



European Commission



THE OUTERMOST REGIONS EUROPEAN LANDS IN THE WORLD



235 000 inhabitants



374 km²

- Situated in the northern Mozambique Channel in the Indian Ocean, 295 km from Madagascar, Mayotte is made of two main islands and islets, with 235 000 inhabitants
- The island has great natural and cultural assets which are an excellent base for developing tourism. Agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture are traditional sectors, still poorly structured.
- The region faces many challenges: a GDP reaching less than one third of the EU average; a **high unemployment rate** affecting in particular young people; a very **young and mostly non-qualified population**; a strong pressure of Illegal immigration. In addition, water resources are limited and **basic infrastructures are still insufficient**.

WHAT WILL THE NEW STRATEGY BRING TO MAYOTTE?

By encouraging the outermost regions to **capitalise on their unique assets**, the strategy will help them create new **opportunities** for their people, boost **innovation** in sectors like agriculture, fisheries or tourism, while deepening the **cooperation** with neighbour countries. For the Mayotte, the strategy could help support in particular:

- ✓ A solid **blue economy** sector, by encouraging the development of marine renewable energy, aquaculture and blue biotechnologies and local fisheries
- ✓ A more competitive **agri-food sector** with modernised production processes
- ✓ **Enhanced mobility, employability and new skills for young people** by financially helping students and volunteers travelling under Erasmus + and the European Solidarity Corps
- ✓ Biodiversity and **waste management solutions** under the LIFE programme 2018-2020
- ✓ Further support to **transport connections**



WHAT DOES THE EUROPEAN UNION DO FOR MAYOTTE?

EU funding 2014-2020



Some **expected results** of this support:

- ▶ 100.000 additional inhabitants benefiting from better medical and social assistance
- ▶ 400 new businesses created
- ▶ 30 000 inhabitants newly connected to water treatment plants
- ▶ Production capacity of 10 000 more cubic meters of drinking water daily
- ▶ 60% more households with broadband access

IN ADDITION

€12 million
under the **European cooperation programme** for Mayotte-Madagascar-Comores

€131 million
under the **European Maritime Fisheries Fund** for the French outermost regions

POSEI, the specific agriculture programme for the outermost regions can support the French outermost regions with **up to €278 million per year**

Specificities of other EU policies

The outermost regions benefit from specific or derogating legislative and non-legislative measures, in areas such as regional development, agriculture, state aid and taxation, transport and fisheries in order to mitigate the impact of their specific constraints and boost economic growth. Mayotte, in particular, benefits from the exemption or reduction of dock dues to goods produced locally.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE EU IN MAYOTTE



Two boats to facilitate travels between the two islands of Mayotte

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

EU funding: €12 million

The EU funds the acquisition of two new large-sized boats in order to carry more passengers and vehicles. This investment will contribute to ensure the territorial continuity of the region, by facilitating the movement between the two islands.

The «Polé» and the «Karihani», now carry up to 1,838 passengers (compared to 1,325 before) and 127 vehicles (compared with 75).



Professionalisation of the Ylang and Vanilla sectors

EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

EU funding: €52 000

Vanilla and ylang ylang oil are two high value products, traditional produced in Mayotte. The project will help increase the income of producers, develop new and sustainable production solutions, support the commercialisation of products, prospect new buyers or new niches and support the installation of new producers and the transmission of existing farms.