



2021 Annual Summary Report in a nutshell

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Scope

- 6th report so far (a few more to go)
- Based on 2020 annual implementation reports submitted by the Member States
- Implementation period covered: 2014-2020
- Also financial data up to 30 September 2021



- Cohesion and other ESI Funds are working;
- Flexibility granted to Member States allowed focus on health & social emergencies and on enterprises (CRII and REACT-EU);
- Cohesion policy is preparing for future challenges in line with EC priorities: Green Deal, Fit for the digital age, An economy that works for people.

Implementation



- The total budget of EUR 640 billion has been fully allocated (106%);
- Payment rate has increased from 40% to 55% by the end of 2020;
- Indicator values show progress:
 - 3 million enterprises supported;
 - 236 500 new jobs were created with ERDF support;
 - 45.3 million participants benefitted from the ESF and Youth Employment Initiative-supported projects;

Covid-19 - crisis response



- **Coronavirus Response Investment Initiatives (CRII & CRII+)**
 - €21.3 billion have been reallocated to healthcare, support to businesses & vulnerable groups
 - 615 000 SMEs supported with working capital;
- **Recovery Assistance for Cohesion and the Territories of Europe (REACT-EU)**
 - €50.6 billion made available for 2021-2022 (in 2 tranches)
 - support to healthcare, workers and businesses and at the same time focusing on green and digital regional investments

Key themes

Smart growth



- Member States allocated so far €190 billion (101% of total funding available)
- €102 billion (54% of the allocation) already paid to project beneficiaries
- 24 000 enterprises introduced new products to the market & 44 800 enterprises cooperated with research institutions

Sustainable growth

- Member States allocated so far €257.3 billion (103% of the total funding available)
- €149.1 billion (59% of the allocation) already paid to project beneficiaries
- 359 000 households benefitted from the improved energy performance conditions



Inclusive growth



- Member States allocated so far €169 billion (97% of the total funding available)
- €92 billion (53% of the allocation) already paid to project beneficiaries
- 5.4 million people had found a job thanks to ESF and YEI support.

Other themes



Public administration

- €6.2 billion planned, €2.6 billion already spent (41%)
- 2 673 projects targeting public administrations or public services have been supported



Territorial & urban development

- €31 billion planned, €12 billion already spent (39%)
- 22 500 renovated housing units



Territorial cooperation

- €12.6 billion planned, €6 billion already spent (48%)
- 132 000 people benefitted from cross-border mobility initiatives

Evaluation work by the Member States



share of evaluations aiming to assess the impact of the interventions of 2014-2020 programmes has topped 30%, reaching over 50% in a few Member States