

The Facility « Investing for Employment » launches the first official call for proposals in Côte d'Ivoire

Press Release

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The Facility « Investing for Employment » (IFE) is an investment mechanism for employment, providing competitive grants to co-finance public or private projects in its seven partner countries in Africa, including Côte d'Ivoire.

IFE is part of the Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Under the brand Invest for Jobs, the Special Initiative aims to create good jobs and apprenticeships and to improve working conditions in its partner countries in Africa.

The IFE aims to stimulate the Ivorian labour market, to enable employment-generating activities to flourish, while improving working conditions and facilitating training.



The first call for proposals in Côte d'Ivoire, launched on **30 November 2020**, seeks applications for four types of projects:

1. Public Infrastructure for job creation (covers up to 90% of the cost)
2. Common service for job creation (covers up to 75% of the cost)
3. Projects that foster direct job creation which have benefits/impacts more broadly than solely for the project owners (covers up to 50% of the cost)
4. Projects that foster direct job creation by companies (covers up to 25% of the total cost).

IFE grants range from **1 million EUR to 10 million EUR**. The Applicant is obliged to contribute own funds to complete the project finance.

Potential applicants for the Call for Proposals will have **until 22 January 2021**, to submit concept notes. IFE invites companies and other interested parties, whether public or private, to submit high quality concept notes either as a part of a consortium or an individual applicant.

IFE established an e-mail address that is especially dedicated for questions from potential applicants: cfp-ife.civ@invest-for-jobs.com.

Applicants will be able to submit questions and requests for clarification between **1 December 2020 and 15 January 2021, 5pm CET**.

IFE will provide answers that can help to submit high quality project proposals by **January 15, 2021** at the latest in order to allow potential applicants to finalize their proposals.

Due to the corona pandemic (COVID-19), information meetings will be organised online presenting the objectives of the facility, its conditions for submitting proposals, as well as the steps and modalities of participation.

If you would like to know more about the application procedure and if you are eligible, please consult the information provided in the subpage: <https://invest-for-jobs.com/en/ife-call-for-proposals-cote-divoire>

We are looking forward to hearing from you
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