



EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Support from the ERDF in Cyprus ranges from helping SMEs improve their competitiveness – supporting 280 firms so far and contributing to the creation of nearly 400 new direct jobs – to improving energy consumption for almost 675 households.



COHESION FUND (CF)

Thanks to the projects selected so far, the equivalent of 3,500 people have benefitted so far from improved wastewater treatment, and 235,000 from more sustainable solid waste management. In addition, the Cohesion Fund has contributed to enhancing sustainable mobility, in particular by upgrading the Limassol Port and its connection with the motorway network.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

The ESF has contributed to major transformations in the Cypriot labour market, in particular by supporting more than 7,500 unemployed people, 1,500 unemployed young people, and 1,000 people living in jobless households. Besides, at least 3,000 people will benefit from upgraded technical and vocational education and training.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Cyprus' Rural Development Programme has contributed, amongst other, to the installation of 180 young farmers (including start-up aid for first installation), and to the creation of 380 new jobs (direct or indirect). It also supported actions improving water management and preventing erosion in 20% of Cyprus's agricultural land. It also contributed with €2.12 million to renewable energy projects - with a total project value of €10 million - in farms and in the agri-food sector.

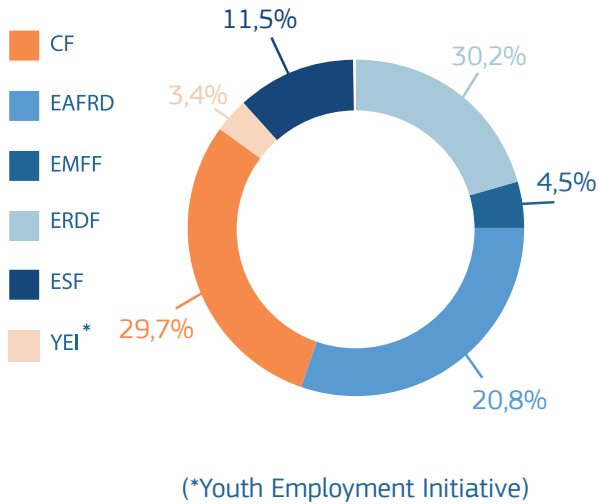


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Almost 60% of the EMFF has been allocated to projects so far, ranging from support to sustainable fisheries, control and data collection, and the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy. Overall, close to 500 projects are being supported.

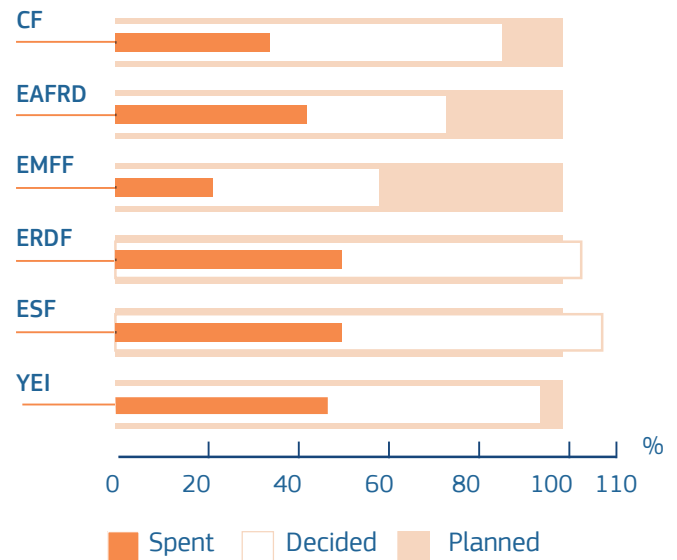
OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Cyprus

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



COHESION FUND (CF)

Amoresustainablemanagement of solid waste

The solid waste facility created in Limassol contributed to the harmonization of Cyprus with the EU acquis and provided for a safer disposal and recycling of waste. Besides, in addition to the jobs created during the construction process, 42 permanent positions were generated. The population served by the project is of approximately 235,000 people. Total investment amounted to €54 million (85% financed by the Cohesion Fund, of which €27 million in the period 2014-20).



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Education for all

The project "Actions for school and social inclusion" has contributed to putting in place actions for the social inclusion of vulnerable groups in almost 100 schools, reaching so far almost 15% of all pupils in Cyprus. It is expected to reduce educational failure rates, delinquency and early school leaving, and to boost social welfare and ease inclusion for the economically disadvantaged. The total budget amounts to €29 million, including €25 million from the ESF. <https://www.structuralfunds.org.cy/en/Drase>



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Construction of recycled water reservoir and distribution network for irrigation

The project concerns the construction of a 500,000 m³ reservoir, which will store during the winter period the excess recycled water from the wastewater treatment plant of Anthoupolis. The water will then be used for agricultural irrigation during the summer season. The construction of the accompanying water transport projects is also planned, such as pumping stations and a pipeline network of about 20 km. The project contributes to fresh water savings and increased efficiency in agricultural irrigation. The cost of the project is estimated at €6.5 million and EAFRD financing amounts to €3.5 million.



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Promoting sustainable fisheries

"Kitiana Fisheries" produces sea bream and sea bass; it received EMFF funding in 2014 for the acquisition of a new fish feeder, 10 new fish cages and anti-predator nets. In 2015, the harvest produced 389 tonnes of fish and in 2018 the annual production reached the objective of 1,000 tonnes. The company managed to achieve a decrease in production costs and an increase in production volume. Total investment: €375,000, including €140,000 from the EMFF.