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Improving access to finance for micro-borrowers and micro and social enterprises during the COVID-19 crisis

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EaSI GFI

COVID-19 support measures*

We understand that it is a very difficult time for many European small businesses.

As part of the EIB Group, we are partnering with the EU to put in place relevant packages to help small businesses mitigate liquidity challenges as a result of COVID-19. In April, we announced improved risk sharing terms for InnovFin SMEG and COSME LGF.

We are now pleased to announce enhancements to the EaSI Guarantee Financial Instrument (EaSI GFI) dedicated to micro and social enterprises.

COVID-19 support measures Enhancements to EaSI GFI

Improved terms to help social and micro enterprises



Enhanced EaSI GFI terms

Amended terms



More details here

Improved conditions

EaSI GFI Main features	Guarantee/counter guarantee rate	>	Increased from up to 80% to up to 90% for transactions originated during the COVID 19 support period (*)			
 Microfinance SMEs <10 FTE 2m annual turnover ≤€25K per loan Social enterprises enterprises with annual turnover <eur 30m<="" li=""> ≤€500K per loan Capped guarantee Free of charge Financing purpose Working capital Investment financing </eur>	Cap rate revision	$\mathbf{\mathbf{x}}$	Possibility to increase by up to certain % (still up to max 30% cap rate (triggering a reduction in max portfolio volume)			
	Reduction of risk retention	$\mathbf{\mathbf{y}}$	Reduced from 20% to 10% for transactions originated due the COVID 19 support period (*)			
	Fixed recovery rate	$\mathbf{\mathbf{y}}$	To be set taking into account, inter alia, expected transactions to be originated during the COVID-19 support period			
	Guarantee coverage	\longleftrightarrow	Extended form 6 to 7 years for microfinance Extended from 10 to 11 years for social entrepreneurship			
	Coverage of accrued interest	$\mathbf{\lambda}$	Extended up to 360 days under certain conditions			
	Commitment fee		Possibility to waive the fee for intermediaries			
	Availability period	\longleftrightarrow	Possible extension by 6 months for existing agreements			
	Maximum exposure per final recipient	>	Increased from €25K to €50k for microfinance Increased from €500K to €1m for social entrepreneurship			
* COVID-19 support period is from 01/04/2020 until 3 1/03/2021						

EaSI GFI **Main features**

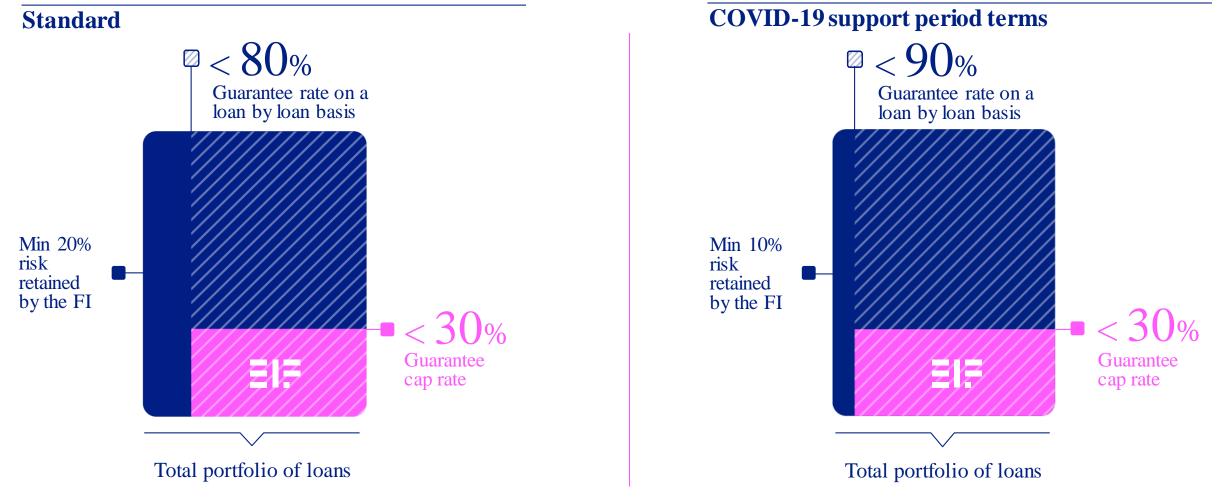
Social enterprises

Capped guarantee

Financing purpose *Working capital*

Enhanced EaSI GFI guarantee

Up to 90% guarantee rate available on a loan by loan basis for transactions originated during the COVID-19 support period*



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How to sign up for improved terms

Simple notification-based process leading to a contract amendment for existing financial intermediaries

Where to find documentation	<u>I</u> am	I want to benefit from COVID-19 support measures	5	1	2		
<u>Notice</u>	→ an existing financial intermediary in or outside of the EU	→ improved terms → through an amendment to an existing guarantee agreement		Submit the acceptance letter by 31 October 2020*	amended (completen	The agreement is amended (subject to completeness of information)	
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Call for Expression of Interest	→ a new financial intermediary established in or outside the EU **	Apply using Annex 1	 EIF conduction pre-selection 			 Approval & agreement 	

*Only applicable in case of direct guarantees with no bespoke features. Counter-guarantees and transactions with bespoke features will be treated separately, on a case by case basis. **Please be informed that, as of 23 July 2020, the total amount of applications already received exceeds the EU budget available under the EaSI Guarantee instrument. Any new applications may be considered should additional resources become available.



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