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The Facility Investing for Employment launches a Call for Proposals in Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt and Morocco

Focus on job creation and training measures for the local labour market, with an additional perspective for employment opportunities in Germany

The Facility Investing for Employment has launched a competition round in Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt and Morocco. Companies as well as public and non-profit organisations can apply for co-financing grants. To be eligible, investment projects must create jobs in the private sector. **Applications can be submitted until 30 June 2026.** This Call for Proposals focuses on job creation for the national labour market (job creation component). It also offers, in certain countries, optional additional grants for training measures aimed at improving the quality of training for the local labour market, with a potential perspective for employment opportunities in Germany.



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The job creation component supports investments that generate sustainable employment in the partner countries and remove investment barriers. This includes, for example, investments in production facilities, equipment, skills development, and workforce training linked to the planned job creation project.

Four categories of investment projects are eligible:

1. Not-for-profit projects (no revenue generation):
IFE covers up to 90% of the investment costs.
2. Not-for-profit projects (with revenue generation):
IFE covers up to 75% of the investment costs.
3. For-profit projects (majority of jobs created at independent 3rd party entities):
IFE covers up to 35% of the investment costs.
4. For-profit projects (majority of jobs created at the applicant's entity/ies):
IFE covers up to 25% of the investment costs.

The Facility IFE awards **grants ranging from EUR 800,000 to EUR 10 million** per project for the job creation component. The Facility only co-finances mature projects that have not yet started and that offer reasonable chances for being operationally and financially sustainable. Applicants are obliged to contribute own funds to complete the project finance.



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New in 2026 (for projects in Egypt and Morocco): In addition to the job creation grant, applicants can apply for co-financing of training measures aimed at improving the quality of training for skilled workers, primarily targeting the national labour market, with an additional perspective for potential employment opportunities in Germany. While the job creation component is open to all sectors, this subcomponent is envisaged to focus on the following sectors: main and ancillary construction industry, metal and electrical industry, education and social services, food processing, transport and logistics, IT, as well as the hotel and hospitality industry. In Egypt, training measures in the health sector can also qualify for a grant as part of this second component. Eligible activities include, for example, the construction, refurbishment and equipment of buildings, classrooms or workshops suitable for training, as well as language training or technical upskilling aligned with relevant labour market needs. Concept notes including this component will be treated with preference during the evaluation process.

This is how the application process works: Applications for projects in Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt and Morocco can be submitted from 15 April to 30 June 2026. In a first step, the Facility will make a pre-selection from the submitted concept notes. In a second phase, the selected applicants will be invited to submit fully elaborated project proposals, which will then be evaluated in detail. Successful applicants will be offered a grant contract.

The competition criteria are available on: invest-for-jobs.com/en/ife-download-center

IFE provides a **Helpdesk** for questions related to the application process and the grant components. This helpdesk can be contacted via email under the following address:

helpdesk-ife@invest-for-jobs.com

In addition, enquiries can be sent to cfp-ife.2026@invest-for-jobs.com

Four English language webinars will be organised while the Call for Proposals is open. Interested parties will get in-depth information on the objectives of this grant facility, the application criteria, and the application process and platform. The webinars will take place on **23 April, 7 May, 21 May and 11 June 2026**. To receive the link, please write to: cfp-ife.2026@invest-for-jobs.com or visit our website: invest-for-jobs.com/en/call-for-proposals-civ-egy-mar-2026

This is also where you can find the link to the application platform.

For more information about the Facility Investing for Employment: invest-for-jobs.com/ife

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