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# IFI Newsletter December 2020

The project has started with much excitement! With "sustainability" mentioned everywhere, it is about time to talk about sustainable finance and financial inclusion. This is exactly what we going to do in the IFI project: understand what it means, mind storming what it can be, and act to make it come to fruition in Israel and Europe alike. Capacity building and dreams come true. If you're wondering 'what's next?' you're welcome to read the first issue of the IFI newsletter, which includes some vital project information.

Our plan for the next newsletters is for more discussions, offerings, and implementations. We invite all to take part and suggest interesting connections and materials



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## Our website is up in the air

Most of the information gathered so far is available on the IFI website. The site will be updated and developed regularly, so make sure to visit it from time to time.

[IFI Website](#)

## IFI Kick-off meeting

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the kick-off meeting, and especially our guest speakers from the EU delegation and the Erasmus+ CBHE office.

Special thanks to the keynote speakers **Prof. Guy Rolnik** and **Prof. Eli Cook** for their fascinating lectures.



Zoom recordings are available [here](#).  
The presentations from this meeting are already on the project website.

## IFI Kick-Off Meeting

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### WP1 1st Meeting

The first meeting of WP1 - Building a Community of Practice (CoP) and Body of Knowledge (BoK), was held online on 14/12/2020 and 16/12/2020.

The first day was dedicated to mapping the community of practice and partner involvement, while the second day was about understanding and analyzing the stakeholders map and exploring Israel development stage with regard to sustainable finance inclusion.

The partners worked together to address capabilities, needs, existing approaches and relevant stakeholders in the ecosystem, with the aim to identify existing gaps and potential collaborations in the field .

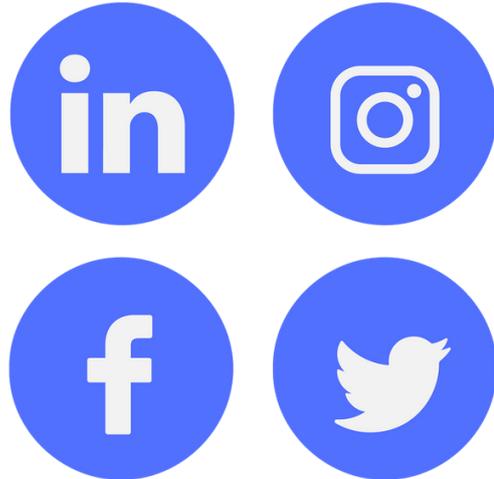
Following that, we held several discussions to identify strengths and weaknesses, information and knowledge gaps, and specific political or regulatory framework conditions of the sustainable finance ecosystem.

We express our gratitude to **Volker Then** (UHEI) for organizing and leading this successful meeting and wish to to thank **Mikel Larreina** (UD) for co-moderating the discussions.

## IFI WP1 1st Meeting

## Dissemination

We already have started to disseminate information on the project on social media [EUin Israel, [Tel Hai College](#), [Vered Holzmann](#)] and encourage you to spread the word in your institution and through your network. Please share with us any dissemination event or publication, using [this form](#).



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## Quality Assurance

The QA report for the kick-off meeting is already available. The results are encouraging and we would like to thank you all for your contribution.

QA assessments will be performed by EFMD for each and every activity and deliverable. We would appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

Ongoing survey results will be published on the IFI website

[QA Reports](#)



# AGREEMENT



## Next stages

The detailed plan for the upcoming months is now available. Please see the link below for the project schedule (December 2020 - July 2021) and mark your calendar to save the date for meetings and tasks to be performed (hopefully we will not have to make too many changes to the plan).

We hope that in the next few months we will be able to finally meet face-to-face and collaborate in 'real' workshops and study visits.

[Tentative schedule](#)

## Partnership Agreement

In the next few weeks we will send you the partnership agreement, based on the template provided by the agency. Once signed by both institutions, you will be asked to send a request for payment to The Academic College of Tel Aviv - Yaffo, and to verify the bank account details of your institution, in order to receive your share of the grant (50% first pre-payment).

However, you may start preparing the reports for staff costs, based on the template of Joint Declaration and timesheet available on the project website. When submitting this report for an employee for the first time, please attach a proof of contractual employment.

[Templates](#)

## Shared Working Document Center

All IFI working documents can be found on a shared center (Google drive).

It is organized by WPs. In each WP you will find relevant information and files such as meeting's agendas, links to video recordings, presentations, etc.

The information will be updated on a regular basis and you are welcome to upload additional relevant materials to this drive.

Please use this [link](#) to access the materials.





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