

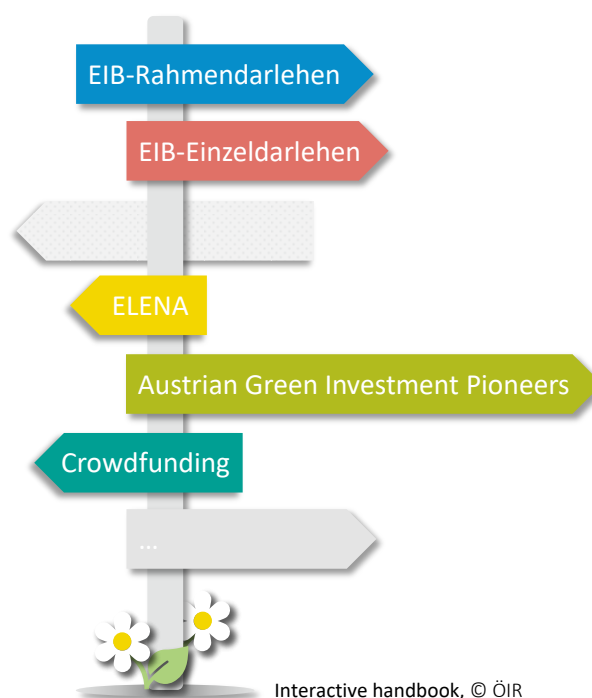
## FIKUS – Financing instruments for small and medium-sized cities

Period of performance: 2022

Cities not only emit a high proportion of global CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions, they can also make a significant contribution to achieving climate neutrality through suitable environmental initiatives. Compared to large cities, small and medium-sized cities have to cope with this transformation with limited financial and human resources. As such, the question of financing urban initiatives and infrastructure in small and medium-sized cities is highly relevant.

The study is based on a document and project analysis of existing FIs and supplementary interviews. Focus groups, national and international case studies complete the research design. Results of the study:

- ▶ Overview of existing financing instruments at the national and international level that are relevant for sustainable urban development in Austrian small and medium-sized towns
- ▶ Insights into international case studies that have successfully used EIB loans and ELENA funds
- ▶ Analysis of the framework conditions in Austria in order to make greater use of alternative financing options in the area of climate protection and climate change adaptation measures in small and medium-sized cities (equipment, knowledge, barriers, alternatively used instruments)
- ▶ Interactive information tool for small and medium-sized towns
- ▶ Conclusions and recommendations



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