

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE BUSINESS AND FINANCE



IMPORTANCE

Private investment and remittances are key sources of funding for sustainable development.

Improvements in the business environment and greater access to finance for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and the poor are crucial to unlock the potential of the private sector for job creation and sustainable development.

Reaching the SDG target on reduction of remittances costs at the EU level would result in saving EUR 1.5 billion in transaction costs every year.

The EU and its Member States have made private sector development a top policy priority. Commitments to private sector development have grown by two thirds over the last decade to over EUR 28 billion in 2019.

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The EU and its Member States are supporting the use of responsible business practices along supply chains through policies on human rights, trade, and responsible value chains, as well as sustainability disclosure requirements.

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The EU-Africa Summit and the EU-Africa Business Forum recently highlighted the important role of private sector development and investment to promote jobs and growth in Africa.

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The EU and its Member States have taken important steps to support remittance flows, notably steps to increase market transparency and provide free information to help migrants make an informed decision about which channels to use.



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The EU and its Member States have contributed to improving the business environment and investment climate. 42% of the EU's sector budget support in 2019 concerned private sector development.



The Investment Climate Reform Facility supports public-private dialogue on investment climate in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

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