



**Global PFD**

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# **Blending/European Investment Plan**

## what are the key challenges to take part in the European Investment Plan?

- ✓ Lack of a general understanding of the program who actually are eligible, how did the consultative mechanism function, and how to tap into the funds? Technicalities of the program is not clear. National delegations will be involved?
- ✓ Fears of negative effects of investments in public goods and services (privatization, access to basic services?)
- ✓ Lack of capacity, particularly on the side of local governments,
- ✓ How to create an enabling business climate for investment (political and technical aspects)

## How could the EU contribute to tackle those challenges?

- ✓ A general informative session, with more details about the program should be organized
- ✓ More technical assistance provided for those who do not have enough capacity (local governments, SMEs, and other stakeholders)
- ✓ Holistic approach: coordination with other EU programs should be observed
- ✓ Inclusive and transparent mechanisms should be in place: debates at the national and international level.