

fi-compass Showcase 2025

Competition guidelines

1. Entry

The fi-compass Showcase 2025 competition can be entered by sending your submission to showcase25@fi-compass.eu by Monday, 03 November 2025.

2. Submissions and theme

There are three themes of the fi-compass Showcase 2025 which are as follows:

- **Growing impact** – how the impact of one or more financial instruments has grown over a period of time. Submissions should describe the evolution of the financial instruments and how this has led to an increased impact on investments mobilised, job creation and economic growth in the country/region in the region.
- **Constructive collaboration** – how public and private bodies have worked together to implement financial instruments. Submissions should describe the partners, the roles they have played and the results of their positive collaboration.
- **Innovation** – how financial instruments support innovation, either through its financing structures or through supporting the development of new technology. Submissions should describe the innovative elements and how this has been developed through the financial instrument's implementation and the resulting impact.

Entrants should indicate the theme to which their submission relates when submitting their proposal. Only one competition entry per financial instrument is permitted.

Valid submissions must be made using the template power point slides and shall be no more than **five slides** in total (excluding front cover, thank you, and picture slides). Shortlisted submissions will be pitched by representatives of the financial instrument during FI Campus 2025 and entrants are encouraged to ensure that the slides are visually appealing.

Entrants are encouraged to craft a presentation that captures the essence of their projects and how they meet the criteria of the relevant theme with pictures, quotes from final recipients and visual representations of supported projects.

All submissions must be in English or in a national language, with an English translation.

Submissions should be sent to showcase25@fi-compass.eu by Monday, 03 November 2025.

3. Eligibility

Participation in the 'fi-compass Showcase 2025' is open to all fi-compass stakeholders: managing authorities, Intermediate bodies, funds of funds, financial intermediaries, final recipients, and any other stakeholders involved in financial instruments under EU shared management (ERDF, EAFRD, ESF+, EMFAF and AMIF).

4. Shortlist and vote

Following submission, practitioners will be contacted by the fi-compass team to secure the necessary rights for publication of the submissions on a dedicated page of the fi-compass website.

A shortlist of up to 12 finalists (up to four per theme) for the fi-compass Showcase 2025 award will be selected by EIB and European Commission experts, on the basis of:

- How well the submission demonstrates it meets the relevant category criteria which are as follows:

Growing impact	Positive collaboration	Innovation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear objectives of operation • Impacts achieved • Growth over time • Lessons learned • Critical success factors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active public/private partners • Collaboration areas described • Resulting added value • Contribution to FI impact • Lessons learned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear description of innovation • Why it is innovative • Objectives of innovative approach • Impacts achieved • Critical success factors

- Compliance with the format requirements of submission (max 5 slides in total, excluding front cover, thank you, and picture slides)
- Consideration will also be given to the need to achieve a representative shortlist having regard to the different regions, sectors and EU Funds within the fi-compass network

This shortlist will be presented at the FI Campus 2025 event in Brussels from 25 – 27 November 2025, where participants will vote for their favourite submission from among the shortlisted entries.

Representatives from the 12 shortlisted submissions should be present at FI Campus, in order to receive the prize, if voted winners. The three most popular submissions (one for each theme) in this vote will receive the fi-compass Showcase 2025 Award.

5. Timing

The Showcase will be launched on Thursday, 26 June 2025.

Participants are invited to submit their stories to the fi-compass team by Monday 03 November 2025.

The publication of submissions on the fi-compass website will occur on a rolling basis.

The shortlist of submissions for the fi-compass Showcase 2025 Award will be selected by mid-November 2025 and communicated in the following weeks.

The three winners of the fi-compass Showcase 2024 Award will then be announced at the FI Campus 2025 event in Brussels, on 25-27 November 2025 during a plenary session. The winners may also be invited to feature in fi-compass publications and/or videos and podcasts to present their financial instruments.

Any questions on the competition should be addressed to showcase25@fi-compass.eu.