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PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for Proposals with Focus on Job Creation and Enhancing Labour Migration towards Germany

In March and April 2026, the Facility Investing for Employment will launch a new sector-open call for proposals in Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal, and Tunisia. 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. **Grants range from EUR 800,000 to EUR 10 million** per project and can cover between 25 and 90 per cent of the total investment costs. This 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.

New in 2026: In addition to the job creation grant, applicants can apply for a co-financing of training measures qualifying for possible employment in Germany, too. The option is available only to applicants with a convincing job creation proposal in the IFE partner countries Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal, and Tunisia. Eligible activities include, for example, construction, refurbishment and equipment of buildings, classrooms or workshops suitable for training for both the national and the German labour market, as well as language training or technical upskilling aligned with German 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 Ghana, Senegal, and Tunisia can be submitted from 20 March to 1 June 2026, applications for projects in Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, and Morocco 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. The dates for the online information sessions will also be published. With the launch of the call, IFE will provide a helpdesk for questions related to the application process and the grant components. Once launched, the helpdesk can be reached at helpdesk-ife@invest-for-jobs.com (for all countries). In addition, enquiries can be sent to cfp-ife.2026@invest-for-jobs.com

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