



European Commission

## THE OUTERMOST REGIONS



235 000 inhabitants



374 km<sup>2</sup>

- 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 particularly low GDP**; 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 DOES THE STRATEGY BRING TO MAYOTTE?

By encouraging the outermost regions to capitalise on their unique assets, the strategy seeks to support these regions in creating new opportunities, boosting innovation and jobs in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, climate change and circular economy, and deepening cooperation with neighbour countries. Two years on, the main developments in Mayotte are:

- ✓ A more dynamic and sustainable blue economy by developing a fleet management plan and a master plan for aquaculture, by drawing up a Regional Spatial Planning scheme and by launching a regional blue economy strategy;
- ✓ Energy transition encouraged by multiannual energy programming, particularly in terms of development of renewable energies and sustainable mobility through an experimental electric car project;
- ✓ Support to innovation and entrepreneurship, through a techno polis bringing together manufacturing and service companies in the high-tech sectors, aimed at enhancing the capacity of businesses to operate in the single market.



## WHAT DOES THE EUROPEAN UNION DO FOR MAYOTTE?

### EU funding 2014-2020



- ▶ The European Regional Development Fund: €146 million + €2.8 million (specific allocation)
- ▶ The European Social Fund: €62.6 million
- ▶ The Youth Employment Initiative: €7 million
- ▶ The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: €60 million

### IN ADDITION, A SHARE OF:

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

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

Up to **€278 million per year** of possible funding under **POSEI**, the specific agriculture programme for the outermost regions, for the French outermost regions altogether.

### Specificities of other EU policies

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

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE EU IN MAYOTTE



### Support for business creation by job seekers and especially by Mahoran women

#### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

**EU funding:** €430 468

The project supported job seekers and especially Mahoran women in starting a business and provided post-start tutoring by setting up a training for women entrepreneurs. This initiative involved 594 participants including 269 women.



### Photovoltaic public lighting

#### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

**EU funding:** €312 851

The project extends Petite Terre's public lighting network with the installation of 129 LED Smartlight photovoltaic street lamps. This allows the use of renewable energy to light up the streets of Petite Terre reducing energy consumption.