

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>EU, Neighbourhood Investment Facility</b>
<b>Targeted countries</b>	EaP Countries
<b>Programme objectives</b>	The European Commission is contributing an additional EUR 295.04 million to the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) in 2015 to enable more than EUR 3 billion in investments. The NIF supports investments in transport, energy and environment infrastructure, as well as the social and private sectors in Neighbourhood partner countries.
<b>Programme description</b>	<p>Officially launched in May 2008, the Neighbourhood Investment Facility is an innovative financial instrument of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), whose primary objective is to finance with a mix of grants and loans key infrastructure projects in the transport, energy, social and environment sectors, as well as to support private sector development (in particular SMEs) in the Neighbourhood Region.</p> <p>Given the considerable resources required to finance and implement large infrastructure projects, the NIF aims to create a partnership, pooling together grant resources from the EU Budget and the EU Member States and using them to leverage loans from European Finance Institutions as well as contributions from the ENP partner countries. To receive a grant contribution from the NIF, a project must be financed by an eligible European Finance Institution.</p>
<b>Website and additional links</b>	<a href="http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id_type=1&amp;id=40683&amp;lang_id=450">http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id_type=1&amp;id=40683&amp;lang_id=450</a>
<b>Status</b>	Started from 2015
<b>Overall budget</b>	EUR 295.04 million
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<b>Who can candidate?</b>	Public and private sectors
<b>What are the requirements for applying?</b>	International partners accepted
<b>Type of activity funded</b>	Research, Trainings, etc.
<b>Link with ICT</b>	Indirect