



EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

The ERDF invests in R&D and innovation, including in low carbon technologies, leveraging also private investment. At the end of 2018, over 5,000 enterprises have been supported of which over 2,000 to introduce new products to the market. Almost 600 enterprises received support to cooperate with research institutions.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

75% of the ESF allocation is dedicated to active inclusion. At the end of 2018, nearly 550,000 people were supported on their way to the labour market, an impressive result given the variety of individual needs to be addressed. Over 1,800 persons received support from the ESF to enhance their sustainable employability.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

By the end of 2018, the Rural Development Programme has supported 470 innovative investments aiming to increase the competitiveness of farms, provided training to 819 farmers and supported over 1,100 farms in quality schemes. For restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems, approximately 80,000 hectares of agricultural land is covered by agri-environment-climate commitments.

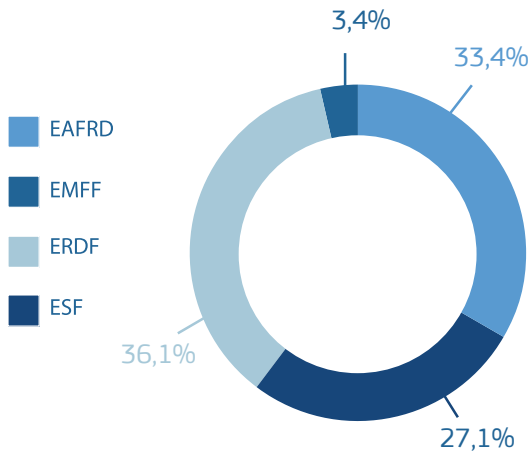


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

At the end of 2018, 59% of the EMFF budget was committed to more than 125 projects. The Netherlands has increased and improved its actions directly contributing to the Common Fisheries Policy objectives e.g. into control of fishing activities while also investing in innovative projects in fisheries.

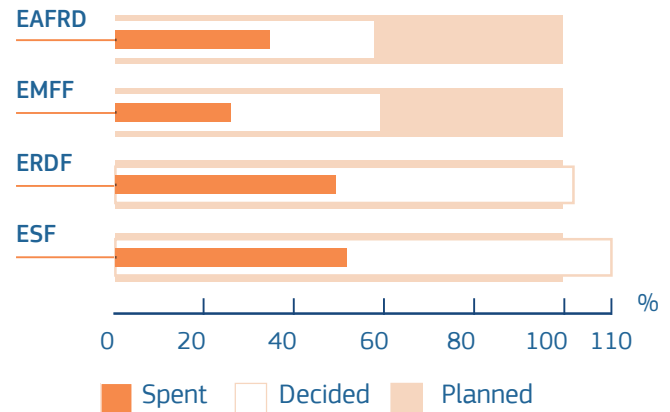
OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Netherlands

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Biotex Fieldlab - producing textile from biopolymers

The BioTex Fieldlab project in Limburg develops textile fibres from bio-based polymers, to replace products made from petroleum-based polymers. Research teams, large companies and SMEs joined forces in the lab to develop prototype clothing, carpets, and textiles from a new range of biopolymers. The project is also developing an innovative network for R&D cooperation that is open to further organisations. The total cost of the project amounts to over €2.5 million, including €570,000 ERDF contribution.

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/biotex-fieldlab>



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Innovative approaches in labour market integration

The municipality of Leiden adopts an innovative approach to integrate recognised refugees into the labour market by adapting successful approaches used recently to prevent long-term unemployment of young people. The project works with groups of 50 people of which on average 35% find a sustainable job. This result exceeds that of other approaches with an average of 8-10% reaching the labour market. 267 persons participated in the project. The total cost is €380,000 including €190,000 ESF contribution.

<http://www.jongerenopdearbeidsmarkt.nl/index.php/project-jas>



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Improved animal welfare in eggs and poultry production

Kipster has chosen for their production chain to be as sustainable and animal-friendly as possible. The company is using EAFRD funding to combine the production of eggs and quality rooster meat, setting an example of how animal welfare can be combined with environmentally-friendly practices and profitability. The company invested in a modular rearing system applying animal welfare standards recognised as 'Better life' quality mark. The total cost of the project is €770,000, including €125,000 EAFRD contribution.

<http://www.kipster.nl>



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

High-tech in fish classification

The aim of the project, implemented by the Wageningen Marine Research institute, is to develop methods for species determination and size estimation based on data collected on board of commercial vessels equipped with broadband echo sounders. These methods are fed into a software for near-real time viewing, enabling skippers to take better-informed decisions while fishing and to avoid unwanted catch. The total cost of the project is €797,000, including €598,000 EMFF contribution.

<https://www.wur.nl/en/Publication-details.htm?publicationId=publication-way-353333383235>