

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>EU, Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)</b>
<b>Targeted countries</b>	Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
<b>Programme objectives</b>	The Facility complements EU bilateral programmes that support structural reforms in each EaP country, help small businesses grow and prepare for market opportunities of the DCFTA, and help national authorities to implement the agreements.
<b>Programme description</b>	<p>On May 21<sup>st</sup> 2015, at the Eastern Partnership Business Forum in Riga, the European Commission launched the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) Facility for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).</p> <p>The Facility will provide some EUR 200 million worth of grants from the EU budget over the next 10 years. This contribution is expected to unlock new investments worth at least EUR 2 billion for SMEs in the three DCFTA countries: Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The financial means for the investments will be largely coming from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Investment Bank (EIB).</p>
<b>Website and additional links</b>	<a href="http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id_type=1&amp;id=40950&amp;lang_id=450&amp;utm_source=Oempro&amp;utm_medium=Email&amp;utm_content=Subscriber%231056&amp;utm_campaign=EU%20to%20unlock%20%E2%82%AC2%20billion%20worth%20of%20investment%20for%20small%20businesses%20in%20Georgia%2C%20Moldova%20and%20Ukraine">http://www.enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id_type=1&amp;id=40950&amp;lang_id=450&amp;utm_source=Oempro&amp;utm_medium=Email&amp;utm_content=Subscriber%231056&amp;utm_campaign=EU%20to%20unlock%20%E2%82%AC2%20billion%20worth%20of%20investment%20for%20small%20businesses%20in%20Georgia%2C%20Moldova%20and%20Ukraine</a>
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing, from 2015 – 10 years
<b>Overall budget</b>	EUR 200 million
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<b>Who can candidate?</b>	Public and private sectors, SMEs
<b>What are the requirements for applying?</b>	Consortium is needed
<b>Type of activity funded</b>	Research, Trainings, etc.
<b>Link with ICT</b>	Direct