



CERTIFICATE IN LAW AND REGULATION OF INCLUSIVE FINANCE

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ABOUT

The ADA Chair in Financial Law (Inclusive Finance) at the University of Luxembourg's Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, together with Appui au Développement Autonome (ADA), a non-governmental organisation in inclusive finance, and the European Investment Bank Institute launched in 2017 the Certificate in Law and Regulation of Inclusive Finance. The European Investment Bank Institute is the philanthropic arm of the European Investment Bank Group with a specific outreach towards research and education.

Entering its tenth year in 2026, the programme is aimed at regulators, financial institutions, service providers, intermediaries and other inclusive finance organisations. Academic participation is welcome.

Lecture topics from past years:

- Performance and Risk Measurement and Management
- Sustainable Inclusive Finance
- FinTech & Financial Inclusion
- RegTech & Financial Inclusion
- Microfinance

2026 LECTURE TOPICS

- Digital Financial Services law requirements for supervisory cooperation and funding of non-European financial intermediaries and funding of non-European financial institutions
- The organisational set-up of inclusive finance intermediaries from developed and developing countries, e.g. microfinance investment funds and the AIFMD
- The role of the European Investment Bank Group
- The influence of ethics and culture on financial intermediation
- Mobile banking and FinTech issues with regard to developing countries as well as the interaction between Luxembourg / Europe and developing countries
- Investor and client protection
- Principles set up by inclusive finance governance initiatives, in particular the Principles for Responsible Investments (PRI)
- Impact of Financial Inclusion on Financial Stability

The programme aims at ensuring awareness of the topic of law and regulation in the inclusive finance sector, enabling an exchange with regulators and financial intermediaries, and facilitating further academic and non-academic cooperation.

So far close to 220 professionals over 60 countries have benefited from the programme its inception in 2017.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the programme is to deepen the participants' specific knowledge and skills in the field of inclusive finance law and regulation, with a focus on developing countries. In order to achieve this objective:

- Interactive courses are taught by European and international academics, practitioners from International Organisations and representatives of leading law and accountancy firms who promote discussions, argumentation and negotiation as an integral part of their teaching effort.
- Besides their participation in courses, participants will have the opportunity to work on case studies and will prepare oral presentations.

Moreover, participants will acquire intercultural competences, preparing them for work in international environments while also benefiting from a network of informal relations, useful for their future. It is also planned to facilitate networking among alumni through a semi-formal alumni organisation, enabling participants to maintain these relations in the long-term.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

Designed as a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programme, the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) targets regulators and intermediaries as well as civil society organisations active in the field of inclusive finance, including, but not limited to:

Policy makers, regulators, supervisory institutions and employees of financial intermediaries (i.e. regional, development and central banks, private credit institutions, other financial institutions, investment funds, asset managers and advisers, service providers, non-governmental and civil society organisations in the field of inclusive finance.

PREREQUISITES

The programme in 2026 is limited to a maximum of 30 participants physically present in Luxembourg from all over the world. All participants are motivated and from different backgrounds and are willing to engage in discussions. Participants will be selected by the Course Director in cooperation with ADA.

Applicants need to be able to demonstrate an interest in inclusive finance, for example through previous work experience or a Bachelor/Master's thesis or other publication in the field.

Additional entry requirements include:

- English language proficiency (B2 level)
- Minimum Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS) or equivalent degree (at least three academic years)

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The ADA Chair cooperates with Appui au Développement Autonome (ADA) and the European Investment Bank Institute (EIB Institute) to jointly ensure the success of the programme.

TEACHERS

The programme's teaching staff brings together internal University of Luxembourg academics and external experts from other universities as well as practitioners, such as inclusive finance field workers, lawyers, accountants and representatives of inclusive finance institutions.

Beyond the core staff, other experienced faculty from the following institutions will teach classes:

- ADA
- European Investment Bank Group staff
- Law and auditing firms with IF experience

ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE

Participants will attend between 6 and 8 TU per day, divided into traditional lectures and workshops / case studies on inclusive finance topics with various partners from Luxembourg and from all over the world. Workshops will be held from Monday to Friday in the first week and from Monday to Thursday in the second week.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Venue

Weicker Building
4, rue Alphonse Weicker, L-2721 Luxembourg

Tuition fees

1.000 EUR per person (payable before the course)

Application deadline

01 October 2025

Course dates

19th to 29th January 2026

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