



# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS:

## Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Through the ERDF support to firms, at least 4,600 new jobs have been created so far. The projects implemented so far have also helped Portugal improve its research and innovation ecosystem. For example, close to 100 new researchers are working in improved infrastructures. Regarding education, over 16,000 children have benefitted so far from school-renovation projects.



### COHESION FUND (CF)

The Cohesion Fund has helped Portugal address its development needs in environment and transport. For example, the projects implemented so far have allowed over 460,000 people to benefit from forest fire protection measures, and the additional waste recycling capacity has reached 7,500 tonnes per year. Regarding transport, the total length of reconstructed or upgraded railway line in the framework of the Trans-European Transport Network has reached 52 km so far.



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

The ESF has provided support to the professional integration of 84,000 young people. Moreover, 950,000 participants received training. Regarding education, the ESF contributed to the reduction of early school leaving by supporting over 236,000 young students, and other 117,000 Higher Education students received ESF grants.



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

Nearly 15,000 farms have received support so far for investing in restructuring or modernisation, including 3,700 concerning young farmers. Besides, almost 8% of the total agricultural land has been supported for organic farming, and the rural population covered by local development strategies goes beyond 5 million inhabitants (95 of total rural population)

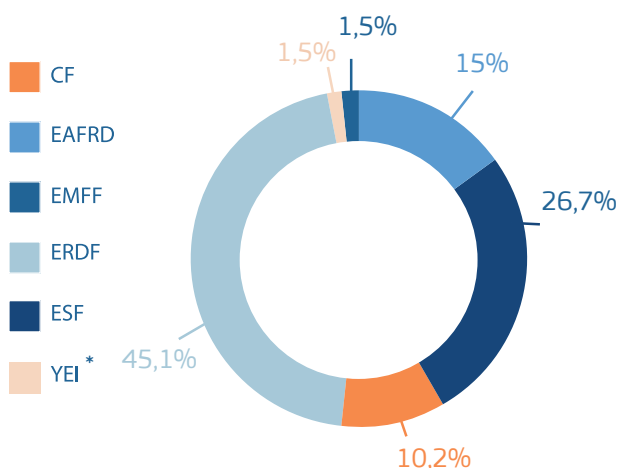


### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Over 2,500 projects have been supported so far under the EMFF, with a specific focus on sustainable and resource-efficient fisheries, modernising and diversifying production of aquaculture and processing sectors.

## OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

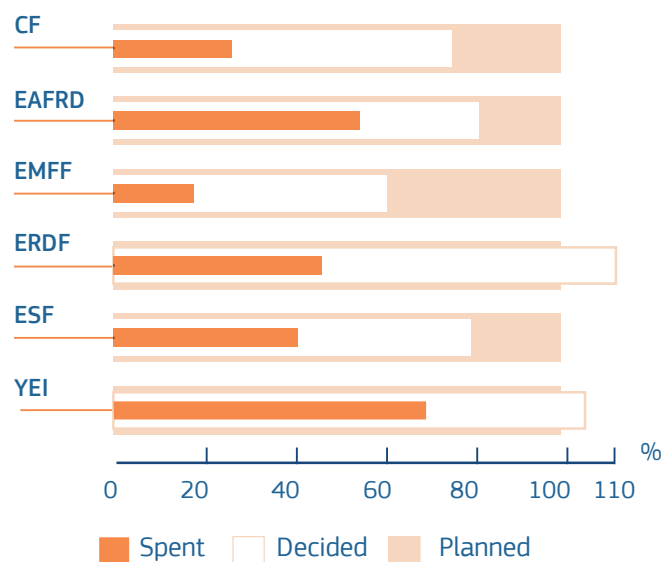
### Budget by Fund



(\*Youth Employment Initiative)

### Implementation by Fund for Portugal

(total cost % of planned)



## EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



### COHESION FUND

#### Tough on urban waste

A project promoting environmental strategic communication to recover urban waste is being implemented in Alentejo, Algarve, Lisbon, Centro and Norte regions. It consists in increasing the prevention of urban waste, as well as optimising selective collection by the different enterprises of the sector. Total investment: €2.6 million, including €2.2 million from the Cohesion Fund.

<http://www.valorsul.pt/en>



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

#### Investing in human capital

The ESF-supported project at the Employment and Training Centre of Évora provides adult education and training for adults, to improve qualifications, employability, social and vocational inclusion. Over 500 participants were supported, 60% of which were employed 6 months after leaving. Total investment: €3.93 million, of which €3.3 million from the ESF. <https://www.iefp.pt/detalheservico?id=324835>



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

#### When higher competitiveness meets lower carbon footprint

Lourofood, a cheese factory in the north of Portugal, was helped to renovate its facilities, doubling the storage capacity and purchasing production equipment. The new equipment allows the reduction of waste, together with the reduction of the energy costs (by reinforcing the consumption of renewable energy) making the company more competitive while reducing the carbon footprint. Total cost: €2.5 million, including €707,000 from the EAFRD.

[https://www.adcoesao.pt/sites/default/files/11-\\_lourofood.pdf](https://www.adcoesao.pt/sites/default/files/11-_lourofood.pdf)



### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

#### The resurgence of an oyster farming tradition

With the project "Portoceano", the capacity of oyster production in the bay of Setúbal will increase from 100 tons to 650 tons. It will contribute to the resurgence of an activity that has already had significant social and economic importance in the past, with the aim to create a national oyster "brand" to be marketed globally. Total investment: €2.6 million, including €1 million from the EMFF.

[https://mar2020.blob.core.windows.net/mar2020/2019/11/Brochura\\_AQUICULTURA.pdf](https://mar2020.blob.core.windows.net/mar2020/2019/11/Brochura_AQUICULTURA.pdf)