



## The First Successful Round of Selection for EaSI Technical Assistance – 2nd Call is Complete

Under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for EaSI TA, which opened in May 2016, nine European Microcredit Providers (MCPs) from Albania, Bulgaria, Greece and Romania have been selected to benefit from technical assistance. These MCPs can opt to receive microfinance institutional rating and tailor-made technical assistance to improve the quality of their operations, under the EaSI TA framework.

With this selection, the overall number of MCPs benefitting from the EaSI TA Programme has increased to 32, coming from 12 different countries in Europe. This is a testimony to the efforts of the European Investment Bank to increase access to finance for vulnerable groups and micro-enterprises in the European continent.

### What is EaSI TA?

The Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) Programme is an EU level financing instrument. Under *fi-compass*, a unique platform for advisory services on financial instruments and microfinance, EaSI TA offers institutional assessment and tailored training services to selected microfinance providers, support for the implementation of the EU Code of Good Conduct, workshops to spread good practice in the wider European microcredit sector and a dedicated helpdesk.

Have more questions - send an email to [easi.ta@fi-compass.eu](mailto:easi.ta@fi-compass.eu) for further information about the EaSI TA Call.



# APPLY

## WHO?

**Microcredit Providers** (greenfield microfinance institutions, non-bank microcredit providers, guarantee granting institutions and licensed banks) operating in one of the 28 EU Member States, Albania, FYROM, Iceland, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia or Turkey can apply for EaSI TA.

## HOW?

To apply, sign up to the **European Code of Good Conduct** and send an expression of interest in English to the EaSI TA office. More information and all necessary documents can be downloaded from the links below.

## WHEN?

Apply for one of the **25 available slots left** as soon as possible, but no later than May 19th, 2017. Approved MCPs will begin to benefit from EaSI TA services in 2016.

## Useful links for your EaSI TA application

1. More information about EaSI TA: <https://www.fi-compass.eu/easi/eu-programme-employment-and-social-innovation-easi>
2. Sign for the Code of Good Conduct: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/easi-micro/Jasmine.jsp#CoGCPlace>:
3. Submit expression of interest for EaSI TA: <https://www.fi-compass.eu/news/2016/05/second-call-easi-technical-assistance-european-microcredit-sector>

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