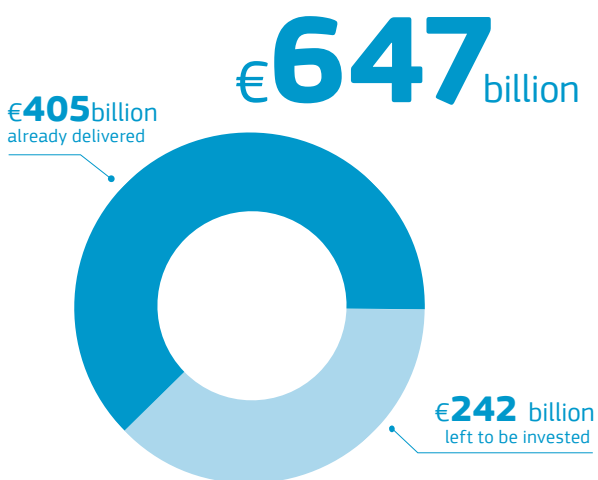


# THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AT WORK

ALREADY €405 BILLION INVESTED IN THE EU REAL ECONOMY SINCE 2014

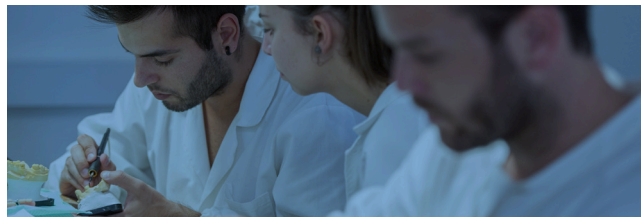


Five years into the 2014-2020 funding period, the implementation of European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds programmes continues at **full speed**, with **€405 billion** already invested in the Europe's real economy by October 2018, which is 63% of the Funds' total envelope. **€242 billion** is left to be invested over the next 2-3 years, with full completion of investment by 2023 when the funding period will close.

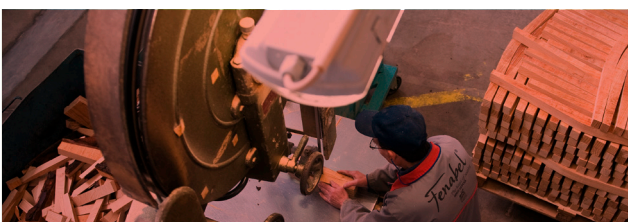
## MAIN RESULTS BY THE END OF 2017



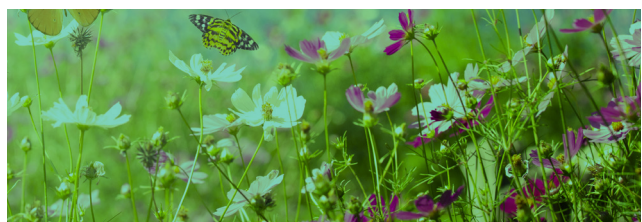
**Overall, 1.7 million** investment projects have been selected for the EU support across Europe, in addition to **2.7 million** of beneficiaries under rural development programmes.



**1 million businesses** have already been supported under the 2014-2020 programmes, compared to 793,490 at the end of 2016. This should lead to the direct creation of 284 000 new jobs under ERDF programmes.



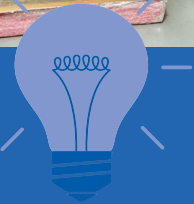
**15.3 million people** have received assistance in finding a job, developing new skills or integrating socially, up from 7.9 million the year before.



**The biodiversity of 26.1 million hectares of agricultural land** have been improved, up from **22.6 million hectares** in 2016.

# INVESTMENTS IN RESEARCH, INNOVATION, DIGITAL PROJECTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES

€34 billion



Invested in research and innovation projects; including **43 500 firms to benefit from selected ERDF schemes promoting cooperation with research institutes** (69% of the target).

€33 billion



Invested to **boost the competitiveness of small businesses**. **321 000 companies** received advisory assistance and **35 300 businesses** received support to launch new products.

€10 billion



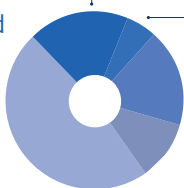
Invested in **digital projects** including **4.3 million households** expected to benefit from access to broadband.

€20 billion



Invested in helping farms holdings to **modernise their infrastructures** and improve their productivity.

€97 billion already invested



€87 billion left to be invested

€184 billion

# INVESTMENTS IN EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND EDUCATION

€30 billion



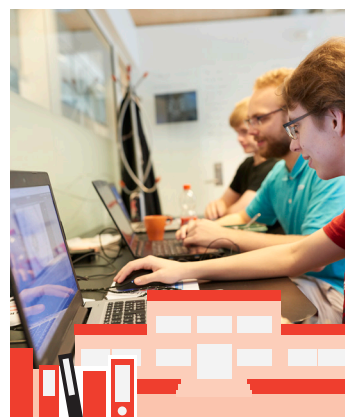
Already invested in projects supporting **quality and lasting employment and labour mobility**, reaching **5.4 million unemployed people**.

€30 billion



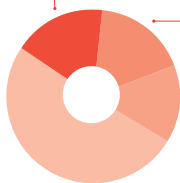
Invested in **social inclusion projects**, leading to a stronger **integration of 1 million vulnerable people**.

€25 billion



Invested in **education and vocational training**, mostly from ESF, to tackle early-school leaving and offer training opportunities for **4.5 million people**. ERDF investments so far will lead to an additional capacity benefiting 1.8 million people in **childcare and school infrastructure**.

€85 billion  
invested



€87 billion  
left to be  
invested

€172 billion

# INVESTMENTS IN THE LOW-CARBON ECONOMY, CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS AND TRANSPORT

€28 billion



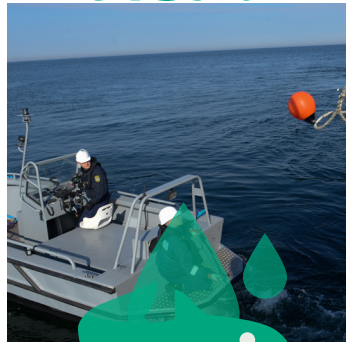
Already invested in **actions supporting a low-carbon economy**, such as energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, leading already to **energy savings for 330.000 households**.

€24 billion



Invested in **climate change adaptation and risk prevention projects**, including **support to more than 17.5 million people under selected flood protection measures**.

€45 billion



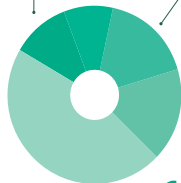
Invested in **the protection of the environment**. **14.5 million people will benefit from improved wastewater treatment and 7.3 million people will enjoy improved water supply**.

€44 billion



Invested in **transport and energy networks**, including the **reconstruction of 2 700 km of railway lines, including TEN-T**.

€142 billion already invested



€122 billion left to be invested

€264 billion

**More than 25% of the total ESI Funds envelope is dedicated to climate related projects**, in line with the EU objective of spending at least 20% of its budget on climate action.