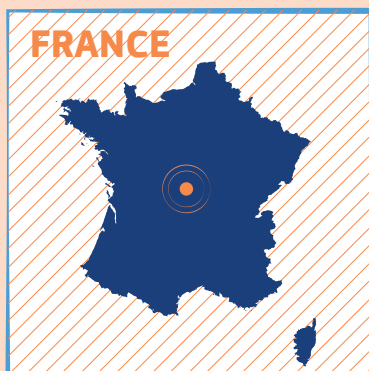




# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS:

## Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



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### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

With the support of the ERDF, 38,000 households have benefitted from energy-renovated buildings, over 1 million others have better access to broadband, and 22,000 have been served by improved wastewater treatment. Besides, over 36,800 new direct jobs have been created so far through support to firms, and the equivalent of 1,600 new researchers have been recruited.



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

More than 2 million unemployed people have benefitted from ESF-supported projects, via either training programmes or accompanying measures. Out of these 2 million, more than a third were long-term unemployed persons. 850,000 inactive people and almost 1.2 million young people below 25 years old were also accompanied.



### EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

EAFRD supported so far 14,000 farm investments and the setting-up of 12,000 young farmers. Agri-environment-climate commitments have covered nearly 3.5 million hectares, and over half of the population in rural areas is covered by local strategies promoting social inclusion and economic development.

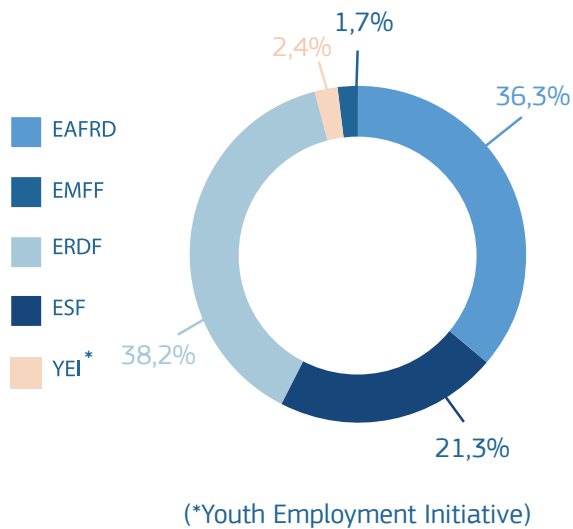


### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

EMFF has supported more than 1,400 projects so far, promoting scientific knowledge and control of fishing activities, as well as innovation in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. About 650 projects of investments in aquaculture, notably on resource and energy efficiency, are contributing greatly to the sustainability of the sector.

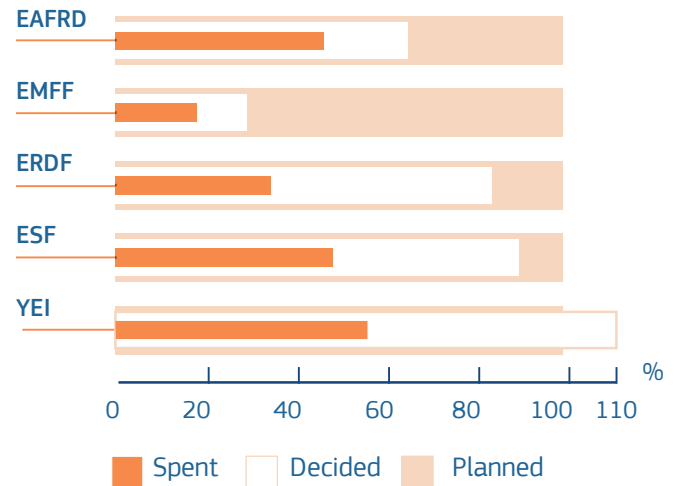
## OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

### Budget by Fund



### Implementation by Fund for France

(total cost % of planned)



## EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

#### Competitiveness beyond borders

The COMPETITIV'eko project has established cross border cooperation and knowledge exchange between SMEs, business clusters, technological centres and economic development agencies in the Basque Country and Navarre in Spain, and New Aquitaine in France. Aimed at boosting the competitiveness of companies with few resources, it focuses on areas selected under the regions' smart specialisation strategies. This will enable each region to develop its own competitive advantages where common interests exist. Total investment: €1 million, including 650,000 EUR from the ERDF. <http://www.competitiveko.eu/>



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

#### Helping young adults with disabilities overcome professional hurdles

In the area of Clermont-Ferrand (Auvergne), a training programme was set up to enable young adults with disabilities (autism of various types) to develop a professional project and then to enter a standard working environment. The implementation of these projects, lasting between 6 and 18 months, includes a period of immersion in enterprises. Total investment: €61,600, including nearly €37,000 from the ESF.



### EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

#### Mitigating local poverty through house renovation

Enerterre association's project "Fighting against energy poverty" got the first prize of the 2019 Rural Inspiration Awards in the „Social Inclusion“ category. This association promotes the voluntary renovation of traditional houses for the benefit of people in poverty. Using support in the framework of a LEADER local strategy, 14 households underwent renovation and additional 18 households received advice and information. Total investment: €41,500, including over 33,000 from the EAFRD. [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/projects-practice/enerterre-fighting-against-energy-poverty\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/projects-practice/enerterre-fighting-against-energy-poverty_en)



### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

#### Upcycling salmon skin for leather

The salmon processing company Maison Casteigt launched an innovative project focusing on the transformation of salmon skin into environment-friendly tanned leather. The first prototype was finalised in 2018 in partnership with an Italian textile company. The project employed two research consultants specialised in the raw material and the preparation of salmon leather. Total investment: €87,000, including 30,000 from EMFF. <http://www.maisoncasteigt.com/tag/cuir/>