



EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

ERDF-funded programs have led to numerous economic, social and environmental advancements. Since 2014, they have supported 18,278 enterprises and 2000 start-ups and helped the creation of 7,100 new jobs, especially in SMEs and the R&I-sector. Besides, 121,000 persons benefit from finished flood protection projects.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Although the ESF support in Germany represents a small budget, it has had real value added both at federal and land level. Beneficiaries (total 1,320,493) are mainly long term unemployed (181,000), disadvantaged people (155,000), people with a migrant background (393,000) and young people (103,000)



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Thanks to the EAFRD, more than 5,000 farmers were supported in their modernisation operations, and 321 local action groups were selected in the framework of LEADER, thereby contributing to local development strategies in rural areas. Moreover, 155 operational groups are now working under the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI).

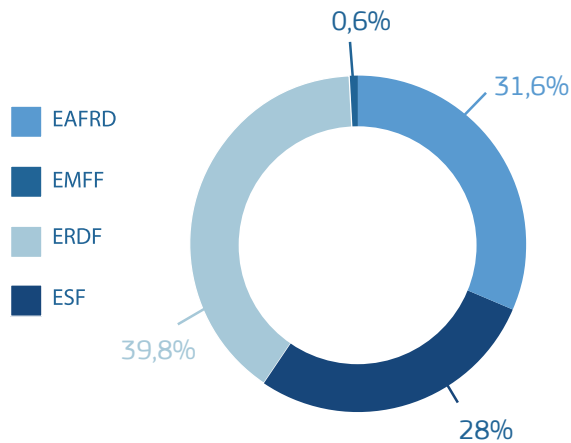


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

EMFF has supported over 1,400 projects so far, including 500 fishermen approximately. These projects covered aquaculture in particular, and had a positive impact on local development initiatives (in the framework of the Community-lead local development tool) and marketing of fisheries products.

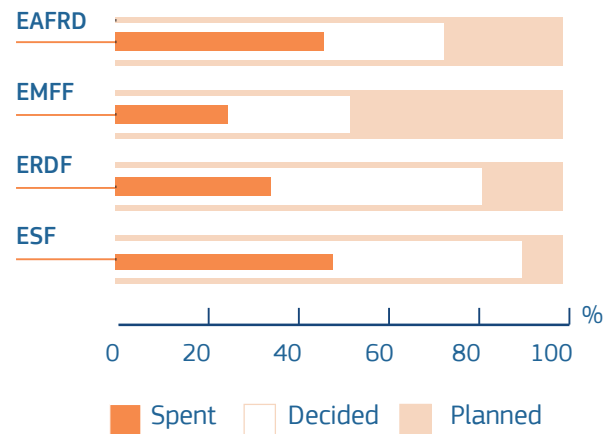
OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Germany

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



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Virtual reality: when innovation meets entertainment

Transfer of research between science and economy in practice: since 2016, the University of Applied Sciences (HTW Berlin) and the Konzerthaus Berlin have been working jointly on "Apollo", a virtual music experience. By using the Konzerthaus+ App, everyone can rearrange a 3D string quartet, or, by slipping on a pair of virtual reality glasses, stand in the middle of a performing orchestra. Total investment: €2.3 million, including €1 million from the ERDF.

<https://www.konzerthaus.de/en/virtuelles-konzerthaus>



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Better qualifications for people with a foreign background

The new programme „ESF training and qualification within the context of the Recognition Act“ helps people with a foreign background earn the qualifications they need so that their foreign professional and education credentials are fully recognised in Germany. The programme includes qualification measures for regulated professions, upskilling courses, bridging measures for university graduates and preparation for external examination. Total budget: €55 million, including over €31 million from the ESF.

<https://www.esf.de/portal/DE/Foerderperiode-2014-2020/ESF-Programme/bmfsfj/perspektive-wiedereinstieg-potenziale-erschließen.html>



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Transparency from the store to the producer

The cooperation project "Creating transparency from the store to the producer" involves 50 regional education coordinators spread throughout Lower Saxony and Bremen. They organise some 4,500 events per year on 400 farms and reach around 100,000, mostly children, on the subject of agriculture, nutrition and environment. Total investment: €7.8 million, including €6.2 million from the EAFRD.

<https://www.transparenz-schaffen.de/>



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

More protection for marine mammals

Harbour porpoises get regularly caught in the fishing nets while breathing air at the water's surface. The Porpoise Alerts (PALs) emits a life-like porpoise communication signal, keeping the marine mammals away from the nets by using same frequency as porpoise for echolocation. Thanks to this project, porpoise by-catches in the western Baltic could be reduced by more than 80 % using this device. 1500 PALs are currently being used in Schleswig-Holstein. Total cost: €431,000, including €323,000 from the EMFF.

<https://www.thuenen.de/de/of/projekte/fischerei-umwelt-ostsee/schweinswale-retten-deutsche-fischer-im-wettbewerb-staerken-pal-projekt/>