Fact Sheet: Investment Plan

Timeline

15th July 2014  Juncker outlines the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission. An ambitious Jobs, Growth and Investment package is promised within the Commission’s first three months in office.

26th November 2014  European Commission announces 315€ billion Investment Plan.

18th December 2014  European Council endorses plan and calls for the establishment of a European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI)

13th January 2015  European Commission makes regulation proposal to set up the EFSI

10th March 2015  EU finance ministers at the ECOFIN Council agree on the regulation.

28th May 2015  Negotiations between Council and European Parliament are concluded.

September 2015  EFSI to be operational

Mid 2016  Progress review by European Commission and Heads of State and Government

Goal

To restore investment levels across the EU which have dropped dramatically following the economic and financial crisis. Encouraging investment in strategic EU areas such as energy, transport, broadband, education, research and innovation.

Reasoning

“If Europe invests more, Europe will become more prosperous and create more jobs – it’s as simple as that” Jean-Claude Juncker

Core elements

The investment plan is built on 3 strands:

- Mobilizing additional finance for investment through the creation of a new European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI)

- Establishment of a transparent project pipeline identifying viable projects at the EU level

- A roadmap to tackle barriers to investment

Key Players

European Commission, European Council European Parliament, European Investment Bank, Member States