

FORUM
on Protecting and Facilitating Investment
in the Single Market
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09:00 - 16:30

European Commission
Berlaymont, Robert Schuman room,
Rue de la Loi 200, 1049, Bruxelles
and via “Interactio”

Questions to panellists
PANEL 3

1. **FIRST ROUND OF QUESTIONS:** General discussion on investment facilitation: first round of questions to each, followed by a discussion [25 min]

- [REDACTED] (**Invesco**): In your opinion, how easy is it to identify potential investment opportunities when investing in the EU and obtain the information necessary to making and implementing a cross-border investment decision? What measures could in your opinion help in this process?
- [REDACTED] (WindEurope): Renewable energy, such as wind, is an excellent illustration of how investment facilitation measures can support a smooth transition. What specific challenges do you see for your industry to get access to EU investors? How could that be addressed?
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Business Finland): Can you comment on the cooperation with DG REFORM for the implementation of “The Impact of Regulation on International Investment in Finland” project? Could you please give us examples of administrative initiatives that contribute to a stimulating investment environment in Finland?
- [REDACTED] (Ministry of Economy, Croatia) What are the issues that Croatia is trying to address with the ‘Strategic Framework for

Promotion and Facilitation of Foreign Direct Investment” project? What measures does this project entail?

- [REDACTED] (E3G) What further measures do you think would be necessary/desirable in the aim further to facilitate and promote investments in the EU and contribute to a better investment environment?

2. **SECOND ROUND OF QUESTIONS:** Specific discussion on investment in sustainable finance: first round of questions to each, followed by a discussion – 3 min each followed by discussion [25 min]

- [REDACTED] (**Invesco**): What could discourage Invesco to choose sustainable investments for its portfolio? What are the challenges you see on the ground to foster sustainable investment? Does the EU SF framework already help you to address some of the challenges?
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (WindEurope) Can you provide feedback on business experiences in the wind energy sector? Are you aware of administrative practices that may negatively influence or deter investments in wind energy? What are the main challenges in access to affordable finance?
- Same question to Mr. [REDACTED] (Business Finland) and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Ministry of Economy, Croatia): Beyond those companies and projects that are already green, all companies whatever their size and starting point in terms of sustainability need to achieve green transition. How can we foster investment in all companies with a credible transition plan? What impact do you see on the EU sustainable framework?
- [REDACTED] (E3G): As a European NGO involved in SF, have you identified any good practices in the Member States in the field of investment facilitation for sustainable investments? How do you think the Commission could help bridge the gap at the European level?

3. **Possible questions** in case we will not receive any from the audience:

- a. To all: Do you see differences between different types of financing (infrastructure, equity, bonds)? Do you see different types of challenges, depending on the financing?
- b. Do you see different challenges, depending on whether you invest in climate mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity or pollution reduction for instance?
- c. Beyond the existing SF framework, what else could we do?