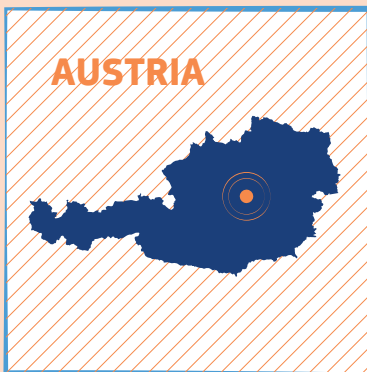




EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

The ERDF programme focuses on supporting research and innovation, the competitiveness of SMEs and the low-carbon economy. The ERDF support granted to enterprises by end 2018 has triggered €250 million of private investment, and has resulted in an employment increase of 811 jobs.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

So far, around 167,000 participants (of which around 57,000 with a migrant background) have taken part in ESF-funded operations. Among specific measures those for the long-term unemployed (19,000), those for persons who are disadvantaged and/or at risk of exclusion (around 13,000), for young people (7,675) and people with a disability (3,760) can be highlighted.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

EAFRD projects have focused on preserving biodiversity, covering so far over 2.4 million hectares - 83% of Austria's agricultural land - and on accompanying the modernisation of farming, with nearly 13,000 farmers supported so far. Besides, thanks to the involvement of local actions groups in LEADER projects, close to 1,200 new jobs were created.

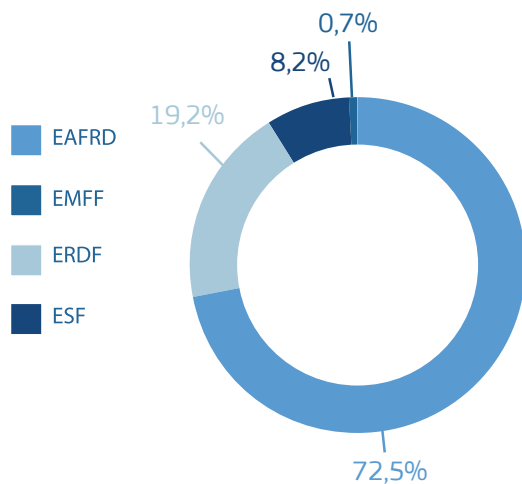


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

€ 4.8 million of EU contribution has been contracted, with 125 projects under implementation. Positive results have already been achieved with 850 new or maintained jobs in aquaculture industry, and support to 3,700 m² of recirculation systems, the most modern technology for fish farming.

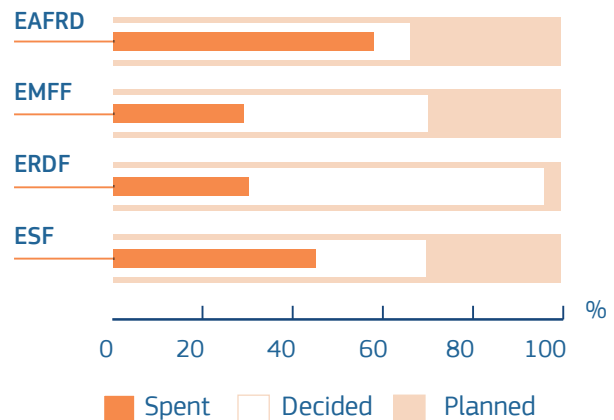
OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Austria

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF) OR COHESION FUND

A state-of-the-art laboratory at the service of energy efficiency

The Energetikum is an interdisciplinary Living Laboratory for more efficient building design, located in Burgenland in the east of Austria. It serves both as a fully functional workspace and as high-tech energy lab. Researchers can develop and test alternative energy supply systems, storage technologies and control strategies on a one-to-one scale. Total investment amounts to €2.3 million, including €1.4 million from the ERDF.

<https://www.forschung-burgenland.at/infrastruktur/energetikum/>



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Youth coaching for more employment opportunities

For Austria it is crucial to use the potential of people and support the youth entering the job market. The youth coaching project "Industrial Quarter Youth Coaching" is implemented in Wiener Neustadt. 2000 young people were provide advice on entering the working life and taking advantage of educational opportunities. Total investment amounts to €1.2 million, including €610,000 from the ESF.

<http://www.integration-noe.at>



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Operational Group Further Development of Organic Winter Vegetables

Knowledge of organic winter vegetables provides farms with the greatest support based on science. The goal of the project is to establish an energy-efficient way of production, to reduce the imports of organic vegetables and to demonstrate alternatives to domestic production in heated greenhouses. Total investment amounts to €185,000 and is entirely covered by the EAFRD

<https://www.zukunftstraumland.at/project/1481>



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Making fresh-water fish production more sustainable

An integrated recirculation plant for the rearing of African catfish was developed and built into a container that can be shifted between farmers who want to adopt the technology. The container stays in each operation for one year. The beneficiary accompanies each term with expertise. The production so far has reached 78 tons. Total investment amounted to €353,000, including 160,000 from EMFF.