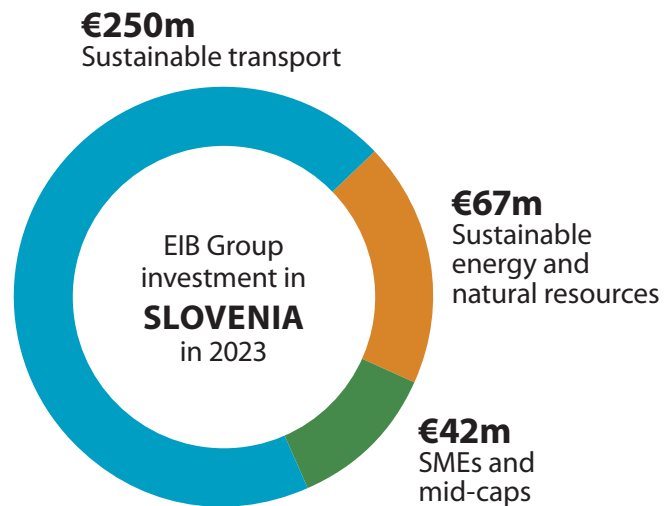


- In 2023, the EIB Group invested nearly **€300 million** in Slovenia's sustainable transport and decarbonisation projects.
- Investments focused on the green transition, electricity grid and railway upgrades.
- The Group has supported small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and mid-caps since 1996.



In 2023, the European Investment Bank Group, made up of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF), announced **€359 million** in new financing commitments for projects supporting growth and employment in Slovenia, including two guarantee agreements signed by the EIF, worth **€67 million**.

Among the projects supported were key infrastructure endeavours, including a **€250 million loan for the construction** of a second rail track connecting the rail hub of Divača with the key port of Koper, a project that will help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and that highlights the Bank's commitment to strategic infrastructure development and cleaner transport.

In the energy sector, the EIB collaborated with regional companies to strengthen the electricity grid. A **€42 million** loan to Elektro Primorska supports the energy transition and reinforces the national electricity infrastructure through a project that adheres to the highest sustainability standards.





**The 215-metre long Glinščica Railway Viaduct will connect the two longest tunnels on the Divača-Koper railway line.**

## Promoting sustainable transport

### A second rail track between Divača and Koper

The EIB signed an agreement with [2TDK, Družba za razvoj projekta](#) for a €250 million loan to co-finance the construction of a [second rail track in Slovenia](#). The funding supports the development of the Baltic-Adriatic-Mediterranean corridor of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T). The new 27 km single-track line between Divača – a railway hub near the border with Italy – and the key port of Koper will add capacity to the existing line, which can no longer meet the transport demand. The port of Koper is one of the five ports in the Northern Adriatic Ports Association, serving central and southeast Europe’s freight market. The project is expected to save about 49 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. It will create some 13 000 jobs during its construction and 60 jobs during its operation, mainly in project management, infrastructure maintenance and traffic management.

The EIB committed  
**€292 million**  
in new financing in Slovenia



## Empowering small businesses

### The EIF helps drive innovation and create jobs

The EIF has been a crucial supporter of Slovenian SMEs since 1996, providing access to finance through guarantees and equity fund investments. To date, the Fund has facilitated €466 million in financing for about 8 000 companies, supporting 78 000 jobs.

In 2023, the EIF issued €67 million in InvestEU guarantees, enabling about €100 million in financing for small firms and mid-caps that focus on the digital and green transitions. In 2024, the EIF is prioritising equity investments targeting early-stage businesses and scale-ups to strengthen Slovenia's capital markets.

To maximise its impact, the EIF also collaborates closely with the EIB [Advisory services](#), which offer technical assistance to companies in Slovenia and elsewhere throughout various stages of projects.



The EIF committed  
**€67 million**  
for projects in Slovenia in 2023



## Overall EIB Group achievements in 2023

### Record year of financing

Projects approved by the EIB Group amounted to

**€88 billion**

### Investment mobilised

by the EIB worldwide totalled

**€320 billion**

### EIB Global

Investments beyond the European Union totalled

**€8.4 billion**

### SMEs and mid-caps

received

**€20 billion**

### Climate action

financed by the EIB Group totalled

**€49 billion**

### Jobs maintained

in small firms and mid-caps  
thanks to the EIB Group amounted to

**5.4 million**

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