

## **Financial Inclusion Trends**

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### **Biography**

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Sam Mendelson is lead author of the *Financial Inclusion Compass*, and is Financial Inclusion Specialist at the European Microfinance Platform (e-MFP) overseeing various research, knowledge, communications and sector-building across e-MFP's different financial inclusion research streams, and supporting coordination of the annual European Microfinance Award, including as regular lead author of the *European Dialogue*.

For the previous five years, Sam was M&E and then Knowledge Specialist at Arc Finance, an international end-user energy finance organisation. He's worked as Project Lead for the 2015 USAID-funded Energy Diaries, co-authored a 2016 FIEC research study on offshore incorporation of microfinance/impact vehicles and the 2018 e-MFP/FIEC/NpM research study on Buyer Selection in Responsible Equity Exits, is co-lead consultant developing the Consumer Protection Code for the Global Off-grid Lighting Association, and was co-author for several years of *Microfinance Banana Skins*. He has undergraduate degrees in Psychology & Laws from the University of Western Australia; a Master of Laws in Public International Law and a Master of Science in International Public Policy, both from University College London.