



EaSI Technical Assistance to the European Microcredit Sector

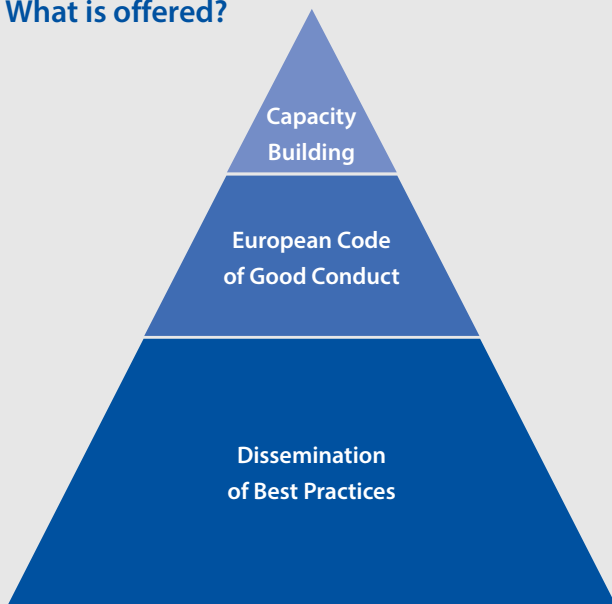
What is EaSI Technical Assistance?

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 to selected microcredit providers, workshops to spread good practice in the wider European microcredit sector and a dedicated helpdesk.

How is it funded?

EaSI TA is funded by the European Commission (EC) in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB) supported by fi-compass under the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and under the EaSI Programme.

What is offered?



Provision of an institutional assessment or rating followed by tailored technical assistance in line with the main findings of the assessment or rating, to increase the quality of internal processes.

Accessible for selected European microcredit providers

Offer advice to microcredit providers regarding the European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision by way of training and evaluation of its implementation.

Accessible for all European microcredit providers that sign up to the Code

Make certain market development services publicly available, such as workshops and seminars on microfinance related topics, and a helpdesk to lodge information requests on microfinance in Europe, in order to promote the spread of best practices and improve the visibility of microfinance in Europe.

Accessible for individuals, microenterprises or organisations interested in microfinance in Europe

Two consortia are providing services to implement the EaSI TA project: Frankfurt School of Finance & Management is leading the partnership with the Microfinance Centre (MFC) and the European Microfinance Network (EMN) to provide technical assistance to the microcredit providers and disseminate best practices. MicroFinanza Rating is leading the partnership with Planet Rating and Ecorys to provide rating or assessments to microcredit providers and evaluate their compliance with the European Code of Good Conduct for Microcredit Provision.

The project duration is from July 2015 - December 2018.



Who can apply?

All microcredit providers (greenfield microfinance institutions, non-bank microcredit providers and licensed banks) in the **28 member states of the European Union (EU)**, as well as in **Albania, Iceland, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey** may respond to dedicated calls for expression of interest to request technical assistance. Other countries will follow.

How to apply?

The calls for interest are launched regularly by the EIB. fi-compass will select interested microcredit providers from those who respond to the call. To apply, microcredit providers must sign up to the European Code of Good Conduct, a European-wide initiative to promote best practices within the sector.

Useful links

European Code of Good Conducts:	https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/easi-micro/Jasmine.jsp#CoGCPlace
Dissemination of Best Practices:	www.fi-compass.eu/events/list :
European Commission:	www.ec.europa.eu/social/microfinance
fi-compass:	www.fi-compass.eu