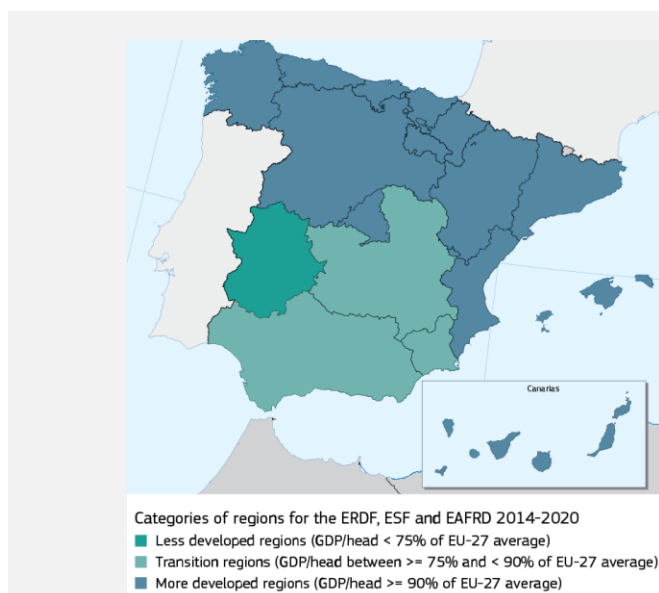


EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS¹



SPAIN

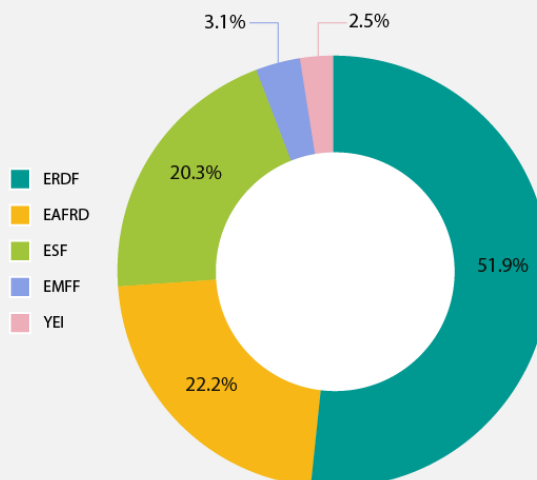
With a budget of **EUR 454 billion** for 2014-2020, the **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds)** are the European Union's main investment policy tool. The ESI Funds combine five Funds: **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**; **European Social Fund (ESF)**; **Cohesion Fund (CF)**; **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**; and the **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)**. Spain, together with 19 other Member States, will also benefit from the **Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)**.



Through 64 national and regional programmes, Spain has been allocated **EUR 37.4 billion** from ESI Funds over the period 2014-2020. With a national contribution of **EUR 15.88 billion**, Spain has a total budget of **EUR 53.28 billion** to be invested in areas closely linked with the Europe 2020 objectives and identified national challenges, from helping (especially young) people enter the labour market and improving **social integration** and qualifications, to easing **SMEs' access to finance** as well as providing an **innovation-friendly business environment** and a better use of **natural resources**.

ESI FUNDS BUDGET FOR SPAIN (2014-2020)

- **EUR 19.41 billion** through the ERDF
- **EUR 8.3 billion** through the EAFRD
- **EUR 7.59 billion** through the ESF
- **EUR 1.16 billion** through the EMFF
- **EUR 943 million** through the YEI



¹ Data included in this factsheet have been extracted from the ESIF Open Data platform which is accessible online at <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/>. Data on target achievements are based on officially agreed common indicators or, for the ESF, programme specific indicators (reference date for data: November 2015).

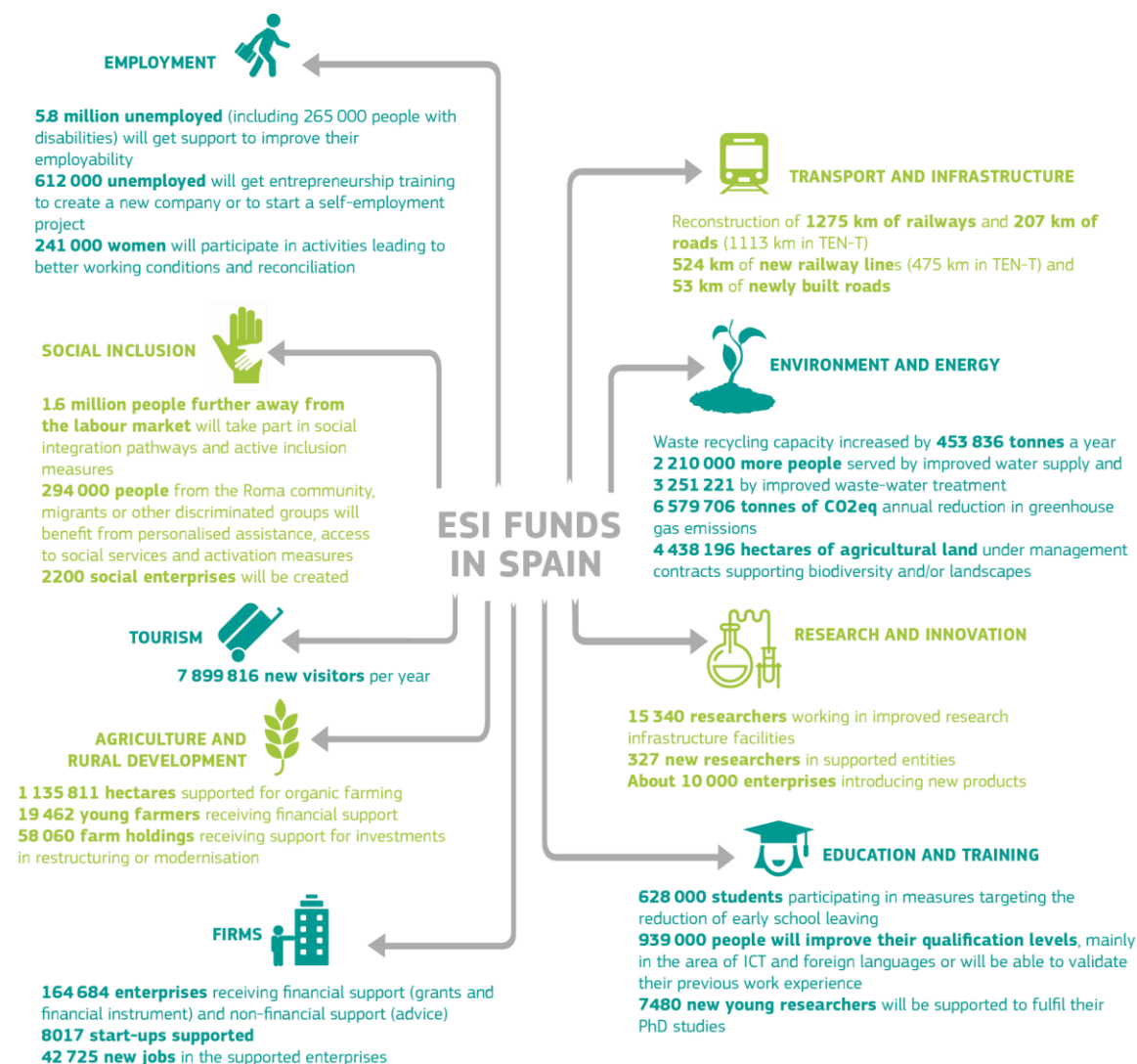
MAIN PRIORITIES

ESI FUNDS IN SPAIN WILL:

- Increase **labour market participation** and employability with a specific focus on young people and vulnerable groups.
- Improve **education, training and social inclusion policies**.
- Enhance the **competitiveness of SMEs** (including in agriculture and fisheries) by engaging start-ups in higher-added-value activities and supporting their presence in international markets.
- Strengthen **research, development and innovation (RD&I)** with an emphasis on applied RD&I and information and communication technologies (ICT), particularly in favour of SMEs.
- Develop the potential of the **blue economy** by promoting sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and improved marine ecosystems and aquatic biodiversity.
- Target **environmental investments** to support energy efficiency and provide a clean urban transport.

TARGETS

All funds are designed to support Spain's **socio-economic development**. The expected achievements (**targets**) give an overall view of where Spain should be on key parameters by 2020.



HOW WILL SPAIN ACHIEVE THE EXPECTED RESULTS?

Spain will work towards efficient spending of the EU funds, based on a multidimensional approach.

FULFILLING PRE-CONDITIONS FOR EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT USE OF ESI FUNDS

In order to ensure that ESI Funds are used efficiently and focused on results, the Commission has set some pre-conditions when allocating ESI funds to the Member States.

The main purpose of these conditions, also called 'ex ante conditionalities', is to help all Member States and their regions to tackle issues that past experience has shown to be particularly relevant to the efficient implementation of the Funds. These principles could be linked, for example, to implementation

of EU legislation, the financing of strategic EU projects, or administrative evaluation and institutional capacity.

These *ex-ante* conditionalities cover most investment areas: improvements to regional research and innovation (R&I) strategies as well as strategic plans linked to environment protection, energy resources, transport, employment, social inclusion, health services, education and training.

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND TERRITORIAL TOOLS

- Financial instruments will be available for Spain to support investment in research and innovation, SMEs, new business creation and self-employment and energy efficiency.
- Spain is also part of the SME Initiative which will boost SMEs' growth and job creation.
- ESI Funds will also be used to contribute to integrated sustainable urban development actions and enhanced community-led local development.
- Integrated territorial investments will be used in at least five cases: Blue ITI (Atlantic Strategy), Mar Menor (Murcia), Cádiz, Extremadura (Industrial ITI), and Teruel.

SIMPLIFICATION FOR BENEFICIARIES

Beneficiaries will benefit from a streamlined reporting of expenditure by the greater use of diverse forms of simplified cost options.

SUCCESS STORIES: EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS USING ESI FUNDS (2007-2013)

ESPÍRITU SANTO: NEIGHBOURHOOD REGENERATION THROUGH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The initiative targets the revitalisation of the neighbourhood of Espíritu Santo in Murcia which has seen significant degradation and urban problems in recent years.

The EU-supported project aims to implement an innovative strategy for economic and social regeneration, and sustainable development. The city also sees culture and cultural diversity as a key element of urban development and the knowledge society, as well as linking to other public policies.

Total budget: **EUR 10 745 651**

EU budget contribution to the project from ERDF: **EUR 7 521 956**

More information: <http://europa.eu/!Qj78VB>

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES DEVELOPED TO ENHANCE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN GALICIA

The Galician Department of Health has implemented several strategic programmes, fostering innovative solutions to healthcare issues. "Innova Saúde" is a strategic programme made up of 14 innovation projects such as the introduction of a mobile diagnostic-therapeutic healthcare point, a computer-aided diagnosis system and an integrated system for digitisation and management of clinical information. The 'Hospital 2050' strategic programme introduced initiatives such as hospital robotics and an integrated traceability system for patients and resources.

Total budget: **EUR 90 000 000**

EU budget contribution to the project from ERDF: **EUR 79 200 000**

More information: <http://europa.eu/!Uw88jV>

ROLLING OUT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A project based in Bilbao, Spain is providing professional training pathways for young people who are at risk of long-term unemployment and social exclusion. The Sendotu-Peñascal project offers a variety of trades in which the young people can develop their skills, including metalwork, woodwork, cookery and construction. Training takes place in workshops which are equipped with the latest hi-tech machinery and equipment. This ensures that participants are up to date with the latest innovative methods in their chosen field, which should enhance their employability.

Total budget: **EUR 5 200 000**

EU budget contribution to the project from ESF: **EUR 2 600 000**

More information: <http://europa.eu/!fU93nu>

HELPING ROMA YOUNGSTERS FIND WORK

The Acceder project, which aims to give equal opportunities to Roma youngsters and help them enter the labour market, has involved no less than 13 Spanish regions and over 40 city councils in the country. In the first three years of this ESF-funded project, 6680 Roma received employment contracts, nearly 2500 of whom were women. Some 51 000 mainly young people have used the programme to date, with over 35 000 people launched on personalised labour insertion pathways and a further 11 000 either trained or currently undergoing professional training.

Total budget: **EUR 41 310 000**

EU budget contribution to the project from **ESF: EUR 30 910 000**

More information: <http://europa.eu/!dr68Hq>

EMPREAMAR – BUSINESS MENTORING AND COACHING

The Empreamar project is targeting local people in Galicia (in particular the unemployed from the fisheries sector) by providing business mentoring, coaching and financial support in order to encourage the creation of new sustainable businesses in the fisheries sector. The project has resulted in the creation of 8 new business initiatives in the FLAG area.

Total budget: **EUR 51 800**

EU budget contribution to the project from **EFF: EUR 38 850**

(During the 2007-2013 period, the EMFF was known as European Fisheries Fund or EFF)

More information: <http://europa.eu/!yN43VD>

SUPPORTING A SHORT SUPPLY CHAIN OF LOCAL FOOD

Food producers and providers in the Aragon region have received support for promoting local food through short supply chains via a coordinated system of local and online outlets. Rural residents will not need to travel far to buy food if it is provided locally.

Fewer links in the supply chain also cut costs, reduce vehicle pollution and help make local food more affordable and fresher. Direct sales approaches are promoted as part of the project, enabling stronger relationships between consumers and food providers. The project will also help restaurants and tourist businesses to sell and brand local food as an asset for attracting culinary or cultural tourists.

Total budget: **EUR 3 000 000**

EU budget contribution to the project from **EAFRD: EUR 1 375 000**

More information: <http://www.ponaragonentumesa.com>

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ESI FUNDS IN SPAIN

- ESI Funds: <http://ec.europa.eu/esif>
- ESI Funds Open Data Platform: <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/countries/ES>
- ERDF & CF: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/spain
- ESF: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=378&langId=en>
- YEI: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1176&langId=en>
- EAFRD: http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/index_en.htm
- EMFF: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/emff/doc/op-spain-summary_en.pdf
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