

INVESTMENT CLIMATE REFORM FACILITY

The Investment Climate Reform (ICR) Facility supports organisations in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries to create better conditions for businesses to thrive and for women’s economic empowerment. Fostering a more favourable and gender-sensitive business environment will enable local and international businesses to increase their investments, create jobs and boost the economic growth and sustainable development at large.

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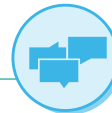
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1. BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

The ICR Facility offers targeted and on-demand expertise for business environment and investment climate improvement initiatives. It supports targeted interventions through local or international experts that can be deployed for up to 90 expert days over the course of a year. Eligible requests must be part of a wider strategy or reform process.

In what areas is expertise offered?

 Business Environment Reform (BER)	 Business Environment for Sustainability	 Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)
Identification, design, implementation and evaluation of business environment reforms in areas such as business registration and licensing, investment policy, and tax administration, among others. Special focus is given to reforms which resolve barriers for economic participation of women and youth;	Promotion of sustainability in the business environment through innovative approaches such as social entrepreneurship, climate-smart investment, inclusive businesses or reforms that support inclusive business and Women’s Economic Empowerment;	Strengthen interaction between private sector, government, civil society and other key stakeholders to achieve more impactful and sustainable development policies. Particular attention is paid to strengthen the representation of women in PPD processes e.g. by involving women’s business organizations.



Who can submit requests for expertise?

Government agencies, regional organisations, national or local business associations, EU Delegations, chambers of commerce, cooperatives, professional associations, private institutions with a public mandate, public private dialogue platforms, local development finance institutions (DFIs), financial services providers and trade unions in member states of the OACPS.



How to submit a request

Please check the eligibility criteria and fill in the online request form (www.icr-facility.eu/request-form).

Requests for expertise must aim at improving the business and investment climate in a member state or subregion of the OACPS.

