

Selected specific provisions for the outermost regions in recent EU legislation

EU LEGISLATION (*)	PROVISIONS
Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)	<p>Co-financing rate 85% for all outermost regions, independently of GDP.</p> <p>Increased specific additional allocation of EUR 1.514 billion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EUR 1.142 billion in ERDF and EUR 372 million in ESF+ (current prices) <p>Retro-activity: investments under EMFAF compensation envelope and ERDF/ESF+ additional allocation can be financed after completion.</p> <p>Higher allocation for technical assistance.</p>
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	<p>Additional allocation exempted from thematic concentration requirements.</p> <p>ERDF investments possible for: new airports and their infrastructure; disposal of waste landfill; increasing capacities for residual waste treatment in justified cases; productive investments in enterprises, irrespective of size.</p> <p>Outermost regions considered less developed regions, independently of their GDP, for thematic concentration requirements.</p>
Interreg (European Territorial Cooperation, ETC)	<p>A specific strand of EUR 280 million for outermost regions cooperation with other regions, countries and territories in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Co-financing rate 85% for outermost regions cooperation projects.</p>
Recovery Assistance for Cohesion and the Territories of Europe (REACT-EU)	<p>Dedicated additional amount of EUR 146.4 million (in 2018 constant prices) in addition to a share of respective national envelopes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EUR 65.9 million for French outermost regions - EUR 65.6 million for the Canary Islands - EUR 14.9 million for Portuguese outermost regions
Just Transition Fund (JTF)	<p>Calls on Member States to consider the specific situation of their outermost regions in the JTF plans and, when including them in their plans, to provide a specific allocation for them.</p>
European Social Fund + (ESF+)	<p>New specific additional allocation of EUR 372 million (current prices) is to be used for the general ESF+ objectives and is exempted from requirements to allocate a specific percentage to thematic areas.</p> <p>In general, 12.5% of ESF+ funding is to support youth employment, vocational education and training in outermost regions with a rate of young people not in employment in education or training above EU average (all OR).</p>
European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)	<p>Earmarked budget of EUR 315 million (current prices, same as in 2014-20) for compensation of additional costs and for structural investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EUR 131 million for French outermost regions - EUR 102 million for Portuguese outermost regions

	<p>- EUR 82 million for the Canary Islands</p> <p>Outermost regions can allocate up to 60% of budget on compensation, up to 70% if justified.</p> <p>Compensation measures receive 100% EU financing.</p> <p>Commission reports on implementation of outermost regions related measures.</p>
<p><i>Programme d'Options Spécifiques à l'Éloignement et l'Insularité –</i> Programme of Options Specifically Relating to Remoteness and Insularity (POSEI)</p>	<p>POSEI: EUR 653 million (in current prices) per year in 2021-27 (same as in 2014-2020) for the supply of essential agricultural products and support to local agricultural production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EUR 278.4 million/year for French outermost regions - EUR 106.2 million/year for Portuguese outermost regions - EUR 268.4 million/year for the Canary Islands
<p>European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)</p>	<p>Co-financing 85% for outermost regions that are less developed regions and 80% for remaining outermost regions.</p> <p>Higher sectorial co-financing rates.</p> <p>Exemptions from various obligations.</p> <p>Member States must assess outermost regions situation in shaping their CAP strategic plans.</p>
<p><i>L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement –</i> Programme for Environment and Climate action (LIFE)</p>	<p>Special regard for projects in geographical areas with specific needs or vulnerabilities: specific environmental challenges; natural constraints; trans-border areas; areas of high natural value or outermost regions.</p> <p>Support to small projects for protecting outermost regions biodiversity and ecosystems.</p>
<p>Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)</p>	<p>Specific provisions to support transport, energy and digital projects in outermost regions with 70% co-financing.</p> <p>Award criteria to take into account cross-border dimension, network integration and territorial accessibility projects, including for outermost regions and islands.</p> <p>Connections to airports, ports, urban nodes are eligible for funding.</p>
<p>Digital Europe Programme (DEP)</p>	<p>Contribute to greater connectivity and better digital skills in the outermost regions.</p> <p>Balanced geographical distribution including bridging digital divide, outermost regions to be taken into account in award criteria.</p> <p>Specific entities to cover outermost regions' needs to be set up locally.</p>
<p>Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps</p>	<p>Should take into account outermost regions specificities and seek to increase their participation.</p> <p>Higher financial support for outermost regions' participants.</p>
<p>Horizon Europe</p>	<p>Opens 'Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence' actions to all outermost regions to share expertise to help them capitalise on their assets.</p> <p>Covers important topics for the outermost regions: tropical diseases; biodiversity; blue economy; renewable energy; combating climate change.</p>

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) Integrated Border Management Fund (IBMF) Internal Security Fund (ISF)	<p>Encourages Member States to ensure that national programmes address the specific challenges outermost regions face, in particular situations of migratory pressure.</p>
Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Mechanism (NDICI – Global Europe)	<p>Encourages cooperation between outermost regions and overseas countries and territories; enables joint programming Global Europe/Interreg.</p>
Creative Europe	<p>Outermost regions’ specificities should be taken into account and their contribution to cultural diversity should be valued.</p>
InvestEU	<p>Encourages Member States to use part of the national compartment in addressing market failures, e.g. in the outermost regions.</p>
Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) Decision	<p>Encourages cooperation between overseas countries and territories, neighbouring African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) and/or non-ACP states or territories and the outermost regions, as well as with regional bodies.</p>
EU Space Programme	<p>The Azores, Madeira and the Canary Islands are to be included in the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service.</p> <p>Can support adaptations to space ground infrastructure.</p>
Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme	<p>Seeks to promote greater sense of belonging to the EU in the outermost regions and the Union values.</p>
Single Market Programme	<p>Should address the specific needs of the outermost regions.</p> <p>Can finance phytosanitary programmes for the control of pests in the outermost regions.</p>

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