



Investment Committee of the InvestEU Fund
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Conclusions

MML Infrastructure

INVEU-ICR-0040-2023

SME Window (SMEW) - Research, Innovation and Digitalisation Window (RIDW) - Sustainable Infrastructure Window (SIW)

Short description of the financing or investment operation and its objectives

Financial Intermediary	MML Infrastructure I SCSp
Type of final recipients	SMEs and Mid-Caps
Countries of implementation	EU-27, with the core markets being France, Germany, Benelux and the Nordics
Implementing partner	EIF

The Fund will focus on equity investments in SMEs and Mid-Caps, targeting companies and operating platforms across various areas, including energy transition, digital infrastructure, logistics, circular economy, agriculture and education.

The Fund will make value-added infrastructure investments focusing on distributed infrastructure. No greenfield projects will be targeted. In this strategy the Fund will focus on acquisition of the companies operating multisite infrastructure assets in the PE mid-market, developing them through active ownership during the holding period and exit, mainly to the infrastructure fund players.

Global Assessment and rationale for approval

The Investment Committee of the InvestEU Fund approved the use of the EU guarantee on 14 September 2023 for the above-mentioned operation.

MML will target the mid-market distributed infrastructure asset segment, primarily Small Mid-Cap companies that are perceived as riskier and thus do not have easy access to funds. As this is a market segment not usually served by the larger infrastructure funds, there are few active investors present with strong appetite for risk, of which some are dedicated infrastructure investors with a specific geographic focus and the rest are opportunistic private equity investors.

EIF's investment is critical, as it is expected to generate a strong catalytic effect for the Fund. This is particularly relevant in light of the current challenging fundraising environment, especially for first-time teams coming to the market, albeit having the backing of an established Manager. The investment from EIF will provide a seal of approval and institutional support for a new initiative set-up by an established Manager and ensure that good market practices and terms are implemented.

The Investment Committee appreciated the combination of several policy windows in this operation.