

EIB signs agreement with novobanco to provide €300 million in new loans to Portuguese companies

- The transaction consists of a risk-sharing guarantee to support mid-cap companies and public sector entities.
- This operation will allow novobanco to finance small and medium-sized investment projects that may benefit less developed regions in Portugal.
- The EIB thus continues to improve access to finance and financing conditions for local businesses.

The contract signed today consists of a guarantee of 150 million euros, to be provided by the European Investment Bank (EIB) to novobanco. The guarantee strengthens novobanco's financing and risk-taking capacity, through a 50% risk-sharing of new loans to Portuguese mid-caps and public sector entities, totalling €300 million, in particular, benefiting the Cohesion regions.

This guarantee aims to promote and accelerate private sector as well as public sector investments, facilitating access to finance for Mid-Caps, a backbone, together with SMEs, in terms of growth and employment for the Portuguese economy, through the mobilisation of new investments worth up to €420 million. The guarantee is expected to be mobilised quickly, ensuring that companies continue to have access to financing for operational and investment purposes in a context of heightened economic and financial uncertainties.

Portuguese companies may, for example, benefit from lower rates, higher financing volumes, additional risk sharing with novobanco or the need to provide lower guarantees.

At the signing ceremony that took place today, January 11th, the Head of Division for Western Europe, Gemma Feliciani, and Andrés Baltar, Director of novobanco, responsible for Companies, agreed that this is the objective of providing financial support to Mid-Cap companies and public sector entities, allowing for competitive and flexible financing. This, in turn, will contribute to the preservation and creation of jobs at a still unstable stage of the economic cycle. "Supporting mid-cap and public sector investments is of vital importance due to the multiple operational and financial challenges to which they are exposed in the current environment," said Birthe Bruhn-Léon, Head of the EIB's Financial Institutions Department.



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"By partnering with a trusted local banking partner and through the additional financing and risk-taking capacity available, the EIB is pleased to support companies that play a key role in the growth and transformation of the Portuguese economy." Andrés Baltar, Director of novobanco, highlighted that "We are extremely pleased to announce the availability of this new financing line, in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB), with the aim of supporting Portuguese mid-cap companies.

This partnership reinforces novobanco's commitment to boosting the sustainable growth and competitiveness of the companies that are the main driver of our economy. Through this instrument, we are confident that we will be catalysts for the success of the Companies' investment projects, thus contributing to the economic development of the country and strengthening the relationship of proximity and trust with our Clients."

About the EIB

The EIB is the European Union's long-term financing institution, whose capital is held by the Member States. It provides long-term funding for viable investments that contribute to the achievement of the EU's policy objectives.

About novobanco

Novobanco is a universal service Portuguese bank that provides a full range of financial products to customers in the corporate and private segments. As a leading bank in the domestic market, it is committed to offering its customers innovative banking solutions and an exceptional customer experience. With a customer- and technology-centric vision, novobanco continues to drive transformation in the banking industry.

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