

EIB and Inclusive Finance

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Biography

Olivier Edelman, Head of Microfinance Unit – Intermediated Finance for MSMEs Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Olivier Edelman heads the EIB's microfinance unit covering microfinance operations outside the EU. EIB, based in Luxembourg, is the European Union's long-term financing institution.

Olivier is responsible for the origination and execution of equity and loan operations (direct or indirect via funds) supporting micro-entrepreneurs and financial inclusion, notably via microfinance institutions.

Previously, Olivier was in charge of the development and execution of portfolio guarantees benefiting SMEs and Mid-caps, via financial intermediaries, at the EIB and the European Investment Fund.

Olivier joined the EIB Group in 2009 after holding positions in different Belgian commercial banks, including roles in structured finance. Olivier holds a degree in Economics from the 'Université Libre de Bruxelles' (Belgium).

Sonja Mohnen, Investment Officer – Intermediated Finance for MSMEs Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Sonja Mohnen works as an Investment Officer at the microfinance unit of the EIB in Luxembourg with a current focus on the Southern Neighbourhood of the EU. As a Microfinance Investment Officer, she is in charge of an operation (loans or equity investments) from the first client contact to disbursement including due diligence, credit appraisal and contract negotiation.



Sonja joined EIB in 2009 and before she internally changed to the microfinance unit and EIB's outside Europe activities, she was in charge of financing financial institutions (with a focus on SME and midcap support) and corporates (within Europe).

Previously, Sonja worked in the syndicated loan business at Dresdner Bank (now Commerzbank) and in corporate banking at Fortis Bank Luxembourg/BGL (Banque Générale du Luxembourg).

Hannah Siedek, Microfinance Investment Officer - Intermediated Finance for MSMEs Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Hannah Siedek is a Microfinance Investment Officer with 15 years experience in microfinance strategy and operations, and technology-enabled delivery models. Her career started at CGAP/The World Bank where she acquired experience and knowledge in a range of different challenges facing the access to finance industry, including mobile banking, different funding sources, and agricultural lending. To complement her World Bank experience, Hannah joined ProCredit Holding AG in 2008 and became the Managing Director of ProCredit Bank Congo, DRC and an executive member on the bank's Board of Directors. During the three years with ProCredit, she oversaw the organizational restructuring of the bank to enable its regional and national expansion, she managed the introduction of SME loans, grew the branch network from 6 to 17 branches with a first time expansion into regions outside the capital city, and helped grow staff numbers to 500.

Today Hannah Siedek works as Microfinance Investment Officer at the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg.

Hannah holds degrees in Bank Financial Management and Development Finance, a European Master (MSc.) in Management from ESCP-EAP, France and City University, UK, and a Bachelor Degree in Economics from Bayreuth University, Germany. She is fluent in English, German, French and Spanish.



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