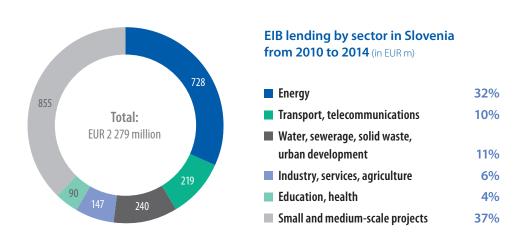




## The EIB in Slovenia in 2014

In 2014, EIB financing in Slovenia amounted to EUR 111m. Over the past five years (2010–2014), the Bank provided funds totalling some EUR 2.3bn for projects promoting EU objectives in Slovenia. EIB operations in Slovenia cover all major sectors of the economy ranging from basic infrastructure, energy, manufacturing and services, including support for small and medium-sized companies through local financial institutions, to the promotion of the productive sector, competitiveness and the knowledge economy.





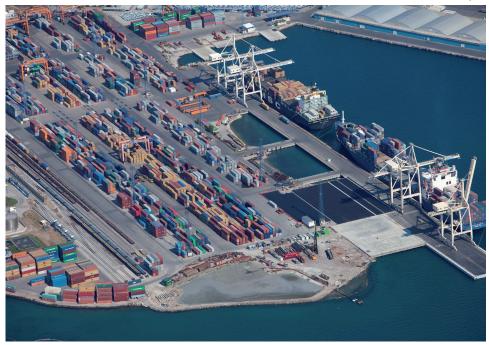
### Strategic infrastructure sector

In 2014, in the area of the trans-European transport and energy networks (TENs), the Bank provided a loan of EUR 36m to finance the further upgrading of the Port of Koper – Slovenia's sole naval gateway to the Adriatic Sea. This project is designed to help Koper meet the growing demand of industry and consumers for increased import and export flows that have positive impacts on the environment by supporting environmentally friendly transport modes. This is important not only for Slovenia, but also for land-locked countries using the Port of Koper's facilities for their access to the Adriatic Sea, e.g. the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, etc.





Port of Koper



#### Loans for SMEs and midcaps

In 2014, the EIB concluded two intermediated loan contracts amounting to EUR 75m with Slovenian partner financing institutions. These use the EIB funds to finance projects carried out by SMEs, midcap companies and municipalities in the fields of local infrastructure, environmental protection, energy, R&D and innovation and services, including tourism.

Support for the financing of projects implemented by SMEs and midcaps is the key policy objective of the EIB in Slovenia, as the SME and midcap sector is the engine of growth and innovation. In its cooperation with its partner financing institutions the EIB ensures that the benefits of it providing loans on favourable terms reach eligible promoters.



# The EIF, a SME finance subsidiary

The European Investment
Fund (EIF) is the specialist
arm of the EIB providing risk
financing solutions to financial
intermediaries to support
SMEs and midcaps and foster
innovation in Europe. In 2014, it
committed EUR 3.3bn in support
of business through which
approximatively EUR 14bn of
capital will be mobilised.

By business line, the EIF committed a total of EUR 1.65bn for equity in 74 early and growth stage funds, which raised a total of EUR 8.3bn. On the guarantees side, it committed EUR 1.6bn in 60 transactions, which acted as a catalyst in attracting EUR 5.6bn of new loans for SMEs. The EIF's support for micro-enterprises totalled EUR 51m, generating a loan volume of EUR 133m. Overall, more than 175 000 SMEs and midcaps were supported by the EIF in 2014.

For more information: www.eif.org/slovenia.

## Signatures in Slovenia 2010-2014 (in EUR m)



### The EIB at a glance

The EIB is the EU's long-term lending institution and is owned by the EU Member States. It makes long-term finance available for sound investment, contributing to growth, jobs, regional convergence and climate action in Europe and beyond.

To maximise growth and job creation, the EIB targets four priority areas: innovation and skills, SMEs, climate action and strategic infrastructure across the EU.

The EIB has delivered on the commitment made to the Member States to mobilise EUR 180bn of additional investment across Europe over the period 2013-2015. In the first two years following the EUR 10bn increase in the EIB's capital decided by the Member States in 2012, the EIB Group has already provided finance amounting to more than EUR 150bn, supporting overall investment of around EUR 450bn. This includes both regular financing and additional activities following the 2013 capital increase.

Since 2008, the European Investment Bank Group has provided almost EUR 500bn for investment in projects throughout Europe. The EU bank finances a third of project costs on average, and EIB loans have mobilised around EUR 1.5tn over this period. EUR 20.6bn supporting key strategic infrastructure in transport and energy as well as urban

infrastructure in Europe

EUR 77bn overall lending volume (up 7.4%), of which EUR 69bn within the EU (up 7.8%)

**EUR** 19.1<sub>bn</sub>

for climate action supporting more resource-efficient and climate-proof solutions



EUR 14.7bn
EIB Group support for innovation and skills including digital infrastructure in Europe

**EUR 25.5**bn

EIB Group support for SMEs and midcaps in Europe – the biggest ever volume and the Bank's single largest policy

priority

The EIB signed

EUR 13bn

to its Skills and Jobs –

Investing
for Youth
programme

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