



# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS:

Making the difference, everyday 2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION













#### **EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)**

By 2019, investments driven by EU Funds have already led to 22 researchers working in improved R&D infrastructure facilities, 12 firms cooperating with research institutions and 2,161 households with improved energy consumption classification.

#### **EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)**

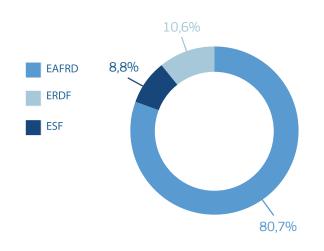
The ESF provides financial support for the sustainable professional integration of jobseekers, inactive persons and young people, active inclusion, and skills development through better access to lifelong learning. By the end of 2018, more than 13,000 participants had benefitted from ESF projects.

## EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

The EAFRD funding supported already 101 farms with investments for restructuring and modernisation and 81 young farmers for generational renewal. To stimulate biodiversity, water and soil management, about 70,000 ha are covered by agri-environment-climate commitments and 4,400 ha by organic farming. 32% of the population is supported to promote social inclusion and local development in rural areas.

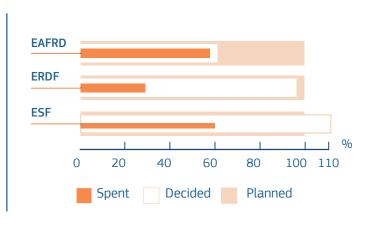
#### **OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

## **Budget by Fund**



#### Implementation by Fund for Luxembourg

(total cost % of planned)



#### **EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS**



# EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

## Energy Cells GR

Luxembourg, the Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate regions of Germany, Lorraine in France and Wallonia in Belgium are taking part in this Interreg project. Each of the four energy cells in the Grande Région is a virtual power plant balancing electricity production and consumption by using storage capacities within the cell or by exchanging excess power with other interconnected cells (also as cross-border transfer) via smart grids on distribution grid level. The objective is to integrate large shares of renewable energy into the power systems. The total cost of the project is €1.5 million, including an ERDF contribution of more than €900,000.

https://ec.europa.eu/regional policy/en/projects/germany/ energy-cells-transformingcross-border-renewable-powersupply-in-the-greater-region



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

#### YouthYourFuture

The project YouthYourFuture targets young people aged 16-29 without qualification or work experience to help them increase their employability in relation to the needs of the labour market through four stages, including training (soft and digital skills), assessment of skills and attitudes, individual and collective coaching, vocational guidance and finalization of a sustainable professional project. 540 participants are expected over two years: 180 in 2019 and 360 in 2020. The total cost of investment is €2,9 million, with an ESF contribution of over €1.4 million.

http://www.fonds-europeens. public.lu/fr/projets-cofinances/ fse/2014-2020/1077/index.html



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

# Vun der Atert' – quality meat production

Using support from LEADER, consumers producers and formed a partnership that developed a community-based meat production model. The concept was tested by five local breeders. Consumers prepay the farmers for a period of six months or one year and, in return, they receive insights and influence the production process. For example, consumers can give the farmer a low-cost loan to enable the construction of a courtyard, or to convert to organic production. The total cost of the project is €18,000, including an EAFRD contribution of nearly €12,000.

https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/ projects-practice/cooperativevun-der-atert-communitybased-model-quality-meatproduction\_en