

EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday 2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION





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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

By 2018, investments driven by ERDF have led to over 11,000 researchers working in improved research infrastructures; 1,400,000 additional households with access to broadband of at least 30 Mbps; 200,000 pupils benefitting of improved childcare or education infrastructure, and an additional 390,000 people served by improved wastewater treatment.

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Over 4 million activities were organised so far with ESF in Spain, of which almost 42 % led to qualifications and 20 % to jobs. Over 20 % were social inclusion measures including almost 500,000 migrants and over 500,000 persons with disabilities. Besides, 765,000 young people benefitted from the YEI.

EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

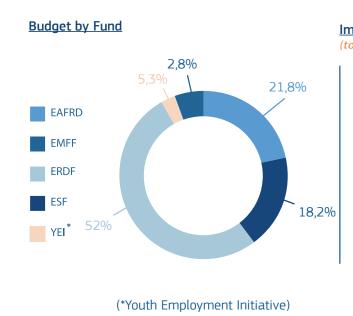
Over 14,000 agricultural holdings received support from EARDF and 1.1 million hectares of area of organic farming received support for conversion and maintenance. Moreover, almost 12 million people from rural areas (over half of the rural population) have been covered by local development strategies.

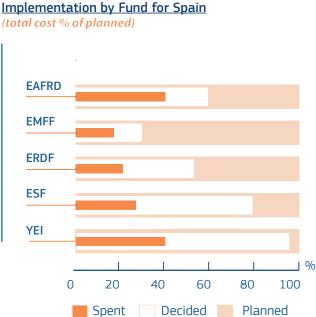
EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Over 6,700 operations have been supported so far by the EMFF. Public support is contributing in the development of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, control and data collection, processing and marketing; and support to community-led local development.

Regional and Urban Policy

OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS





EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Taking neurological research to another level

The project "Construction and Equipping of the Pasqual Maragall Building" in Barcelona (https://fpmaragall.org/lafundacion/infraestructuras/), contributes to supporting research in Alzheimer and other related neurodegenerative diseases. The research infrastructure allows the Pasqual Maragall Foundation to develop a scientific programme focused on the prevention of the Alzheimer disease. To date, this research facility hosts 18 researchers conducting fieldwork and scientific research. Total investment: €5 million, including €2.5 million from ERDF. https://fpmaragall.org/la-



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Digital skills for vulnerable people

Fundación Secretariado Gitano, the Spanish Red Cross and the Accenture Foundation are bringing technology and digital skills to highly vulnerable people. The Empleando Digital programme enhances their digital inclusion and employability, through innovative pathways, trainings and gualifications. Almost 10,000 people from 13 Spanish regions participated. Total budget: €1.2 million, including €960,000 from the FSF

https://www.gitanos.org/ actualidad/archivo/121527.html



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Supporting youth in rural areas

The Odisseu project focuses on people under the age of 40, and provides solutions to curb their rural exodus and promotes their professional integration. The project provides young people with information on job opportunities in rural businesses, employment and social context, fostering entrepreneurship, improving employability, and facilitating their commitment with the rural territory. Total investment: over 100,000, including €43,000 from the EAFRD.

www.odisseujove.cat



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Sustainable and modern aquaculture thanks to renewable energies

With the support of the EMFF, Punta Moreiras, a land-based turbot fish farm located in Galicia, has made a great contribution to sustainable aquaculture, the lowcarbon economy and innovative practices in coastal communities altogether: it generates electricity via a solar energy source of 150 kilowatts to pump seawater into the cultivation tanks. Total investment: €160,000, including €60,000 from the EMFF. www.barlovento.net

https://fpmaragall.org/lafundacion/infraestructuras