU Equity Financial Instrument
Equity Investments & Guarantees Department

37B, avenue J.F. Kennedy
L - 2968 Luxembourg

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For the Single EU Equity Financial Instrument

Applicant submitting the Expression of Interest:

_____, _____
(company name,
registration number)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Herewith we are submitting our Expression of Interest on behalf of [*the Financial Intermediary*], (the "Financial Intermediary") in response to the Open Call for Expression of Interest in the framework of the Single EU Equity Financial Instrument implemented by EIF. Capitalised expressions utilised herein shall have the meaning attributed to them in the above mentioned Call for Expression of Interest.

The undersigned duly authorised to represent the Financial Intermediary, by signing this declaration certifies and declares that the information contained in this Expression of Interest and its Appendices is complete and correct in all its elements.

The undersigned duly authorized to represent the Financial Intermediary, by signing this form certifies and declares to have read the EIF Anti-Fraud Policy and declares not to have made nor to make any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the Fund Agreement and not to have granted nor to grant, not to have sought nor to seek, not to have attempted nor to attempt to obtain, and not to have accepted nor to accept, any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal practice or involving corruption, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to signing of the Fund Agreement.

Furthermore, the undersigned represents that, as at the date of this declaration:

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- (1) The Financial Intermediary, including the manager of the Financial Intermediary, is not to its knowledge, subject to a decision on exclusion contained in the early detection and exclusion system database¹;
- (2) The undersigned represents that the Financial Intermediary, including the manager of the Financial Intermediary, has not been in one of the following situations during the last five (5) years from the date of signature of this form:
 - a. being bankrupt, subject to insolvency, wound up, or having its affairs administered by a liquidator or by the courts, in the context it has been in an arrangement with creditors, having its business activities suspended or a standstill (or equivalent) agreement has been signed with creditors and validated by the competent court when required by the applicable law, or has been in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations.
 - b. it has been the subject of a final judgment or final administrative decision for being in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the applicable law and where such obligations remain unpaid unless a binding arrangement has been established for payment thereof;
 - c. it or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control over it, have been convicted by a final judgment or a final administrative decision for grave professional misconduct, where such conduct denotes wrongful intent or gross negligence, and which is for one of the following reasons:
 - i. fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of selection criteria or in the performance of a contract or an agreement;
 - ii. entering into agreements with other persons aimed at distorting competition;
 - iii. attempting to unduly influence the decision-making process of the contracting authority during the relevant award procedure²;
 - iv. attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the relevant award procedure³;
 - d. it or the person having powers of representation, or control over it, has been subject to final judgment for
 - i. fraud;
 - ii. corruption;

¹https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/eu-budget/how-it-works/annual-lifecycle/implementation/anti-fraud-measures/edes/database_en

²Award procedure means a procurement procedure, a grant award procedure, a contest for prizes, or a procedure for selection of experts or persons or entities implementing the budget pursuant to specific conditions highlighted in the [Financial Regulation](#) (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1), as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.

³ Refer to footnote above.

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- iii. participation in a criminal organisation;
- iv. money laundering or terrorist financing;
- v. terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences;
- vi. child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings;

provided that notwithstanding the above, the EIF may decide not to exclude a Financial Intermediary where the Financial Intermediary can provide evidence that remedial measures have been adopted, or where an exclusion would be disproportionate taking into account the circumstances.

- (3) The Financial Intermediary, including the manager of the Financial Intermediary, does not perform activities which are illegal according to the applicable legislation in the country of the Applicant;
- (4) The Financial Intermediary, including the manager of the Financial Intermediary, does not perform activities referred to in Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC dated 11 December 2013.

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For the purpose of the EIF Transparency Policy, as further specified in Appendix 1, and subject to the approval of the relevant operation by the EIF Board of Directors, the [applicant], by signing this form:

[Please tick as appropriate]

confirms that the applicant agree(s) with the disclosure of summary information relevant to this transaction (the project name, the nature of the operation, the geographical focus and the relevant EIF-managed resources) in the Board minutes published on EIF's website, following the approval and signature of said minutes

OR

declares that (i) the applicant request(s) the non-disclosure of summary information relevant to this transaction (the project name, the nature of the operation, the geographical focus and the relevant EIF-managed resources) in the Board minutes published on EIF's website, following the approval and signature of said minutes and (ii) such disclosure would undermine the protection of commercial interests⁴ relevant to the operation.

Yours sincerely,

Signature(s):

Stamp of the Applicant (if applicable):

Name and position in capitals:

Applicant's name

Place:

Date (day/month/year):

⁴Including by reason of such information being covered by a confidentiality agreement.

Appendix 1 to the Expression of Interest

EIF Transparency Policy

Within the framework of the EIF's Transparency Policy⁵ (the "EIF Transparency Policy"), EIF is committed to the guiding principle of promoting transparency with respect to its operational and institutional activities.

Pursuant to this guiding principle, and in accordance with the EIB Group approach and undertakings to promote transparency and good administrative practice, EIF has adopted the practice of publishing the minutes of the Board of Directors ("Board minutes") on its website, following their approval and signature.

The published Board minutes only indicate those operations presented for decision which have been approved and, as a general rule, contain a summary indicating the project name, the nature of the operation, the geographical focus and the relevant EIF-managed resources.

The EIF Transparency Policy also recognises the need for EIF to balance transparency with confidentiality undertakings and the protection of commercially sensitive or personal data, with a view to EIF satisfying its legal obligations to, and maintaining the confidence and trust of, its business partners, investors and third parties.

Consequently, should an Application receive the relevant EIF internal authorisation for submission to EIF's Board of Directors and be approved by the Board thereafter, and should an applicant deem that the publication of such a summary would expose sensitive or confidential information, for which there would be a compelling reason not to disclose, the applicant shall make a declaration to that effect in the submission of the Expression of Interest resulting in the information in question being edited out of the published Board minutes and, subject to any applicable confidentiality undertakings, only being made public in connection with the signature of the operation in question.

If EIF has not received such declaration confirming that an applicant does not agree to the publication of the aforementioned operational overview in the Board minutes, EIF will consider that publication is acceptable to the applicant, if applicable, and will proceed with publication on EIF's website as indicated above.

⁵ http://www.eif.org/news_centre/publications/EIF_Transparency_policy.htm?lang=-en