## **OEE 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference**

The Greek Economy: Investments, the banking sector and market access



**Investments to spearhead Greek economic recovery** 

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## The EIB Group



# The lending arm of the European Union since 1958.



Specialist provider of risk finance to SMEs.



European Investment Bank The EU bank

€ **55**.6bn

## € **10.**1bn

4mira

## EIB Group financing in 2018 \* Provisional and subject to audit

## Key findings of the EIB Investment Survey on European Union

- Substantial drop of investments post-financial/economic crisis due to:

- post-crisis effects
- subdued economic sentiment
- fiscal constraints
- limited access to finance
- deleveraging
- fiscal austerity
- Good recovery taking hold, but unevenly:
  - public lagging private
  - peripheral (southern European) countries lagging
- To safeguard the competitive position of Europe, emphasis should shift to structural investment needs: innovation, skills, infrastructure, sustainability

- Infrastructure investment running persistently low, threatening the long-term economic growth potential

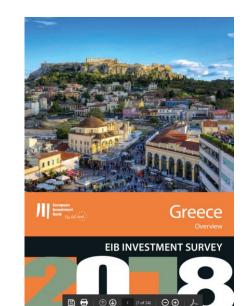
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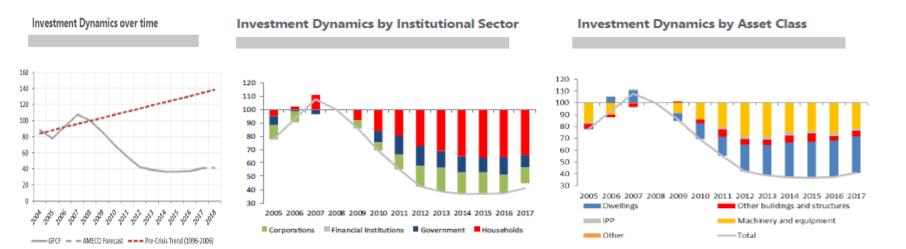




### Key findings of the EIB Investment Survey on Greece

- Similar to Europe, but more pronounced.
- Investment is beginning to recover, but from very low levels:
  - remains some 50% below pre-crisis peaks
  - constitutes less than 12% of GDP, well below the EU average of some 20%.





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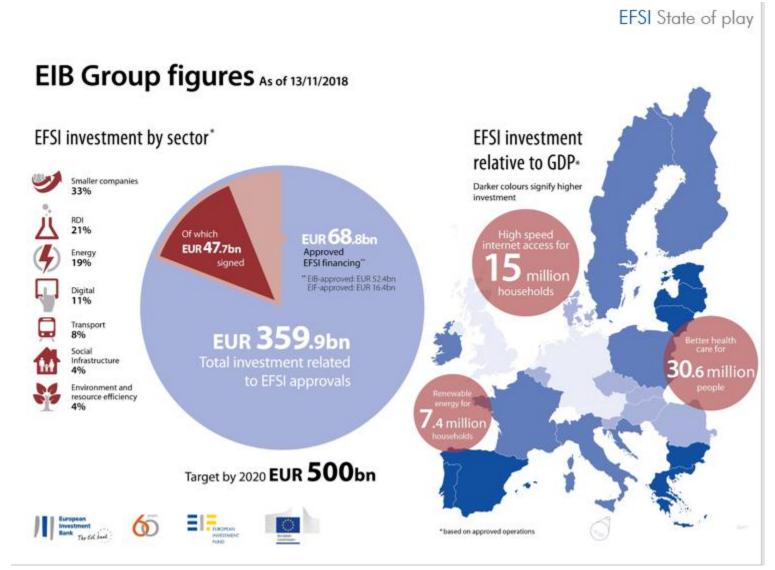
## **EU/EIB Investment Boost : IPE ('Juncker Plan') - EFSI:**

#### Investment Plan for Europe





## **EFSI State of Play**





### **Greece a large beneficiary of EIB financing**

- EIB active in Greece uninterruptedly since 1963.

- Total EIB exposure to Greece: **EUR 19bn** (over 10% of the Greek GDP and over 3x the EU average).

- EIB financing covers wide range of beneficiaries:

- Private sector companies, typically SMEs and MidCaps:
  - directly for projects of min. EUR 20-25m
  - indirectly via partner banks for projects of less than EUR 25m
- Public sector entities (public corporates, roads, ports, grids, schools, etc)

- Sovereign and government authorities

- In 2018, total EIB Group financing in Greece: **EUR 1.9bn**, the highest in Europe as % of GDP (1,01%):

Infrastructure:	1,071 m
SMEs:	644 m
Environment:	91 m
Innovation	62 m

- So far, Greece has received **EUR 2.7bn** EFSI financing (**31** projects, triggering EUR **11.1bn** of expected investment), ranking #1 recipient of EFSI financing as % of GDP (6.1%).



## Thank you!

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