



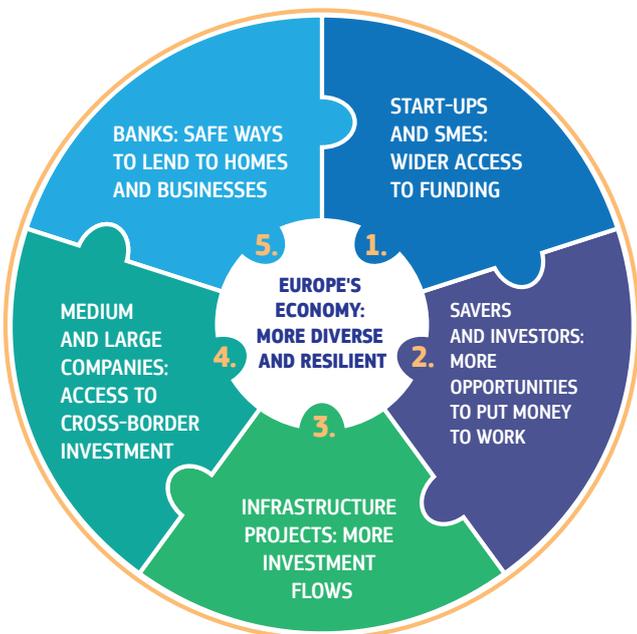
# CAPITAL MARKETS UNION

#CMU

- The Capital Markets Union will support the creation of jobs and growth by unlocking long-term investment in Europe’s companies and infrastructure.
- The CMU will remove the barriers that stop money in one EU country being invested in another, so that it can be put to work to support Europe’s businesses.

- Stronger capital markets will complement banks as a source of financing, giving businesses more options and making Europe’s financial system more stable.
- For savers, the CMU should lead to more investment opportunities, helping people to save and plan for their retirement.

## WHO BENEFITS FROM CMU



*"I want the Capital Markets Union to help European businesses, and our SMEs in particular, have a wider range of funding options. I want it to give consumers more options for investing their money. I want to knock down barriers to make it easier for capital to flow freely across all 28 Member States."*

**Commissioner JONATHAN HILL**, responsible for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

*"We tried to go through the routes that people initially go through. Banks and other investment agencies. We were coming up against a lot of barriers. We were new and we did not have a track record. It's hard. I think a lot of businesses get to this point."*

Tara Dalrymple, Feelsright.today and BusyLizzie.ie, Ireland

*"As this is a niche market, we need 2.5 million euro for the next two years. We are talking a lot with banks, companies and co-operation partners to raise the money. We talked a lot to venture capital funds in Germany and in the UK. But with big players on the market, they are really reluctant with a small start-up from Germany."*

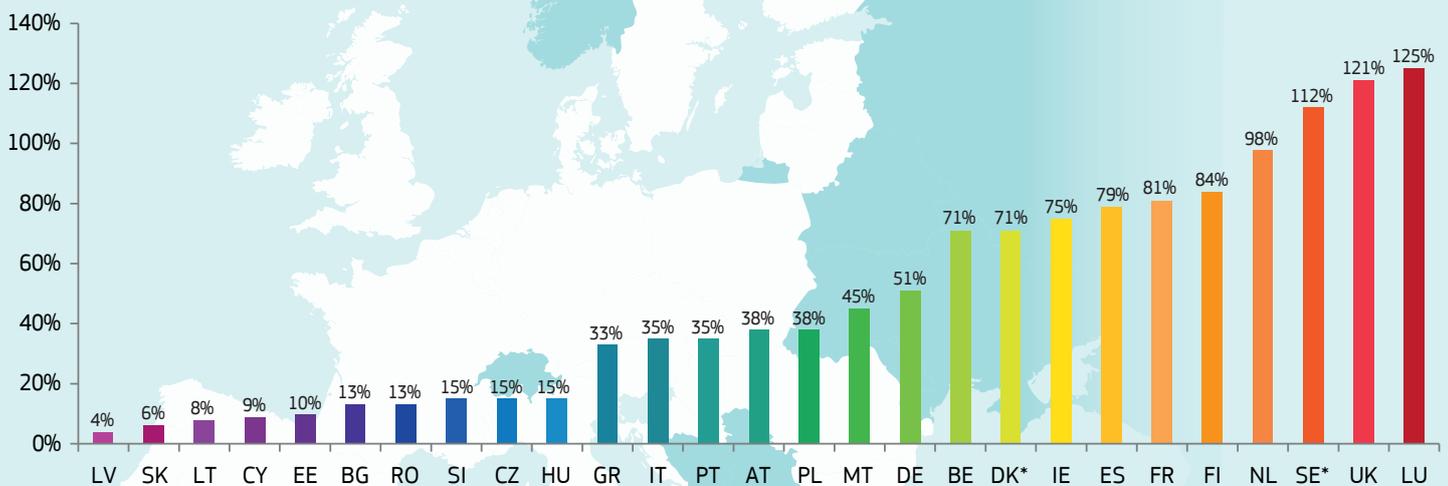
Silvia Klein, Pajj, Mobile Payment App, Germany

## WHY WE NEED CMU

- Europe needs up to €2 trillion in total infrastructure investment by 2020, according to the European Investment Bank (EIB).
- Mid-sized companies receive five times as much funding from capital markets in the US than they do in the EU.
- Venture capital markets as deep as the US could have provided an additional €90bn over the past five years.
- Safely restarting securitisation markets to just half of pre-crisis levels equivalent to over €100bn of additional funding; €20bn for SMEs.

## Stock market capitalisation in Member States varies greatly

*Stock market capitalisation (in % of GDP) in 2013 in each EU28 country*



\*2012

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/finance/capital-markets-union>