

# InvestEU Equity

## Addendum *for* *InvestEU IPO Initiative*

This Addendum introduces the IPO initiative. It sets out additional terms and conditions for financial intermediaries wishing to apply for an investment under InvestEU Equity with specific support for IPO strategies.

The following terms presented complement the relevant terms and conditions set out for InvestEU Equity, mainly the Annex II to the CEoI. The other terms and conditions set out in the relevant Annex apply unless otherwise specified in this Addendum.

Non-defined terms have the meaning assigned to them in the CEoI.

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## 1. Introduction to the InvestEU IPO Initiative

In order to support EU enterprises access to public equity markets, EIF will implement a new initiative under the InvestEU Fund (the “InvestEU IPO Initiative”).

The InvestEU IPO Initiative will seek to strengthen the European public market ecosystem by supporting investment funds targeting pre-IPO and/or public equity market investments in European SMEs and Mid-Caps, active at national level and/or cross-border. The ultimate general policy goal of the InvestEU IPO Initiative is to support companies considering a public listing and listings of companies on European trading venues.

The funds supported by EIF under the InvestEU IPO Initiative, IPO Financial Intermediaries, can support IPO activity, inter alia, by:

- Acting as an “anchor investor” in the funding round or IPO, thereby providing a strong signalling effect to other potential investors.
- Investing pre-IPO, supporting the continuity of valuation as the company migrates to a public market.
- Assisting companies with the transition from a private company to public company e.g. financial reporting standards, corporate governance and shareholder communication.
- Providing long-term capital and stability in shareholder base.

## 2. Additional terms for an InvestEU IPO Initiative

<b>IPO Financial Intermediary</b>	A Financial Intermediary which, under its investment strategy, targets to invest in IPO Final Recipients.
<b>Fund Investment Strategy</b>	<p>The IPO Financial Intermediary shall follow predominantly a “buy and hold” investment strategy, and shall not engage in speculative short-term resale strategies.</p> <p>During the selection process, EIF shall assess the fit of the investment strategy with the InvestEU IPO Initiative.</p>
<b>IPO Final Recipients</b>	<p>An Eligible Final Recipient that, at the date of first investment by the IPO Financial Intermediary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) is targeting a public listing, or</li><li>b) is listing on an EU trading venue via an initial public offering, or</li><li>c) has been listed on an EU trading venue for a length of time not exceeding 3 years and where the investment by the IPO Financial Intermediary is being made via the purchase of traded stock from investors on an EU trading venue. For the avoidance of doubt, Eligible Final Recipients making secondary issuances on an EU trading venue shall be considered IPO Final Recipients for a duration of up to 10 years following their initial listing.<sup>1</sup>.</li></ul>
<b>IPO Minimum Allocation</b>	In addition to the Minimum Investment Allocation Requirements specified in <a href="#">Annex II</a> , IPO Financial Intermediaries shall commit to invest into IPO Final Recipients an amount equal to the amount drawn down for the purpose of investments by the IPO Financial Intermediary under the InvestEU IPO Initiative Investment.

## 3. Definitions

Whenever used in these guidelines, the following terms shall have the meanings alongside them. Any capitalised items not defined in this Annex have the meaning given to them in the Call for Expression of Interest or as the case may be [Annex II](#) thereto.

<b>InvestEU IPO Initiative Investment</b>	means a commitment in any form entered into by EIF under the InvestEU IPO Initiative to invest in a Fund, excluding any co-investments from other resources managed or advised by EIF, if any.
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<sup>1</sup> Equity Intermediaries investing exclusively at the post-IPO stage shall not be eligible under the InvestEU IPO Initiative.