



The European Structural and Investment Funds

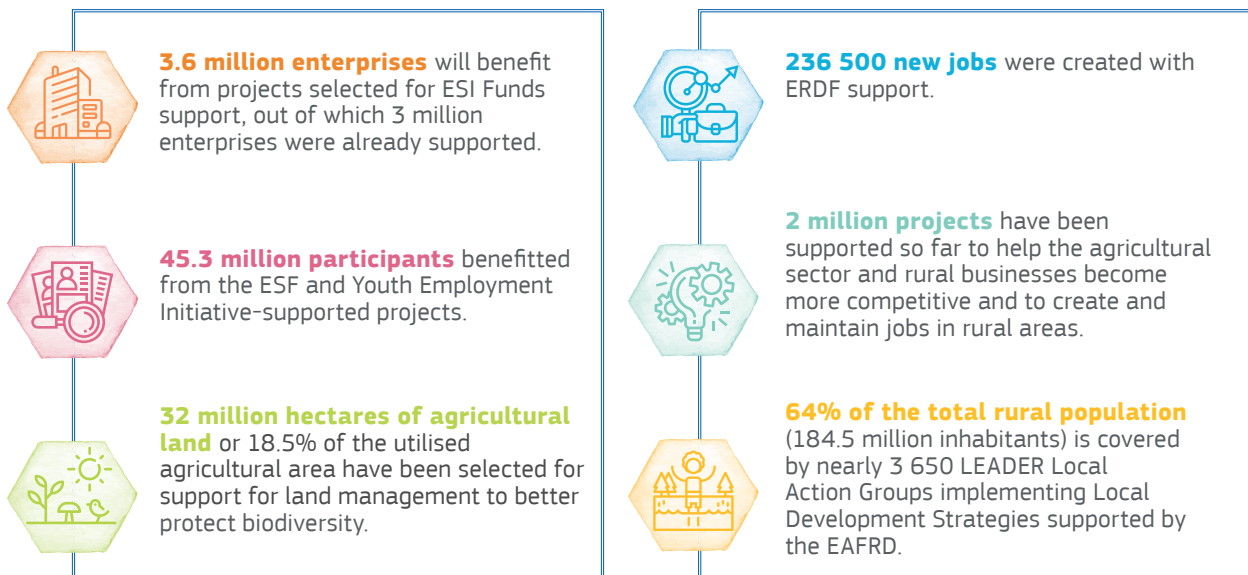
3 MILLION BUSINESSES SUPPORTED FROM 2014 TO 2020

STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION

As one of the largest investment instruments under the EU budget, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) support the territorial, economic and social cohesion of the Member States and their regions, as well as their resilience and recovery from the crisis faced in the past years.

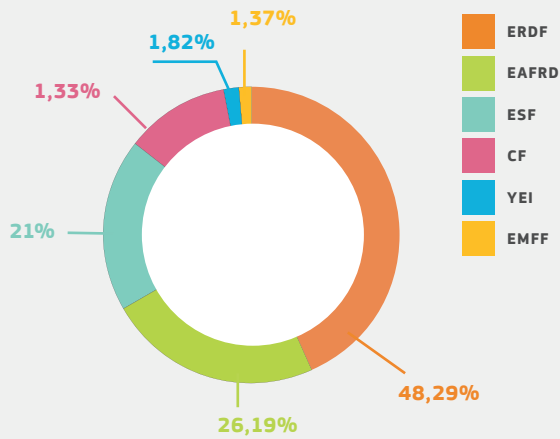
In 2020, the EU support was mobilised and adapted to provide a swift response to the public health crisis, while developing unprecedented recovery solutions for a more resilient, greener and digital Europe.

Main achievements of the ESI Funds by end-2020

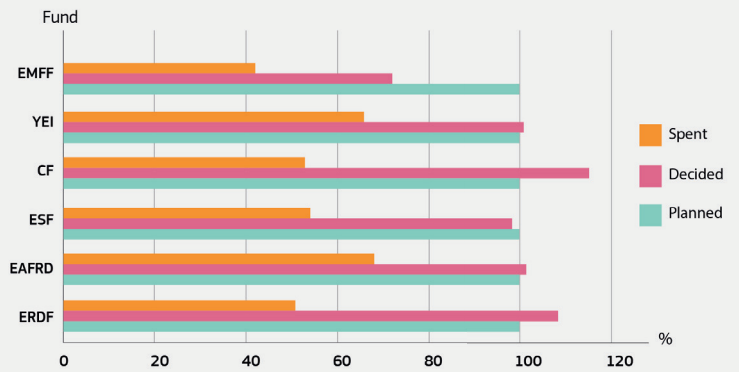


A net total of **€253.8 billion** was paid from the EU budget to the Member States by end-2020 (55% implementation rate), as the spending rate accelerates in the final years of implementation of the 2014-2020 ESI Funds (ERDF, CF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF).

BUDGET BY FUND (PLANNED)



IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS BY FUND, BY END-2020



Response and recovery solutions to the public health crisis:

1. Coronavirus Response Investment Initiatives – provided the possibility to re-allocate unspent cohesion policy funds (ERDF, CF, ESF) and an option to increase the EU co-financing rate to 100% for the 2020-21 accounting year; €21.3 billion have been reallocated since spring 2020 to support the healthcare sector, SMEs and vulnerable groups of people.
2. Recovery Assistance for Cohesion and the Territories of Europe – provided new resources of €50.6 billion under REACT-EU for cohesion policy funds that will support crisis repair measures in 2021-2022.
3. Temporary liquidity support to farmers and rural businesses particularly affected by the COVID-19 crisis funded through EAFRD - €700 million was allocated to the measure for a planned total public spending amount of over €1 billion.
4. Emergency support to compensate for the temporary cessation of fishing activities and the suspension or reduction of production and processing funded through EMFF - €109 million committed in 2020.

Headline policy objectives of the ESI Funds for the future of Europe

SMART GROWTH	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	INCLUSIVE GROWTH	ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY	TERRITORIAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	TERRITORIAL COOPERATION
<p>€189 billion is available of which €102 billion, corresponding to 54% of the allocation, has already been spent by projects by end-2020.</p> <p>More than 44 800 enterprises cooperated with research institutions, over 5.5 million households are benefitting from improved broadband access.</p>	<p>€250.6 billion is available of which €149.1 billion, corresponding to 59% of the allocation, has already been spent by projects by end-2020.</p> <p>Renewable energy production capacity enlarged already by 2700 MW, 359 000 households already benefitting from the improved energy performance conditions.</p>	<p>€174 billion is available of which €92 billion, corresponding to 53% of the allocation, has already been spent by projects by end-2020. 5.4 million people had found a job thanks to the support available,</p> <p>Over 145 000 operations enhancing social inclusion in rural areas were supported.</p>	<p>€6 billion is available of which €2.6 billion, corresponding to 41% of the allocation, has already been spent by projects by end-2020.</p> <p>722 020 participants have been supported.</p>	<p>€31 billion is planned of which €12 billion, corresponding to 36% of the allocation, has already been spent by projects by end-2020.</p> <p>53 million square meters of renovated or newly developed urban open space accessible to the public will be delivered.</p>	<p>€12.6 billion is planned of which €6 billion, corresponding to 48% of the allocation, has already been spent by projects by end-2020.</p> <p>132 000 people have benefitted from cross-border mobility initiatives</p>