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The CEB is a multilateral development bank that is dedicated to promoting social cohesion throughout Europe. It finances investment in education, health, affordable housing and many more social sectors, with a special focus on the needs of vulnerable people.

Who we are

The Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) is a multilateral development bank, whose unique mission is to promote social cohesion throughout Europe.

Social cohesion is the capacity of a society to ensure the well-being of all its members, minimising disparities and avoiding marginalisation.

The CEB finances investment in social sectors, including education, health and affordable housing, with a focus on the needs of vulnerable people. Borrowers include governments, local and regional authorities, public and private banks, non-profit organisations and others. As a multilateral bank with an excellent credit rating, the CEB funds itself on the international capital markets.

It approves projects according to strict social, environmental and governance criteria, and provides technical assistance. In addition, the CEB receives funds from donors to provide extra support and improve impact.

The CEB has 43 member states. It was established originally as a resettlement fund in 1956 by eight of the 15 member states that made up the Council of Europe at the time. The CEB is Europe's oldest multilateral development bank, and is legally and financially separate from the Council of Europe.

Albania ★
Andorra
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina ★
Bulgaria ★
Croatia ★
Cyprus ★
Czech Republic ★
Denmark
Estonia ★
Finland
France
Georgia ★
Germany
Greece
Holy See
Hungary ★
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Kosovo ★
Latvia ★
Liechtenstein
Lithuania ★
Luxembourg
Malta ★
Republic of Moldova ★
Montenegro ★
Netherlands
North Macedonia ★
Norway
Poland ★
Portugal
Romania ★
San Marino
Serbia ★
Slovak Republic ★
Slovenia ★
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Türkiye ★
Ukraine ★

★ Target Group Countries

What we do

The CEB invests in social projects that foster inclusion and improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations.

The CEB finances projects that promote social cohesion by pursuing three overarching goals:

- Investing in people and enhancing human capital;
- Promoting inclusive and resilient living environments;
- Supporting jobs and economic and financial inclusion.

The CEB operates in the sectors of health and social care, education and vocational training, administrative and judicial infrastructure, historic and cultural heritage, social and affordable housing, urban rural and regional development, natural and ecological disasters, environmental protection, MSME financing, and microfinance.

Three cross-cutting themes – climate action, gender equality and digitalisation – guide the way in which CEB operations are designed and implemented across all sectors.

Read the CEB Strategic Framework 2023-2027 here: https://coebank.org/media/documents/CEB_Strategic_Framework_2023_2027.pdf





On average €4 billion in loans approved annually



Who can borrow



The CEB provides loans to governments, local and regional authorities, public and private banks, non-profit organisations and others.

How to access CEB financing:
https://coebank.org/en/project-financing/how-access-ceb-financing/

CEB loans have to meet specific technical and social criteria, and be financially sound as well as in strict conformity with the Bank's environmental, procurement and compliance guidelines and policies.

In order to maximise the impact of its operations, the CEB finances projects through a range of financing instruments, offering flexibility to its borrowers to best address their needs.

CEB funding also helps its members respond to crises, such as COVID-19, the refugee crisis caused by Russia's aggression against Ukraine, and climate change.

The CEB raises its funds on the international capital markets

The CEB pays particular attention to the impact of the projects it finances.

Technical assistance, largely funded from trust accounts, and monitoring throughout the whole project cycle constitute key factors in the effective implementation of the projects approved by the Bank. Working closely with the Bank's borrowers, CEB staff measure results and address technical, procurement, institutional, governance and financial issues.

The CEB is committed to ensuring integrity, transparency and compliance in line with internationally recognised best standards. Independent evaluation helps the Bank to be accountable and learn from experience.

The CEB raises its funds on the international capital markets, including through Social Inclusion Bonds.
It also receives grants entrusted to it by various member and non-member donors. Thanks to its excellent rating, the Bank raises its funds on competitive terms, thus enabling its borrowers to reduce their financing costs significantly.

More at: https://coebank.org/en/investor-relations/funding/