



# Employment and Social Innovation Programme – Technical Assistance (EaSI TA)

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# European Commission Support for Microfinance

Aims at increasing access to finance for those with limited access to the conventional credit market

- The European Progress Microfinance Facility 2010-2015 (funding available until spring 2016)
- JASMINE (active until 2013)
- The European Code of Good Conduct has been developed
- Employment and Social Innovation Programme (2014-2020)



# Job creation potential of microfinance

## European Progress Microfinance Facility (2010-2015)

- Financing for more than 30,000 disadvantaged micro-entrepreneurs
- Almost 60,000 jobs (across 23 Member States) created and maintained
- 59,5% of all Progress Microfinance final recipients, who applied for a loan as a natural person, were unemployed or inactive at the time of loan signature



# Impact of Progress Microfinance on intermediaries

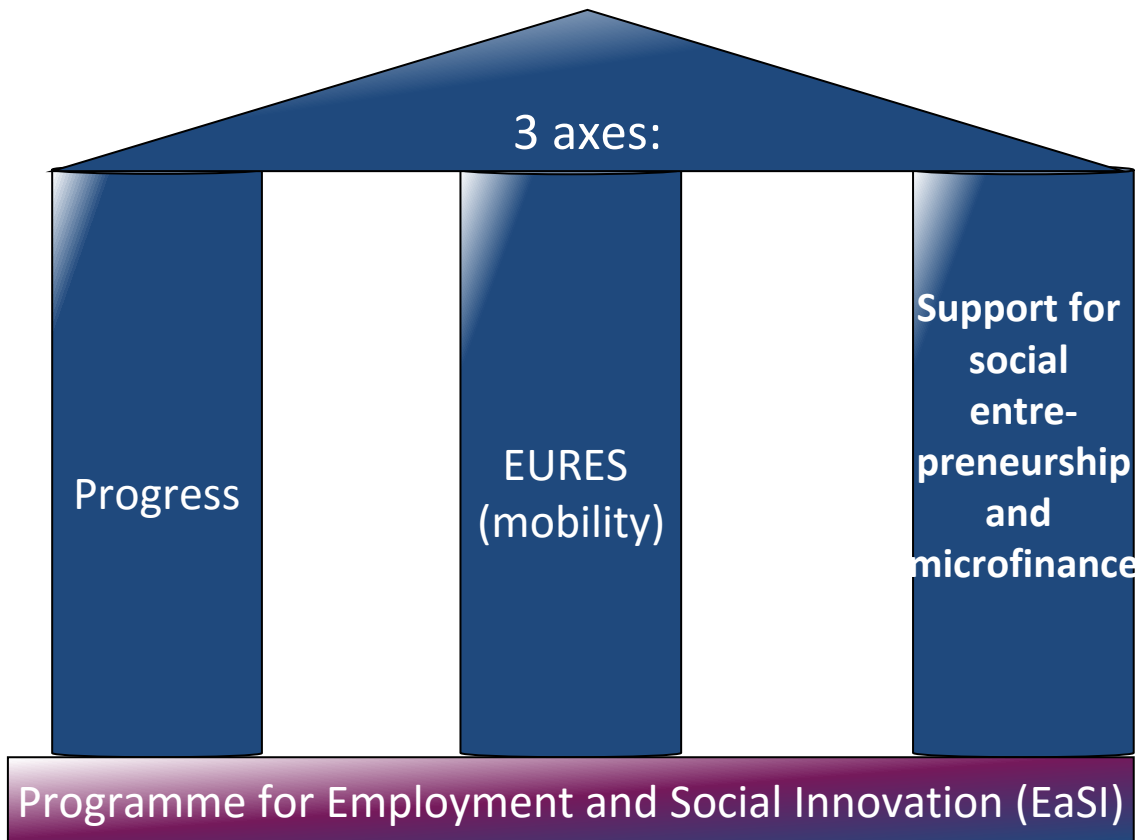
Intermediaries were able to develop a new product or start working with groups of borrowers they would have considered too risky without the backing of the facility.

Funding has led to more favourable lending conditions for microcredits, usually in the form of a decrease in the interest rates or collateral requirements.

The process of applying for funding and the negotiations with EIF has also served to develop capacity among the intermediaries, in particular small or newly established micro-credit providers.

Around half of the intermediaries offered training and/or mentoring to clients.

# Employment and Social Innovation Programme – EaSI (2014-2020)



**Technical  
assistance under  
1st axis: EUR ~8m**

**Total EaSI budget:  
920m EUR**

**3rd axis: 193m EUR**

**45% for Microfinance (EUR  
86 million)**

**45% for Social  
Entrepreneurship (EUR 86  
million)**

**and 10% for cross-cutting  
issues**



# Specific Objectives of EaSI

Increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for vulnerable groups who want to set up or develop their business and micro-enterprises

Build up the institutional capacity of microcredit providers

Support the development of social enterprises, in particular by facilitating access to finance



# **New/Strengthened Elements (under EaSI)**

*Funding for institutional capacity building*

*Need for compliance with the Code*

*Updated reporting requirements*

*Modified terms for guarantees*

*Extended geographical coverage*

*Strengthened training and mentoring services*



# EaSI Technical Assistance

The EaSI Technical Assistance is implemented as a part of the fi-compass platform

Continuation of JASMINE-type activities

Stronger institutional capacity of microcredit providers:

- in terms of funding (from EaSI financial instruments), human resources, operational management as well as systems and infrastructure
- compliance with the European- level standards





# **Under fi-compass, EaSI Technical Assistance will deliver three strands of support**

Institutional assessments and ratings to selected European microcredit providers, followed by tailored trainings

Certain market development services publicly available (e.g. workshops and seminars on microfinance related topics, and a helpdesk)

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



## More information

### *Microfinance:*

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/microfinance>

### *EaSI MicPro:*

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/easi-micpro/Jasmine.jsp>

### *Fi-compass (EaSI TA):*

<https://www.fi-compass.eu/easi/eu-programme-employment-and-social-innovation-easi>