



EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

170,000 additional households have benefitted from improved access to broadband, and another 19,000 households from energy saving measures. Moreover, close to 19,000 enterprises have been supported to enhance their competitiveness, generating so far 6,300 direct jobs.



COHESION FUND (CF)

The Cohesion Fund supports transport and environmental projects, such as anti-flood, waste and solid waste management. For example, 42,800 people have benefitted from improved water supply and wastewater facilities, and 40 municipalities - totalling 900,000 inhabitants - are now being served by modern waste treatment plants.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Almost 400,000 unemployed (including long-term) people have been supported, and over 63,000 young not in employment, education or training benefitted from the Youth Employment Initiative. Moreover, 240,000 people have had access to improved health services, and almost 155,000 childcare vouchers were granted to low-income families.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Over 1,300 jobs have been created with the support of the EAFRD, and 10,500 persons have benefitted from life-long learning and vocational training. So far, EAFRD-supported actions have covered approximately 410,000 hectares for transition to and maintenance of organic farming, and 120,000 hectares for agri-environmental-climate actions commitments.

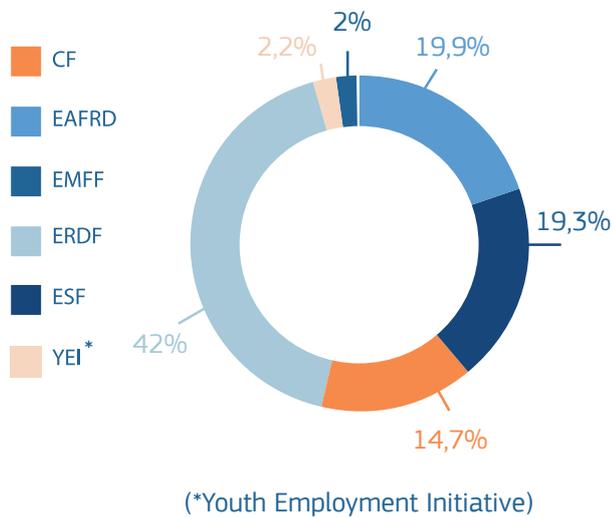


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

More than 1,000 projects were contracted, representing nearly half of Greece's EMFF budget. The most advanced sectors are sustainable fisheries, control and data collection, and the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy.

OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Greece

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

More sustainable electricity for the Cyclades

The interconnection of the Cyclades with the continental electricity grid moves the islands from producing electricity using obsolete diesel generators to electricity obtained from natural gas. The benefits are estimated to around €80 million in savings per year. The project contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 24,485 tons of CO₂ and creates the necessary infrastructure for the exploitation of the significant renewable power potential in the islands. Total investment for 2014-2020: €273 million, including €135 million from the ERDF.

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EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Spurring apprenticeship nationwide as a route to excellence

The new 'Post-Lyceum Year - Apprenticeship Class in Greece' programme became a reality in 2017, introducing the 'apprenticeship class' as a fourth optional year of study for vocational senior high school graduates. The programme has developed successfully with steady increases in the number of apprentices (+230%), areas of specialisation and number of schools, providing young people in Greece with more employment prospects. Total investment: €44.2 million, including €34.5 million from the ESF.

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EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Climbing higher thanks to local development initiatives

The Leonidio Climbing Park in Peloponnese is a LEADER-supported project that has created opportunities for diversified local economic development. The project allowed the opening of 600 new climbing routes and the creation of a climbing festival (attracting more than 1,500 visitors in 2018). Overall, it benefited the whole region and led to the creation of at least 10 jobs. Total budget: €96,000, including €56,000 from EAFRD.

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EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Simplifying maritime transport through IT

This project creates an information system compatible where ship owners will notify, prior to entering or departing from a Greek port, all reporting formalities required in accordance with the legal acts of the Union. Through the electronic transmission of this information, maritime transport is facilitated and the administrative burden on shipping companies is reduced. Total investment: €1.14 million, including €860,000 from the EMFF.