

The European Structural and Investment Funds:

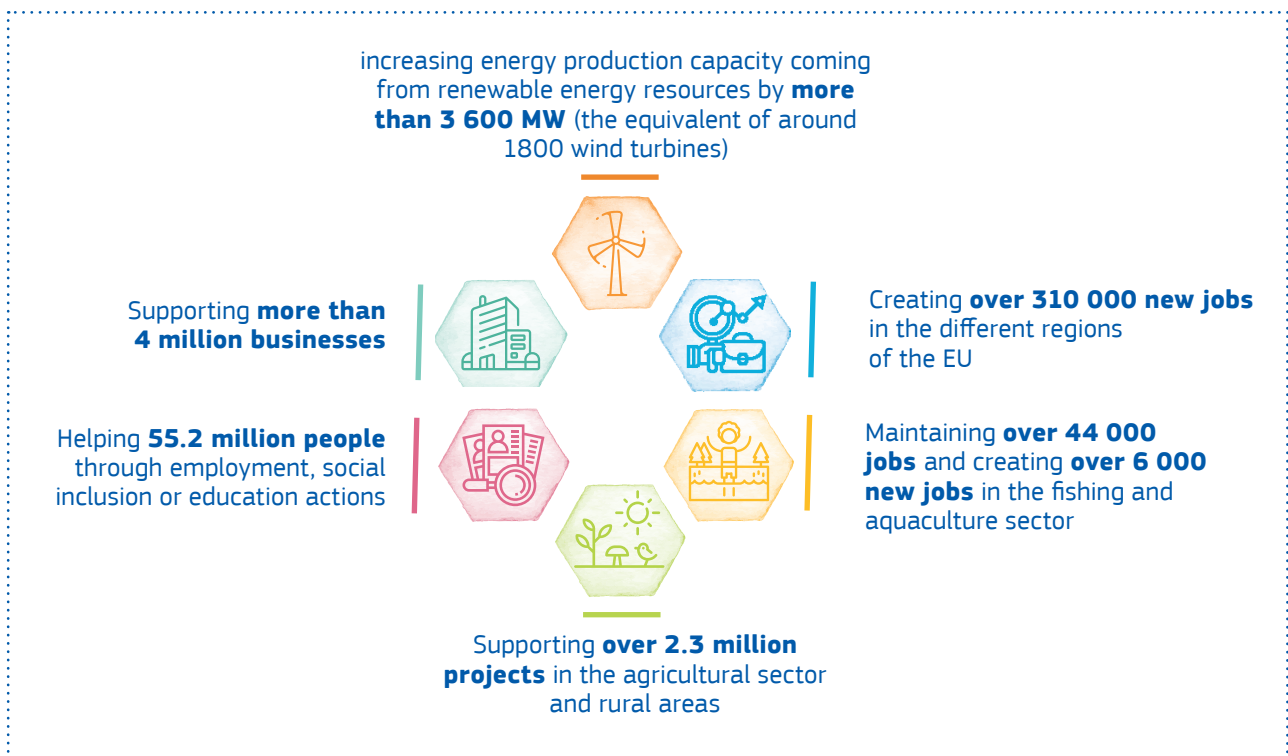
More than 4 million businesses supported so far



2021 State of play on implementation

The European Structural and Investment Funds are the largest investment toolbox under the EU budget. They support the territorial, economic and social cohesion of the Member States and their regions, as well as their resilience and recovery from the crisis faced in the past years.

Main achievements



A net total of €253 billion was paid from the EU budget to the Member States by end-2021 (64% implementation rate), of which €160 billion since the beginning of the pandemic. In 2021 alone, €66 billion were paid to Member States, the highest level since the start of implementation. This support to vulnerable households and enterprises has been key to increase resilience and boost social and regional convergence.

SMART GROWTH	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH	INCLUSIVE GROWTH	ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY	TERRITORIAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	TERRITORIAL COOPERATION
€131 billion spent by projects by end-2021	€174 billion spent by projects by end-2021	€112 billion spent by projects by end-2021	€3.7 billion spent by projects by end-2021	€17 billion spent by projects by end-2021	€8 billion spent by projects by end-2021.
More than 60 000 enterprises cooperated with research institutions, over 6.3 million households benefitted from improved broadband access	460 000 households benefitted from the improved energy performance conditions	6.4 million people found a job thanks to the support available and 8.8 million gained a qualification	840 000 participants supported through capacity building and training activities	26 000 renovated housing units	165 000 people benefitted from cross-border mobility initiatives

Response to health crisis

The additional €50.6 billion made available through REACT-EU allowed cohesion funds to:

- buy 2.9 billion items of personal protective equipment and 11 000 ventilators;
- provide €8.7 billion in emergency support to working capital for SMEs;
- help 805 000 SMEs with working capital;

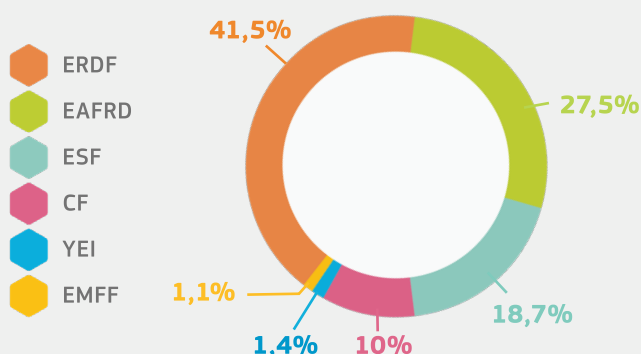
Response to energy crisis

Cohesion Policy financed clean energy, in particular energy efficiency, including building renovation, the development of renewables and energy networks. It helped to:

- increase the energy production capacity coming from renewable energy resources by more than 3 600 MW (the equivalent of around 1 800 wind turbines);
- reduce the annual primary energy consumption of public buildings by 2.6 terawatt hours/year (equivalent to the amount of electricity consumed by around 720 000 households for a whole year).

Overall funding & implementation progress by end-2021

BUDGET BY FUND (PLANNED)



IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS BY FUND, BY END-2021

