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The Facility Investing for Employment will launch a Call for Proposals in Rwanda on 15 May 2024

Private companies as well as public and non-profit organisations can apply for co-financing grants for their investment projects. All projects must create jobs that give access to social security systems.

The Facility **Investing for Employment** is an investment mechanism for job creation that provides co-financing grants for private and public projects in its eight African partner countries. **On 15 May 2024, the Facility will launch a sector-open competition round in Rwanda.** Private companies as well as public and non-profit organisations are invited to submit investment proposals. From purely private sector projects to public infrastructure projects, the Facility awards **grants of between EUR 650,000 and EUR 5 million** per project proposal.

It is essential that each proposed investment project contributes to sustainable **job creation in the private sector** and that the jobs give access to comprehensive **social benefits**. The grant amount per job created must not exceed EUR 10,000. Projects that contribute to the promotion of **women's employment** or to the **socially just transition to a climate-friendly economy** have a better chance of receiving a grant. The Facility only finances mature projects that have not yet started and that offer reasonable chances for being operationally and financially sustainable.

This is how the application process works

Applications can be submitted online **from 15 May to 1 July 2024**. In a first step, the Facility will make a pre-selection from the submitted concept notes. In a second phase, the selected applicants will be asked to submit elaborated project proposals, which will then be evaluated in detail. Successful applicants will be offered a grant contract. The competition criteria for this Call for Proposals and the dates of the online information sessions are published in the Key Information Sheet and the Guidelines for Applicants. Both documents will soon be available in the Download Center:

invest-for-jobs.com/en/ife-download-center

A helpdesk will be available from 15 May 2024 onwards. It will offer potential applicants support for questions related to the application requirements and process. This helpdesk can be contacted via email under the following address: helpdesk-ife@invest-for-jobs.com

General information on the application process is available on: invest-for-jobs.com/ife

If you have questions about this competition round, please write to:

cfp-ife.may2024@invest-for-jobs.com

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