



EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



 #EUinmyregion

 EUinmyregion



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Thanks to the ERDF support, over 6,400 SMEs extended their activities to regional, national and international markets, 193 enterprises are cooperating with research institutions, above 2,800 can benefit from access to at least 100Mbit/s broadband, and 279 could introduce new to the market products.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Funding from the ESF has promoted skills development and employability for men, women and youth far from the labour market. In total, more than 160,000 people have benefitted from the support. More than 25,000 participants with a foreign background or from minorities have been supported by the ESF and the Youth Employment Initiative.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Thanks to EAFRD co-financing, nearly 270,000 hectares of agriculture land are under management contracts to improve water management, over 446,000 hectares to support biodiversity and/or landscapes, and almost 315,000 hectares to improve soil management and/or to prevent soil erosion.

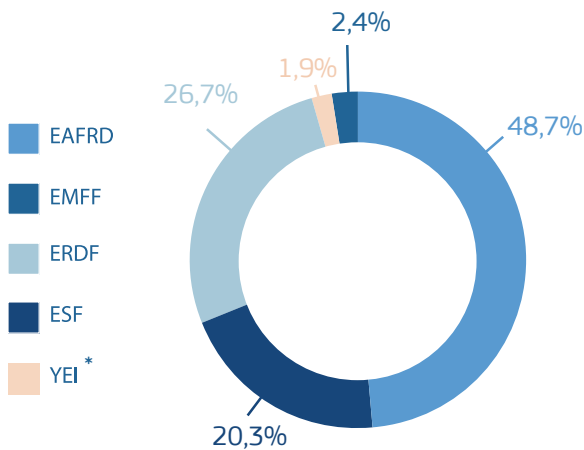


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

By end 2018, €52.1 million or 43.39% of the EMFF budget was committed. Projects focus on conservation measures, innovation and productive investments, value added, landing obligation, and business creation. Increases in value and volume and net profits have been achieved and jobs and business created.

OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

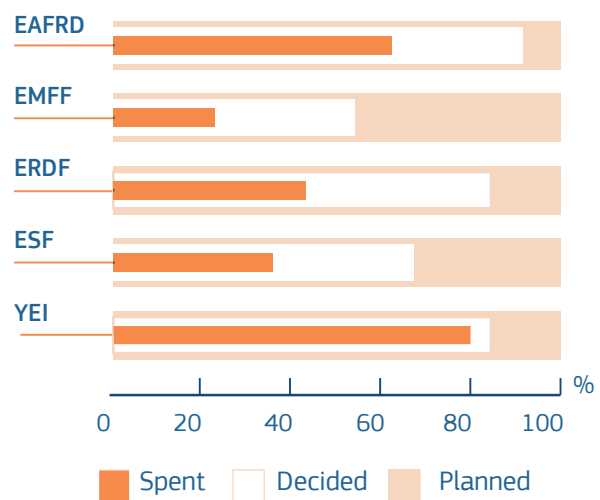
Budget by Fund



(*Youth Employment Initiative)

Implementation by Fund for Sweden

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Sustainability support for small and medium sized food companies

The MatLust project aims to strengthen growth and sustainability within the food industry in the Stockholm region. MatLust offers development programmes, testbeds, networks and other forms of support for small and medium sized food companies that want to grow and work actively with sustainability. They vision to establish a permanent regional knowledge centre and a creative meeting spot for food and sustainability in Södertälje. The total budget is €3 million of which €1.5 million is funded by the ERDF. <https://matlust.eu>



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Quicker integration into the labour market

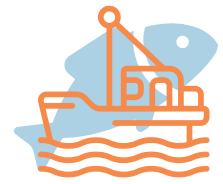
Project Mirjam focused on newly arrived women far from the labour market. It aimed to find methods and ways that help shorten the time from arrival to education and work. The participants - 733 women in total - took part in labour market policy programs such as work internship and adult education to a greater extent than the control group, and more frequently started in "new start jobs" ("nystartsjobb") compared to the control group. The total budget is €2.4 million of which €1.6 million is funded by the ESF. <https://www.esf.se/Resultat/Projektbanken-2014-2020/Alla-Projekt/Mirjam/>



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Expanded biogas and fertiliser production capacity

Support from the rural development programme was used to buy new machinery such as additional compressors and to expand the production capacity of a biogas plant of Alvesta Biogas. The plant produces 1.5 million kg of biogas annually and also 'bio-fertiliser' which is used by the farmers who run the plant and which the company also sells to other farmers. The total budget is €284,000 of which €46,000 is funded by EAFRD. <http://www.alvestabiogas.se/>



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Fresh local delicacies in the harbour

Blå Hoddan Fisk sells fresh fish caught using their own small-scale vessels. Their store in Malmö is protected for its cultural heritage. The EMFF support was spent on the premises and kitchen equipment required to open the first local restaurant in the harbour. The company can now add more value to their catches, both in the form of new products, and by contributing to a thriving harbour for locals and tourists. Local species that have not been previously used for commercial purposes are on the menu and sold as delicacies in the store. The total budget is €69,000 of which €33,000 is funded by the EMFF. <http://www.fiskehoddarna.se/handlare/bla-hoddan>