The ERDF is contributing to major transformations of the economy via investments in RDI, competitiveness, environmental measures and sustainable transport. The support, for instance, reached nearly 1,900 SMEs, ensured better conservation status for 41,400 hectares of habitats and provided flood protection measures to over 4.2 million people.

The Cohesion Fund supported the reconstruction of 318 km of TEN-T railway lines, works on almost 4,400 km of new or reconstructed roads, and the reconstruction and modernisation of 4 airports. Moreover, funding will contribute to increasing the additional waste recycling capacity by more than 1.3 million tonnes per year.

The ESF contributes to transformations of the economy and the social protection system. It supported 827 SMEs and 178 social enterprises and approximately 350,000 persons benefited from employment, social and educational services. Several strategic projects are currently financed to boost the delivery of ESF objectives.

The EAFRD created more than 5,000 jobs, supported the installation of almost 11,000 young farmers, and enabled more than 20,000 small farmers to implement a business plan. More than 20% of the rural population - almost 2 million people - benefited from improved infrastructure such as communal roads, and water/wastewater.

Contracted 177 projects, including 77 investments started in the development of aquaculture farms, 45 compensations for aquaculture farms providing environmental services, 14 units for fish processing undergoing expansion and modernization, 3 renovated landing sites, 22 local fishing communities funded for improved economic development etc.. The total commitments reached €136 million, and the total payments to beneficiaries €55 million.
OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund

Implementation by Fund for Romania
(total cost % of planned)

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Better drinking water for Romani’s Dâmbovița County

The project modernised and expanded the area’s water infrastructure. It provided over 143,100 residents with reliable access to quality drinking water, pollution levels have decreased, and the affected residents are enjoying a better quality of life. The project is part of a portfolio of similar projects leading to improved water supply for additional 3.3 million persons and upgraded wastewater treatment for additional 1.87 million population. The total investment amounts to €9.7 million, with €6.3 million from the Cohesion Fund.

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EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Provision of socio-medical services for the elderly

The projects under the scheme will ensure a significant change in the life of the elderly at community level by providing material support and delivery of the new/improved services (day centres, residential care services, centres for assistance, on the spot interventions with mobile teams or social ambulances, distribution centres for people at risk of poverty – like social canteens or mobile meal provision services). The total investment amounts to more than €32.3 million, including €27.6 million from the ESF.

EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Local Producers Partnership – George Catean

The EAFRD supported the creation of a local partnership among small producers in Brasov County. It was animated by Mr George Catean, a local producer himself. A co-operative of small producers of vegetables, cheese, and meat products was set up to benefit from a testing lab and to market and distribute the products together to restaurants and at fairs. The project also created a database with local producers. The total projects cost amounts to €100,000, fully provided by the EAFRD.

EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Aquaculture counselling center for farmers

The project improved the capabilities of the Nucet Center, an advisory service for farmers established in 1941, to provide training, consulting and management support. The Center was upgraded with a training/conference room, three offices and a library. The new services include among others assistance on legal matters, business plan drafting, farm management, environmental permits and support in technology transfer. The total projects cost amounts to €93,000, including €58,500 from the EMFF.

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