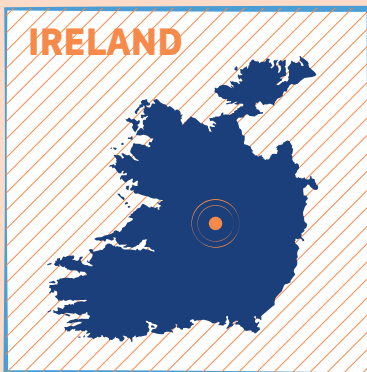




# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

## 2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

With the support of ERDF, strategic research centres funded 1,013 enterprises which employed 1,011 new researchers. Financial and non-financial support was granted to approximately 110,000 enterprises and 109,708, resulting in over 5,600 full time jobs. Besides, 12,600 households have benefitted from improved energy classification.



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

European Social Fund projects in Ireland focus in particular on the activation of unemployed, improving social and labour market inclusion, enhancing education attainment and tackling youth unemployment. Since 2014, nearly 200,000 unemployed persons, 48,000 persons with disabilities and 19,000 single parents have been supported.



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

In 2018, rural development funding supported farming that promoted biodiversity, enhanced the landscape, and improved the quality of water, air and soil on 1.5 million hectares. Training has been provided to 92,000 beneficiaries. Farm investments have increased productivity with around 5%.

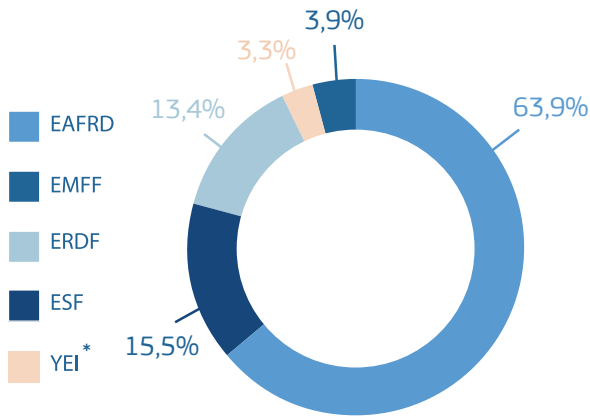


### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

By 2018, around 51 €million were spent in funding more than 1,215 projects. Out of these, 200 projects (about €2.5 million) were implemented to protect and restore the marine biodiversity, including restoration of different fish stocks (e.g. crayfish, skate and ray, oyster) and mitigation of fishery and aquaculture impacts on NATURA2000 sites.

## OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

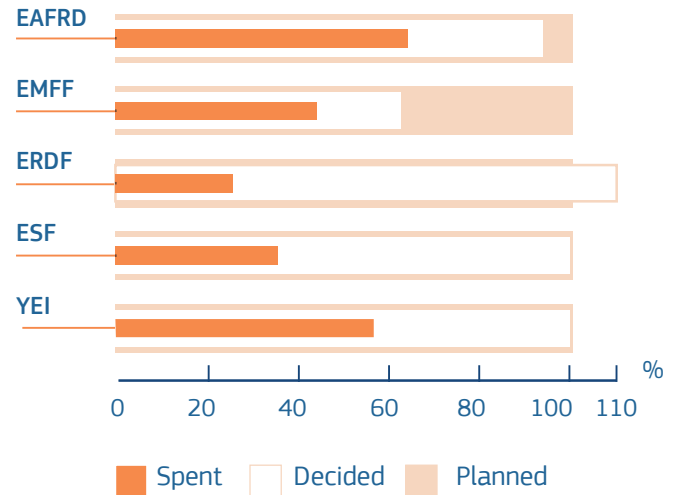
### Budget by Fund



(\*Youth Employment Initiative)

### Implementation by Fund for Ireland

(total cost % of planned)



## EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

#### Athlone Urban Development Project

The project is revitalising the heart of Athlone by creating an attractive and vibrant town centre contributing to the sustained and future growth of the town. Widening the pavements and allowing pedestrians to move freely down the street, the newly enhanced Church Street is now a welcoming, attractive and enjoyable space allowing the area to flourish as a thriving shopping, business and social district. Total cost is €3 million, including €1.5 million from the ERDF.



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

#### Putting youth back on track

Garda Youth Diversion Projects (GYDPs) are community-based crime prevention initiatives, which seek to divert young people who have become involved in crime/anti-social behaviour and to support wider preventative work within the community and with families at risk. GYDPs aim is to engage young people in a process of learning and development that enables them to make positive lifestyle choices. Total budget: €2.2 million, including 1 million from the ESF. <http://iyjs.ie/en/iyjs/pages/home>



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

#### Hen Harrier Project

The project aims to deliver sustainable benefits for biodiversity, upland ecosystems and a vibrant local rural economy by building strong partnerships with farmers who have land designated as Special Protection Areas for breeding Hen Harrier through a practical, results-based approach to farming for conservation. Total investment is €25 million, including almost €14 million from the EAFRD. <http://www.henharrierproject.ie/about.html>



### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

#### Fishing for Litter

'Fishing for Litter' project enabled around 90 commercial fishing boats to retrieve more than 190 tonnes of litter so far from the marine environment and return it to shore. This project provides an example of how cost-effective operations can contribute to the achievement of important results. Total cost of the project is €140,000, with €70,000 support from the EMFF. <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-175441>