



Overview of ESF FIs for student loans

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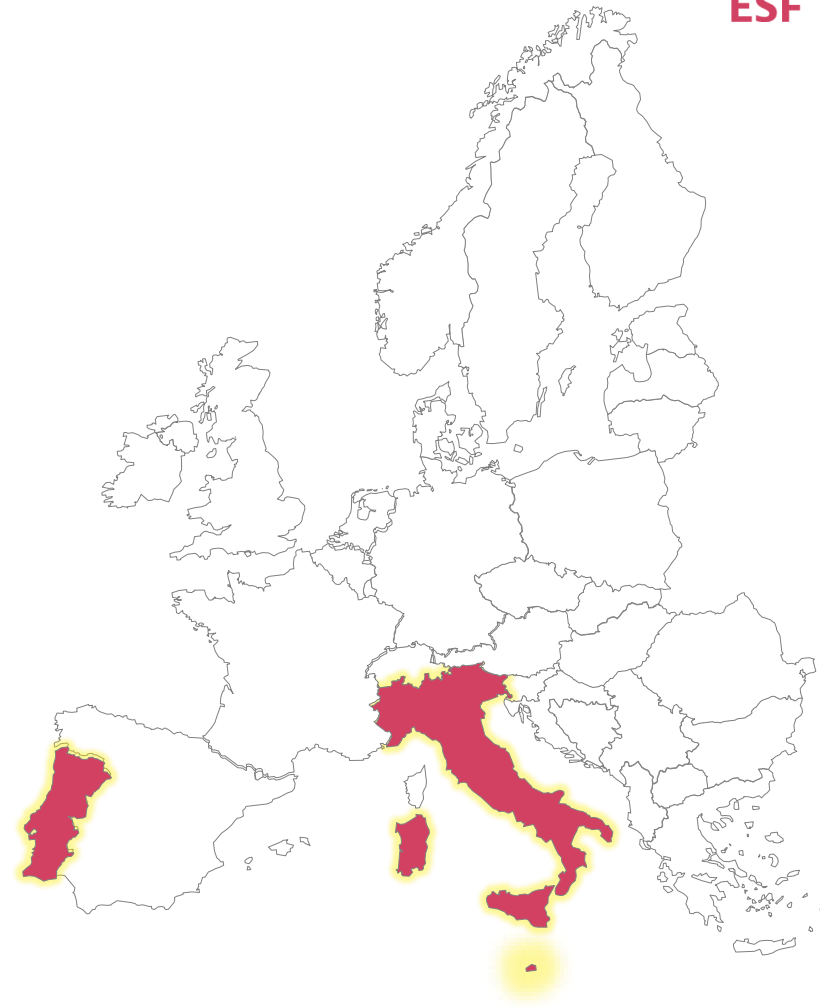
ESF student loans at a glance



ESF resources on-lent to final recipients



ESF resources to guarantee student loans



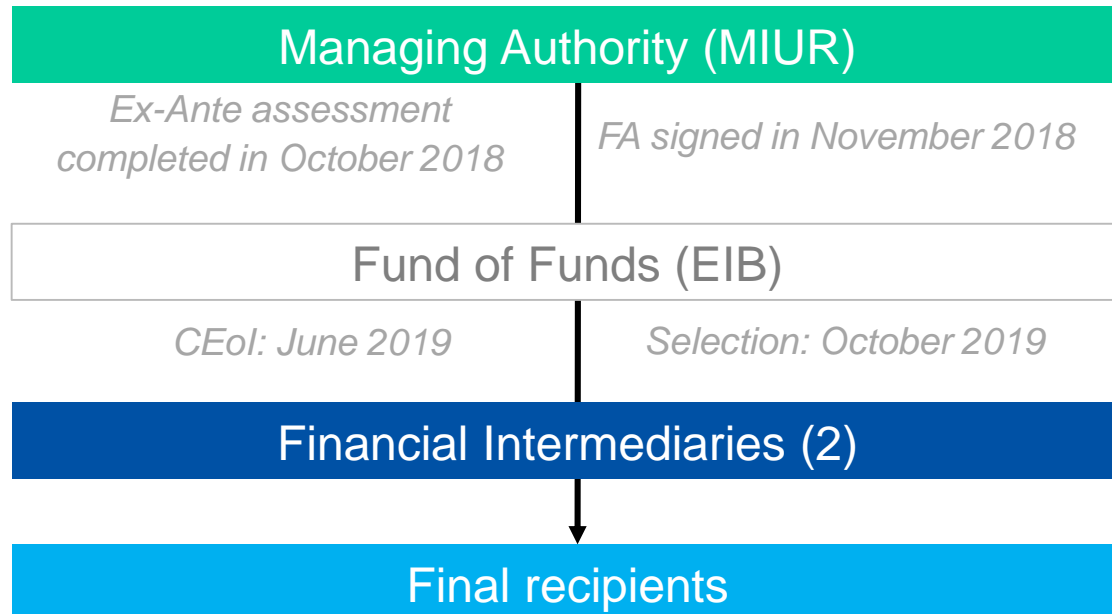
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The Italian experience (1)



The FoF is established as a “separate block of finance” within the EIB. The FoF resources will be channelled to the final recipients through suitable financial intermediaries with specific expertise in the sector in the form of a contingent loan (with final returns being therefore contingent to the performance of the underlying loans to students).



The EIB is selecting the financial intermediaries through a public call for expression of interest.

MIUR Contribution to Student Support FoF, from the National OP: **EUR 100m**

Amount to be managed by each Financial Intermediary: **EUR 46.5m**



The Italian experience (2)



- **Geographical area:** focus on students from eight Regions in Southern Italy (LD and transition), who attend university and master programs in Italy or abroad. Up to 25% of the resources can be allocated to students from other Italian Regions that chooses to study in Italian Universities located in LD and TR Regions.
- **Type of education supported:** university and master's courses consistent with the national strategy for smart specialization ("SNSI") will be eligible.
- **Loan amount:** tuition fees + up to EUR 10,000 per year (cost of living); tranching disbursement based on career milestones.
- **Interest rate:** no interest charged to the final recipients.
- **Loan tenor:** up to 25 years with a grace period of up to 30 months.
- **Reimbursements:** right to start paying back before the end of the grace period. Voluntary / extra refunds always possible without penalties. Suspension of the reimbursement is possible upon occurrence of particular conditions (unemployment, insufficient income, etc.).
- **Collateral:** No personal nor third party guarantees required.



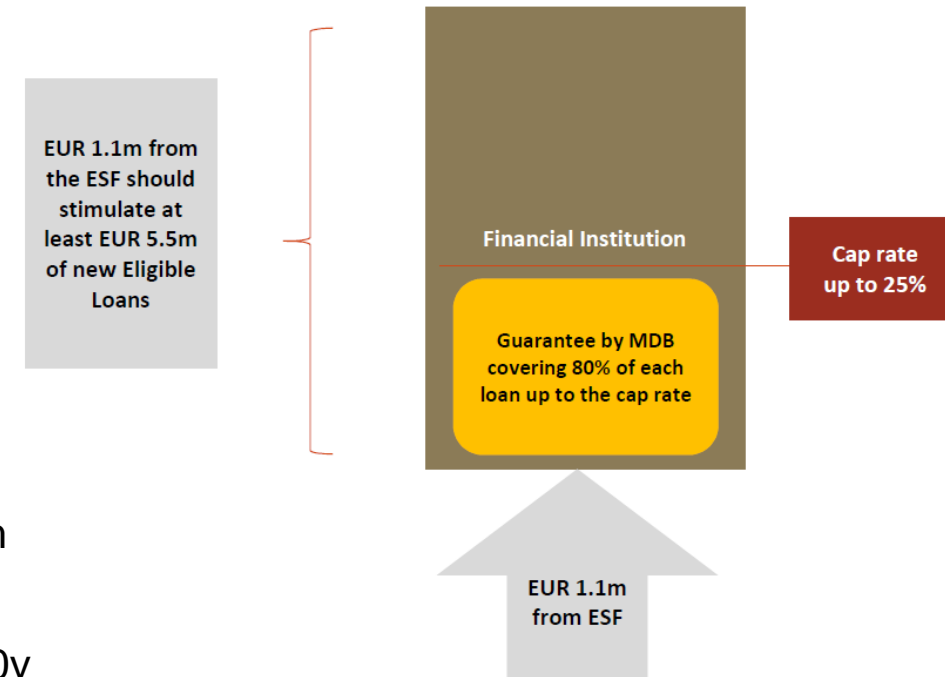
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The Maltese experience



- **Budget:** EUR 2 million
- **Product:** Capped portfolio guarantee + interest rate subsidy (single operation)
- **Guarantee:** 80%; portfolio cap rate: 25%
- **Body implementing FI:** Malta Development Bank
- **Interest rate:** 2.95%
- **Max loan amount:** EUR 100,000
- **No collateral requirements**
- **Full Interest Rate Subsidy during moratorium.** Max moratorium term is 5 years covering the course term plus 1 year
- **Min loan term** is moratorium period + 2x the course period (i.e. 5y + 10y = 15 years)
- **Supported studies:** MQF 5-8 and internationally recognised certificates. Both full-time and part-time eligible. Applicable age: 18+



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