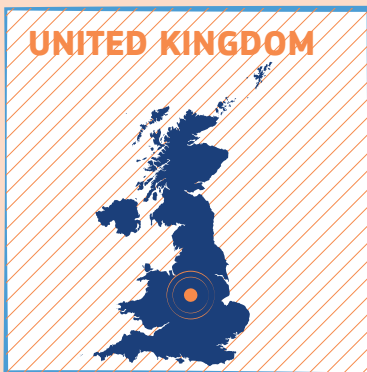




# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

## 2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



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### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Thanks to the ERDF, 45,000 enterprises received funding and 2,000 are collaborating with research institutes. Public support to companies leveraged €350 million of private investment. 100,000 households benefited from superfast broadband, annual GHG emission was reduced by 160,000 tonnes and renewable energy capacity increased by 300 MWs.



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Through the ESF, 1.3 million people were trained and got a job or improved their access to the labour market. 518,000 of those receiving training were younger than 25, 245,000 were from ethnic minorities, whilst 295,000 lacked basic skills. 88,000 people received support via the Youth Employment Initiative.



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

EAFRD projects have focused on preserving biodiversity, enhancing the landscape, and improving the quality of water, air and soil on 4.5 million hectares. Training was provided to 54,000 people and over 1,300 new jobs were created. Productivity was increased in over 8,500 agricultural holdings.

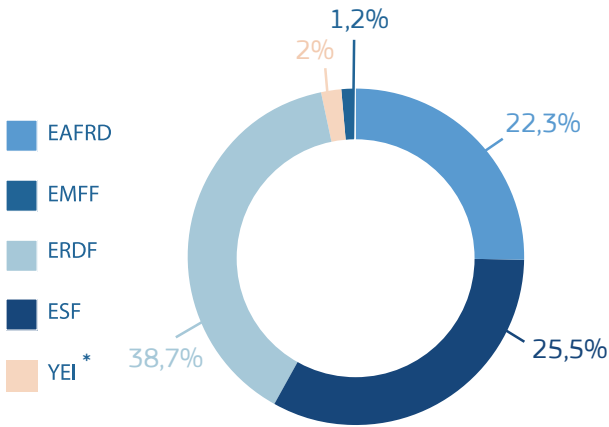


### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

1,861 projects with a value of €158 million have been contracted. Amongst these, 455 projects improve the health and safety of fishermen, 297 projects limit the impact of fishing on the marine environment, 72 projects cover investments in aquaculture and 237 projects support the Fisheries Local Action Group.

## OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

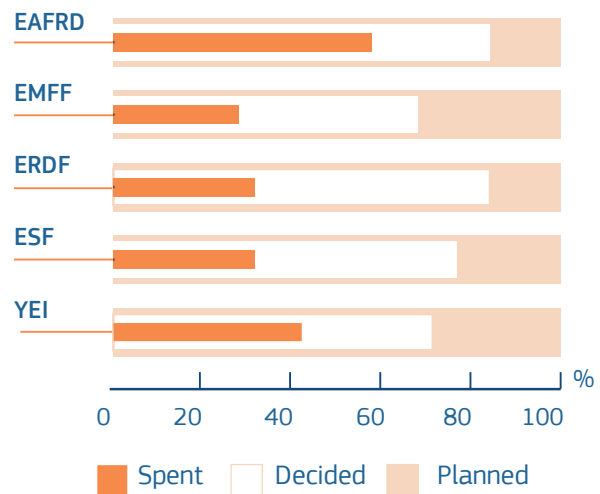
### Budget by Fund



(\*Youth Employment Initiative)

### Implementation by Fund for United Kingdom

(total cost % of planned)



## EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

#### Saving energy and reducing CO2 emission with the Chimney Sheep

Eco-Innovation Cumbria helps SMEs improve efficiency and supports innovation in low carbon technologies. Chimney Sweep Ltd manufacture and sell 'Chimney Sheep', an innovative energy saving chimney draught excluder made of felted sheep wool, saving almost 20 thousand tonnes of CO2 and households approximately €3.4 million. The carbon saving potential is huge as the UK has around 11 million chimneys. The total investment amounts to about €2.3 million, including about €1.4 million from the ERDF.

<http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/business/eco-innovation-cumbria>

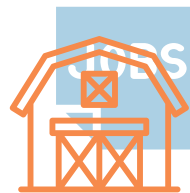


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#### Helping the employment of people with learning disabilities

Verve provides tailored support in the disability sector to improve peoples' employability. It targets those with learning disabilities who need support to access paid employment or voluntary opportunities. Staff can assist with CV and interview preparation and offer access to training courses. The total investment amounts to €5 million, including €2.8 million from the ESF.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/verve-european-social-fund-project>



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

#### Regional NeighbourFood

A joint collaboration between four LEADER Local Action Groups will roll out eight new weekly online markets by 2020 following the award winning success of Stirling NeighbourFood. The project aims to increase rural access to Scotland's larder by creating rural employment, offering small-scale producers a safe route to market and connecting shoppers with the people who make or grow food locally. The total investment amounts to €243,000, fully financed by the EAFRD.

<https://www.ruralnetwork.scot/news-and-events/news/digital-farmers-market-coming-village-near-you>



### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

#### New opportunities through higher freezing capacity

FalFish Limited is a well-established business for processing fish and shellfish products. As a result of investment co-financed by the EMFF, the daily freezing capacity of the factory increased by 50%, enabling the company to add value and meet growing market demands. The project not only helped the business grow sales and create jobs, but also created greater opportunities for the local fleet. The total investment amounts to around €435,800, including about €163,400 EMFF contribution.

<https://falfish.com/>