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EIB Group and CDP boost partnership to drive investment and sustainable growth in Italy and beyond

- **New Memorandum of Understanding strengthens joint action to accelerate strategic investments across Italy and International Cooperation countries**
- **Enhanced cooperation focuses on infrastructure, SMEs, climate action and economic resilience**
- **Agreement expands collaboration in Italy and, through EIB Global, outside of the EU**

Today the European Investment Bank Group (EIB Group), composed of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF), and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), Italy's National Promotional Institution, have signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at deepening their strategic cooperation in support of Italy's long-term development and the European Union's policy objectives. The MoU was signed, in the presence of EIB President **Nadia Calviño**, by EIB Vice-President **Gelsomina Vigliotti**, EIF Chief Executive **Marjut Falkstedt** and Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti **Dario Scannapieco** in Luxembourg during the [EIB Forum](#), underscoring the shared commitment of both institutions to strengthening their partnership at a key moment for Europe's investment agenda.

Building on the successful collaboration established under the [previous MoU signed in 2022](#), the new agreement expands joint efforts to promote high-impact public and private investment in sectors essential to Italy's growth and competitiveness. These include social and sustainable infrastructure, innovation, digitalisation, climate mitigation and adaptation, support for SMEs and mid-caps, economic security and strategic autonomy, and cohesion across Italian regions, including those most in need of targeted support.

"This renewed agreement marks an important step forward in our partnership with CDP. By combining our expertise, financial capacity and long-term strategic vision, we can support Italy in key areas such as climate action, digital transformation, social infrastructure and support for smaller businesses. Together, we are strengthening our ability to address current challenges and to seize new opportunities for sustainable, resilient and inclusive growth, both in Italy and in partner countries where our cooperation continues to expand," said EIB Vice-President **Gelsomina Vigliotti**, who oversees the Bank's operations in Italy.

"Europe is a powerhouse with a crucial role on the global scene, and it is important that it acts as a system. Our long-standing partnership with the EIB enables us to leverage up high-impact initiatives and channel more financial resources where they can generate lasting economic and social value. The agreement also strengthens CDP's capacity to contribute to sustainable and resilient growth in Italy and beyond, translating a strategic vision into concrete investments", said Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti **Dario Scannapieco**.

The strengthened partnership is aligned with CDP's 2025–2027 Strategic Plan and the EIB Group's 2024–2027 Strategic Roadmap. It establishes a comprehensive cooperation framework designed to enhance the planning, origination and implementation of projects both within Italy and internationally. The institutions will work together to optimise the use of regional, national and EU resources, including through advisory platforms, EU mandates and financial instruments, InvestEU, and other mechanisms that reinforce Italy's capacity to design and deliver high-quality, future-proof investments.

The MoU foresees coordinated action to develop new lending models, reinforce advisory services and accelerate investment pipelines in priority sectors, while ensuring strong alignment with national and European strategies. Cooperation will also extend to EIB Global, the EIB's development arm, with a focus on delivering high-impact initiatives in partner countries and contributing to Italy's international



commitments in areas such as climate protection, sustainable infrastructure, access to essential services and private-sector development.

To facilitate this expanded cooperation, the MoU establishes a dedicated coordination structure to ensure a regular and strategic flow of information and provides for staff exchanges and specialised study visits to deepen institutional knowledge and operational synergies.

Background information

The EIB Group

The European Investment Bank ([EIB](#)) Group is the financing arm of the European Union, owned by the 27 Member States, and one of the largest multilateral development banks in the world. In 2025, the EIB Group signed €100 billion of new financing and advisory services for over 870 [high-impact projects](#) in [eight core priorities](#) that support EU [policy objectives](#): climate action and the environment, digitalisation and technological innovation, security and defence, territorial cohesion, agriculture and the bioeconomy, social infrastructure, strong global partnerships and the savings and investment union. Beyond long-term loans for large infrastructures, the EIB Group crowds-in private investment for high-risk innovative projects and businesses, with a growing role in Europe's markets for venture debt, venture capital, guarantees and securitisations.

The European Investment Fund ([EIF](#)) is the subsidiary of the EIB Group specialised in providing guarantees and equity to improve access to finance for small and medium size businesses and startups across Europe. Acting as an anchor investor, through its extensive network of partnering banks and investment funds, the EIF mobilizes private investment and nurtures the ecosystem of venture capital funds to support innovative European entrepreneurs.

In 2023, the EIF together with six member states (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium and the Netherlands) launched the European Tech Champions Initiative, a fund of funds to scale-up innovative startups. As of February 2026, this initiative has already enabled the creation of 13 European venture capital mega-funds and scaled up 38 companies, including 11 unicorns (with more than €1 billion in capital). Photos of the EIB Group's spokespeople and headquarters, logo files and video B-roll for media use are available [here](#).

Cassa Depositi e Prestiti

Cassa Depositi e Prestiti is the National Promotional Institute which has been supporting the Italian economy since 1850. The main goal of CDP is to accelerate the industrial and infrastructural development of Italy to boost its economic and social growth. CDP focuses its activities on sustainable development at local level, supporting the innovation and growth of Italian enterprises, also in the international arena. It partners local authorities, in a financing and advisory capacity, to create infrastructures and improve services of public value. CDP also participates actively in international cooperation initiatives to realize projects in developing countries and emerging markets. Cassa Depositi e Prestiti is entirely financed by private capital, through the issuing of Postal Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Passbooks, and through issues on national and international financial markets.

InvestEU

The InvestEU programme provides the European Union with long-term funding by leveraging substantial private and public funds in support of a sustainable recovery. It also helps to crowd in private investment for the European Union's strategic priorities such as the European Green Deal and the digital transition. InvestEU brings all EU financial instruments previously available for supporting investments within the European Union together under one roof, making funding for investment projects in Europe simpler, more efficient and more flexible. The programme consists of three components: the InvestEU Fund, the InvestEU Advisory Hub, and the InvestEU Portal. The InvestEU Fund is deployed through implementing partners that will invest in projects using the EU budget guarantee of €26.2 billion. The entire budget guarantee will back the investment projects of the implementing partners, increase their risk-bearing capacity and thus mobilise at least €372 billion in additional investment.

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