

InnovFin Equity Investment Guidelines

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- [Addendum introducing InnovFin Equity COVID-19 Support Measures](#)
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1. Definitions

Whenever used in these guidelines, the following terms shall have the meanings attributed to them. Any capitalised item not defined in this Annex has the meaning given to it in the Open Call for expression of Interest or as the case may be Annex III thereto.

BA Co-investment Fund	Means an InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary aiming at co-investing with Business Angels (including in collaboration with business angels networks) in enterprises (including Social Enterprises) at regional, national or cross-border level.
BA Fund	Means either a BA Managed Fund or a BA Co-Investment Fund.
BA Managed Fund	Means an InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediary pooled by Business Angels, which aim to invest in enterprises (including Social Enterprises) at regional, national or cross-border level or any other cooperation with Business Angels.
Business Angel	Means a private individual or a non-institutional investor undertaking equity or equity type investments in enterprises, including Social Enterprises, primarily with its own money.
Early Stage	Means the early phase of development of an enterprise and includes Proof-of-Concept Stage, (Pre-) Seed-Stage, Start-Up Stage and Other Early Stage.
EFG Final Recipient	Has the meaning given to this term in the Annex III.
Expansion and Growth Stage	Has the meaning given to this term in Annex III.
Final Recipient	Means either an InnovFin Final Recipient or an EFG Final Recipient.
Financial Intermediary	InnovFin Financial Intermediary or EFG Financial Intermediary.
Fund Agreement	Means either an InnovFin Fund Agreement or EFG Agreement, as appropriate. In the case of a Multi-Stage Financial Intermediary, any such single agreement where the EIF commits in or alongside the Multi-Stage Financial Intermediary resources.
Fund-of-Funds	Means a Financial Intermediary holding or targeting to build a portfolio of Financial Sub-Intermediaries rather than investing directly in Final Recipients.
ICT	ICT (information and communications technology - or technologies) is an umbrella term that includes any telecommunication component (internet and mobile systems and devices), computing system, software, middleware, storage, and audio-visual system, enabling users to access, store, transmit, and manipulate information or digital content. ICT includes the various services and applications associated with those technologies. In the context of this pilot "ICT" includes activities in photonics, microelectronics, microsystems, robotics, and ICT-related creative industries.
InnovFin Allocation	With respect to an InnovFin Financial Intermediary, the lower of: (i) 2 times of the aggregate amounts drawn down under InnovFin Investment for the purpose of investments and (ii) two-thirds of the total amount drawn down by the InnovFin Financial Intermediary from its investors for the purpose of investments.
InnovFin Final Recipient	Means an enterprise, a special purpose vehicle or another final recipient of the funding provided directly or indirectly by an InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediary, including joint ventures, spin-offs, spin-outs, technology transfer projects or technology rights.
InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediary¹	Means an entity (including Fund-of-Funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, TT Financial (Sub-) Intermediaries, BA Funds, funds managed or advised by EIF, social intermediaries or social sector intermediaries, special purpose vehicles, (co-) investment funds or schemes, in any form (including managed

¹ In the case of fund-of-funds, whenever this term is used in this Annex it refers to both InnovFin Financial Intermediaries (fund-of funds) and InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries (investee funds of the fund-of-fund).

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	<p>accounts and other types of contractual arrangements), established or in formation but excluding entities targeting buy out or replacement capital intended for asset stripping), which:</p> <p>a) undertakes risk capital investments by providing long term investments in equity, quasi-equity, hybrid debt-equity and/or other mezzanine financing; and/or financing involving an option, right or other entitlement to participate in equity; and</p> <p>b) focusses on areas covered by the societal challenges and industrial leaderships of Horizon 2020 (such as life sciences, clean energy, space, ICT or technology including AI/BT), or otherwise targets technological, non-technological, organisational or social innovation by investing, inter alia, in enterprises (including Social Enterprises), which pursue any activity comprising the design, the creation, the renewal and enlargement of a range of products and services and their associated markets and/or the establishment of new methods of design, production, supply and distribution and/or the introduction of changes in management, work organisation, and working conditions as well as skills of the work force.</p>
InnovFin Financial Intermediary	Means an InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediary that has entered into an InnovFin Investment with the EIF and commits to invest directly (or indirectly through InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries) in the Eligible InnovFin Final Recipients at least an aggregate amount equal to the InnovFin Allocation.
InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediary	Means an InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary that has entered into an investment with an InnovFin Financial Intermediary.
InnovFin Fund Agreement	Means, in relation to each InnovFin Investment, the agreement whereby the EIF commits to invest in an InnovFin Financial Intermediary and/or alongside an InnovFin Financial Intermediary.
InnovFin Investment²	Means an investment, co-investment or any contractual arrangement entered into between the EIF and an InnovFin Financial Intermediary pursuant to an InnovFin Fund Agreement.
InnovFin-EFG Allocation	With respect to a Multi-stage Intermediary, a quotient of (i) the aggregate committed amounts by a Multi-stage Financial Intermediary to eligible InnovFin Final Recipients or eligible EFG Final Recipients, and (ii) the total amounts allocated to investments of that Multi-stage Financial Intermediary.
Multi-Stage Financial Intermediary	Means a Financial Intermediary that meets investment criteria of EFG and InnovFin Equity which, in its investment policy targets to invest in Final Recipients both in their Early Stage and Expansion and Growth Stage and commits to achieve an InnovFin-EFG Allocation of more than 75%.
Non-Compliant Jurisdiction	Means a jurisdiction (i) listed in the Annex I of the Council of the European Union conclusions on the revised European Union list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, adopted by the Council of the European Union at its meeting held on 18 February 2020, and/or (ii) listed in the Annex of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 of 14 July 2016 supplementing Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council by identifying high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies, and/or (iii) rated as “partially compliant”, “provisionally partially compliant” or “non-compliant” by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and its Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes and/or (iv) included in the Financial Action Task Force “Public Statement” (i.e. countries or jurisdictions with such serious strategic deficiencies that the Financial Action

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	<p>Task Force calls on its members and non-members to apply counter-measures or for which the Financial Action Task Force calls on its members to apply enhanced due diligence measures), and/or (v) included in the Financial Action Task Force statement “Improving Global AML/CFT Compliance: On-Going process” (i.e. countries or jurisdictions with strategic weaknesses in their AML/CFT measures but that have provided a high-level commitment to an action plan developed with the Financial Action Task Force), in each case as such statement, list, directive or annex may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time.</p> <p>Each Applicant may inquire about the status of a particular jurisdiction with EIF.</p>
Other Early Stage	Means the phase of development of an enterprise that has completed the product development phase and needs further funding for commercial manufacturing and/or sales, which may or may not have occurred yet.
(Pre-) Seed Stage	Means the stage of development of an enterprise that needs funding to research, assess and develop an initial concept before a business has reached the Start-Up Stage. This stage includes low scale pilot production, demonstration and/or development of associated business application of tested and validated products/technologies ³ .
Proof-of-Concept Stage	Means the stage of development of an enterprise which precedes its incorporation, where the assessment of the feasibility concept is made, viability of translating R&D results into innovative applications, validating if a certain product/technology/process may be used for commercialisation, including via licensing and sale of Intellectual property (IP) ⁴ . This includes investigation of technical feasibility, economic viability of research results, demonstration activities such as late stage clinical trials, prototyping and incubation.
Social Enterprise	Means an undertaking, regardless of its legal form, which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. in accordance with its articles of association, statutes or with any other legal document by which it is established, has as its primary objective the achievement of measurable, positive social impacts rather than generating profit for its owners, members and shareholders, and which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. provides services or goods which generate a social return; and/or b. employs a method of production of goods or services that embodies its social objective; b. uses its profits first and foremost to achieve its primary objective and has predefined procedures and rules covering any distribution of profits to shareholders and owners that ensure that such distribution does not undermine the primary objective; and c. is managed in an entrepreneurial, accountable and transparent way, in particular by involving workers, customers and stakeholders affected by its business activities.
Start-Up Stage	Means the stage of development of an enterprise which may be in the process of being set up or may have been in business for a short time, but has not sold its product commercially, and needs further funding for product development and initial marketing.
Technology Transfer	Means activities carried out by universities or other higher education institutes performing research and other research organisations exploring:

³ It comprises products/technologies with Technology Readiness Level maturity between TRL 3 to TRL 6 or the equivalent Innovation Readiness Level maturity between IRL 1 and IRL 2.

⁴ See previous footnote.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the viability of converting research, development, skills, knowledge, technologies or innovations into commercial applications, products, processes or services; and/or - the transfer of products, processes or services existing in developed markets, into non-developed ones where such activities are yet not currently explored, tested in, adapted to nor commercialised. <p>Such activities may take any of the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial demonstration and commercialisation (including but not limited to development, demonstration, prototyping, market development, scaling up, and support less developed technology transfer infrastructures). - IP out-licensing, IP in-licensing or optimisation thereof, cross-licensing activities (including via project financing), sale of patents. - Creation of new companies, including via spin-outs. - Business planning support, starting spin-offs or joint ventures, and building strategic alliances with other organizations. - Collaboration between universities, research organisations and industry notably via research/consulting contracts.
<p>Technology Transfer Fund</p>	<p>Means an InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediary with an investment focus on Technology Transfer providing financing directly or indirectly to InnovFin Final Recipients in the Proof of Concept Stage and/or (Pre-) Seed Stage, including InnovFin Financial Intermediary affiliated or cooperating with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) - Research Organisations (ROs) - European Applied Research Universities - Technology Transfer specialists.

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2. The terms of an InnovFin Investment

Nature	Equity investments in or alongside InnovFin Financial Intermediaries and Multi-Stage Financial Intermediaries jointly with EFG.
Investor	The EIF operating in its own name and on own behalf and behalf of the European Commission.
Types of InnovFin Financial Intermediaries	InnovFin Financial Intermediaries focusing on Early Stage and Multi-Stage Financial Intermediaries. These will typically include venture capital funds, BA Funds, Technology Transfer Funds, Funds-of-Funds, investment funds investing in the area of Social Impact.
Timing of InnovFin Investment	The EIF shall normally commit at the first closing of an InnovFin Financial Intermediary. The EIF may invest in other closings if the policy fit and value added are duly demonstrated.
Size of InnovFin Investment	<p>Each InnovFin Investment shall represent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. at least 7.5% of the commitments of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary raised in the closing of the InnovFin Investment (excluding any amount raised in the previous closings); b. up to 25% of the total commitments to the InnovFin Financial Intermediary as at the date of an InnovFin Investment. <p>Notwithstanding, the commitment under an InnovFin Investment may represent, at the date of the InnovFin Investment, up to 50% of the total commitment of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. The InnovFin Financial Intermediary is a BA Fund, or d. The InnovFin Financial Intermediary is a Technology Transfer Fund, or e. the IFE Financial Intermediary is a Financial (Sub-)Intermediary that has an investment focus on Social Enterprises and/or Social Sector Organisations, or f. the IFE Financial Intermediary undertakes investments in Artificial Intelligence/Blockchain Technologies, or g. The following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. an InnovFin Investment is made at any closing other than the final closing, and b. a policy fit of an InnovFin Investment in an intermediary is high as per EIF's assessment

Without prejudice to the above condition, when an InnovFin Intermediary is a co-investment fund or scheme, the total commitment to the InnovFin Financial Intermediary may represent, at the closing the InnovFin Investment is made, up to 100% of the total commitment to such co-investment fund or scheme, provided

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that the co-investment ratio of such co-investment fund or scheme in any final recipient does not exceed 50% (excluding follow-on investments).

Furthermore, the commitment under an InnovFin Operation may represent, at the date of the IFE Operation, more than 50% of the total commitments of the Innovfin Financial Intermediary, if the InnovFin Financial Intermediary is a TT Financial (Sub-) Intermediary whose investment strategy targets primarily InnovFin Final Recipients that qualify as “Moderate or Modest Innovators” under the European Innovation Scoreboard 2019⁵.

In any event, the maximum size of the single InnovFin Investment shall not exceed EUR 50 million or equivalent.

Duration of InnovFin Investment

InnovFin Investments shall usually be concluded for 5 to 15 years (except for Technology Transfer and Funds-of-Funds, where InnovFin Investments shall not exceed 20 years), with in each case the possibility to have an extension of up to 3 years.

Investor Base of InnovFin Financial Intermediary

In order to catalyse private sector investments, the majority of the capital committed to any InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall be provided by investors that pass the market economy operator test⁶.

When calculating the portion of capital invested in any one InnovFin Financial Intermediary by investors that pass the market economy operator test, no account shall be taken of the capital committed or proposed to be committed to an InnovFin Financial Intermediary under the InnovFin Investment.

No single investor shall account, directly or indirectly, for more than 50% of the total commitments to any InnovFin Financial Intermediary, except for co-investment funds or schemes where any single investor may account for up to 100% total commitments, provided that the co-investment ratio of such co-investment fund or scheme in any final recipient does not exceed 50% (excluding follow on investments).

Furthermore, each InnovFin Financial Intermediary, other than a co-investment fund or scheme or a TT Financial (Sub-) Intermediary or a Financial Intermediary targeting Social Enterprises and Social Sector Organisations, shall have at least 30% of its total commitments at the time of EIF’s closing, and including earlier closings if such have taken place, coming from independent private investors, whereby the following categories of investors shall be considered independent private investment sources:

- EIF/EIB own resources
- Banks (investing at own risk and from own resources)
- Private endowments & foundations
- Family offices & Business Angels (including joint investment vehicles set-up by/with Business Angels)
- Corporate investors
- Insurance companies
- Pension funds

⁵ Subject to EIF’s analysis, other conditions may apply.

⁶ Communication from the Commission: Guidelines on State Aid to promote risk finance investments of 15 January 2014 (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/modernisation/risk_finance_guidelines_en.pdf)

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- Private individuals
- Academic Institutions (including universities and public and private research institutions)
- other categories of investors may also be considered private investment sources (e.g. sovereign wealth funds or fund-of-funds). In the case of sovereign wealth funds, they shall be considered independent private investment sources if the money invested is generated by commercial activities and is invested on commercial terms.

Fund-of-funds shall be considered independent private investment sources provided that they invest in an InnovFin Financial Intermediary exclusively on commercial terms and are managed or advised by a privately held asset manager. Any fund-of-funds fully funded by state budget resources shall not be considered an independent private investment source⁷.

For the purpose of the above requirements, state budget resources shall include Structural Funds (e.g. Jeremie initiative) but, for the avoidance of doubt, shall exclude funding provided by promotional banks with a public shareholder base investing their own resources, for their own risk, and on commercial terms.

In assessing compliance with the above requirements the EIF may require a declaration from the InnovFin Financial Intermediary.

Ranking of InnovFin Investments

InnovFin Investments shall rank at least *pari-passu* (i.e. Like risk, like reward) with other investors in the InnovFin Financial Intermediary. The relevant constitutional documents of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary (including, where relevant, any side letter entered into by the EIF) shall reflect such requirement.

This requirement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries.

Governance of InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediaries

- a) The EIF shall be represented in advisory boards or similar investor representation bodies.

The requirement to seek participation in the investor representation bodies of the InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediary shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the manager or the advisor of a Fund-of-Funds.

- b) The InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall have a governance structure that allows for decisions concerning investments, divestments and risk diversification to be made in accordance with the applicable legal documentation and in line with the relevant market practice. This requirement shall also apply where a professional investment advisor provides investment-related advice to the InnovFin Financial Intermediary or to the InnovFin Financial Intermediary's management team.

This requirement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries.

⁷ Where a fund-of-funds is partially funded by state budget resources, the investment made by such a fund-of-funds into an InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall not be considered as an independent private investment to the extent the fund-of-funds is directly funded by state budget resources.

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- c) The legal documentation governing the rights and obligations of the investors and of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall include provisions relating, in particular, to the following principles:
- i. changes to the fundamental nature of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary, including material changes to the investment strategy that have a material impact on the eligibility criteria and requirements of the InnovFin Equity, shall require prior consent from the EIF.
 - ii. possibility for investors to remove the management team for cause and without cause.
- d) The EIF will expect the InnovFin Financial Intermediary to put in place appropriate measures to avoid conflicts of interests and align the interests of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary, its managers and its investors, such measures to be in line with market practices. Such measures shall be transparent to the InnovFin Financial Intermediary's investors.

This requirement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediary.

- e) The remuneration of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary's manager shall be transparent to the InnovFin Financial Intermediary's investors. Management fees shall be at a level that covers operational and management costs in a sustainable way without disturbing the alignment of interests aimed for. The level of management fees shall allow for the execution of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary's strategy.

This requirement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediary.

Borrowing and lending by InnovFin Financial Intermediaries

Borrowing by InnovFin Financial Intermediary should typically be limited in amount and short-term in nature. Notwithstanding the foregoing, long-term borrowings may be allowed in specific cases if:

- provided by the investors in such InnovFin Financial Intermediary alongside their equity only in their role as investors; or
- in case of InnovFin Financial Intermediary pursuing hybrid debt/equity investments, provided by third parties and limited at any time to a debt-equity ratio of 1:1 per Fund.

Lending by InnovFin Financial Intermediary should only be made alongside or for the preparation of equity investments and should be limited to a maximum of 20% of the aggregate commitments at any point in time.

Special attention will be paid to the economic terms of the "loan" rather than its legal structure. Lending structures used by a Fund (e.g. a mezzanine fund) to make an investment carrying equity or mezzanine risk, such funding will be considered as equity or mezzanine irrespective of its legal form (convertible bonds/loans, loan with warrants, etc.).

InnovFin Signing Period

The EIF will typically enter into InnovFin Fund Agreements with InnovFin Financial Intermediaries until 31 December 2020. However, and provided that the EIF, in accordance with its internal decision making process, has approved the InnovFin

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Investment before 31 December 2020, InnovFin Fund Agreements may be signed by the EIF until 30 June 2022.

State Aid InnovFin Equity does not constitute State Aid, but is considered to be consistent with State Aid rules.

3. The InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediaries

General Requirements The Financial Intermediary:

- i. Shall provide the EIF with a representation as attached in Annex I⁸;
- ii. Shall comply with the terms as set out in the "Miscellaneous" section of this annex II⁹;
- iii. Shall transpose these requirements under (ii) into their agreements with InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries and InnovFin Final Recipients;
- iv. Shall not invest in Excluded InnovFin Final Recipients or procure that InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries, if any, do not invest in Excluded InnovFin Final Recipients.

Specific requirements

- i. The Financial Intermediary shall meet the definition of the InnovFin Financial Intermediary or Multi-Stage Financial Intermediary
- ii. The Financial (Sub-)Intermediary shall not include in their business activity any of the activities referred to below:
 - a. illegal activities according to applicable legislation;
 - b. the activities excluded as referred to in Article 19 of the Regulation (EU) No 1291/213 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon 2020:
 - research activity aiming at human cloning for reproductive purposes;
 - research activity intended to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (excluding research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads);
 - research activities intended to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose

⁸ Same representations the InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall seek from InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries (if any) and InnovFin Final Recipients. InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries shall seek same representations from InnovFin Final Recipients.

⁹ In the case of Multi-Stage Financial Intermediaries the respective provisions of Annex III will apply.

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- of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer; and/or
- c. any activity which would make such an InnovFin Investment not compatible with the Guidelines on the EIF Restricted Sectors¹⁰ as amended from time to time; and/or
 - iii. the manager of the InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary shall be established or operating in any of the Horizon 2020 Participating Countries applicable at date of the Fund Agreement (and in the case of a Multi-Stage Financial Intermediary the Financial Intermediary shall be established and operating in an EFG Participating Country);
 - iv. The InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary shall not be established in a Non-Compliant Jurisdiction unless the operation is physically implemented in the relevant Non-Compliant Jurisdiction and does not present any indication that it supports actions that contribute to targeted activities. The EIF will provide relevant arrangements in order for the Financial Intermediary to transpose this requirement at the level of the Sub-Intermediaries or the Final Recipients, as applicable;
 - v. The Financial Intermediary shall undertake to comply with the relevant EU and international standards and legislation, where applicable, on the prevention of money laundering, the fight against terrorism, tax fraud, tax evasion and artificial arrangements aimed at tax avoidance. The EIF will provide relevant arrangements in order for the Financial Intermediaries to transpose this requirement at the level of the Sub-Intermediaries or the Final Recipients, as applicable.
 - vi. The InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall accept that the EIF may not be required to participate (subject to applicable law), fully or partially, in an investment in the Final Recipient, if that investment would result in a irremediable breach of the InnovFin Allocation (or the InnovFin-EFG Allocation in the case of Multi-Stage Financial Intermediaries) as agreed with the Financial Intermediary at the time of the InnovFin Investment¹¹.

4. InnovFin Final Recipients

InnovFin Financial Intermediaries shall undertake to select InnovFin Final Recipients according to their internal rules and procedures taking due account of the economic viability of projects of InnovFin Final Recipients.

Excluded InnovFin Final Recipients

InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediaries shall not be entitled to invest in InnovFin Final Recipients, which at the time of the envisaged first investment:

- a) are in one of the situation of exclusion as listed in Annex I (or do not provide the InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediaries with analogous representations as per Annex I);

¹⁰ http://www.eif.org/news_centre/publications/2010_Guidelines_for_Restricted_Sectors.htm

¹¹ In the case of fund-of funds this provision does not apply. However, the fund-of-funds shall demonstrate appropriate policies and procedures to monitor and adhere to the InnovFin Allocation on the portfolio basis.

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- b) are incorporated in Non-Compliant Jurisdictions, unless the operation is physically implemented in the relevant Non-Compliant Jurisdiction and does not present any indication that it supports actions that contribute to targeted activities. ;
- c) include in their business activity any of the activities referred to below:
 - illegal activities according to the applicable legislation;
 - the activities excluded as referred to in Article 19 of the Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon 2020:
 - i. research activity aiming at human cloning for reproductive purposes;
 - ii. research activity intended to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (excluding research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads);
 - iii. research activities intended to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer
 - any activity which, should an investment be made by an InnovFin Financial Intermediary in that entity, would make such investment not compatible with the Guidelines on the EIF Restricted Sectors as amended from time to time.

Eligible InnovFin Final Recipients

InnovFin Final Recipients which are not Excluded InnovFin Final Recipients and which satisfy all of the following eligibility criteria:

- a) are established or operating in an InnovFin Participating Country at the time of first investment;
- b) except for InnovFin AI/BT Final Recipients are in Early Stage¹² at the time of first investment¹³;
- c) any additional eligibility criteria that may be specified in the InnovFin Fund Agreement

5. Miscellaneous

Monitoring and audit

The InnovFin Financial Intermediaries must agree (and must agree to cause the InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries InnovFin Final Recipients to agree) to allow the Commission's agents, the EIF, the European Court of Auditors and the EPPO¹⁴ as applicable to have access to adequate information to enable

¹² For avoidance of doubt, this includes seed and series A financing rounds

¹³ In the case of investment in the Multi-stage fund eligible final recipients shall be either in the Early Stage or Expansion & Growth stage)

¹⁴ Means European Public Prosecutor's Office in respect of those Member States participating in enhanced cooperation pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p.1).

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them to discharge their duties with respect to monitoring, control and auditing of the correct use of the InnovFin Investment, including the promotion, visibility and transparency requirements specified in this Annex in this section. These controls may include on-the-spot controls of the InnovFin Financial Intermediaries, InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediaries, and the InnovFin Final Recipients.

Reporting

InnovFin Financial Intermediaries shall provide the EIF with quarterly and annual reporting prepared in accordance with the reporting guidelines published or endorsed by Invest Europe from time to time which on date of this Open Call endorses the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Investor ("IPEV") Valuation Guidelines. The indicative list of information that each InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall provide to the EIF is specified in the Annex IV to this Call for Expression of Interest. InnovFin Financial Intermediaries shall also provide annual audited financial statements in accordance with applicable laws. The valuation of risk capital investments in InnovFin Final Recipients shall be made in accordance with the valuation principles published or endorsed by IPEV.

Other Information

InnovFin Financial Intermediaries may be requested to provide, from time to time, further information related to the InnovFin Final Recipients covered by Horizon 2020 programme in the context of programme evaluations and employment and growth reports to be prepared by the EIF based on data available as of 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2019. To this end, the InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediaries shall require the InnovFin Final Recipients to provide certain information on the basis of a template provided by the EIF. The provision of such information by InnovFin Final Recipients shall (i) be subject to applicable laws, including without limitation in relation to data protection and banking secrecy, and (ii) not be mandatory requirement nor constitute a condition precedent to the relevant transaction or any eligibility criteria.

Visibility

Each InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall¹⁵:

- i. ensure that in the contractual documentation with the InnovFin Final Recipients contain the statement that the financing is made possible through the support of the InnovFin Equity with the financial backing of the European Union under Horizon 2020 Financial Instruments;
- ii. cooperate with the EIF in carrying out marketing and publicity campaigns, including through its website or on social media, aimed at making InnovFin Equity known to potential Final Beneficiaries in the relevant jurisdiction;
- iii. include in any press release that the InnovFin Financial Intermediary may choose to make with regard to the InnovFin Investment and on a dedicated information page of the type of finance offered referred to in (ii) above on its website a reference, in the relevant language, that the InnovFin Financial Intermediary has benefited from the support of the European Union under the Horizon 2020 programme. This shall include the Union Emblem

¹⁵ The InnovFin Financial Intermediaries shall transpose same visibility requirements in their contractual documentation with the InnovFin Financial (Sub-) Intermediaries.

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of at least equal prominence to the logo of the EIF. Instead of issuing a press release, the InnovFin Financial Intermediary may choose alternative ways of communication, in which case the same visibility requirements shall apply;

- iv. follow the rules and conventions¹⁶ when displaying the Union Emblem;
- v. provide the EIF with an assistance to identify “show cases” of Final Recipient having benefited from an InnovFin Investment and providing information on these to the EIF using the templates provided by the EIF.

Publication

The EIF shall publish on its website each year:

- a) a list of InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediaries, containing for each InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary the name and address of the Financial (Sub-)Intermediary, as well as the amount of InnovFin Investment by the EIF into the InnovFin Financial Intermediary, an indication of InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary investment focus (i.e. sector specific, generalist).
- b) a list of eligible InnovFin Final Recipients, containing for each eligible InnovFin Final Recipient the name and address and the type of finance received under the InnovFin Equity.

Any InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary, or eligible InnovFin Final Recipient may, prior to receiving financial support under the InnovFin, declare in writing (including by a representation in the relevant agreement) that the publication requirements set out above risks harming its commercial interests or risks threatening the rights and freedoms of individuals concerned as protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. In addition such publication shall not be required if: (i) it would be illegal under the applicable laws and regulations, or (ii) the eligible InnovFin Final Recipient is a natural person.

Record Keeping

The InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall maintain and be able to produce all the documentation related to the implementation of the InnovFin Fund Agreement for a period of five (5) years following the termination of the InnovFin Fund Agreement. The InnovFin Financial Intermediary shall require each InnovFin Final Recipient and each InnovFin Financial Sub-Intermediary to maintain and be able to produce all documentation related to the investment for a period of five (5) years following the termination of the investment in such Final Recipient or the InnovFin Financial (Sub-)Intermediary (as applicable).

Protection of personal data

EFSI Financial Intermediaries shall comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1)

¹⁶ As set out in <http://europa.eu/about-eu/basic-information/symbols/flag/>