



EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

ERDF investments have created more than 5,800 new jobs and 320 new enterprises. Almost 10,000 companies have been involved in projects run by research and development institutions. Over 1,400 companies have started to export or expand their exports.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

So far, ESF-funded projects have supported over 200,000 participants, amongst which 30,000 long-term unemployed and 26,000 migrants enhanced their employment opportunities in the labour market. Regarding youth unemployment, the ESF has helped close to 27,000 participants under 30 years old.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Thanks to the EAFRD, over 1,200 young farmers have received start-up aid and 28,200 farm holders have received advice. Besides, over 650,000 hectares of agricultural land under organic farming have been supported, and 83% of total agricultural land is under management contracts to improve water management.

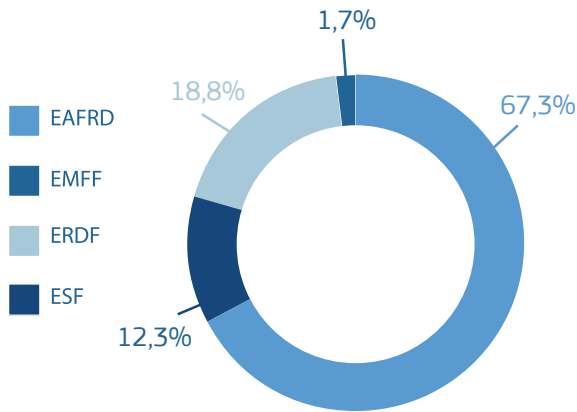


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Over 1,210 projects have been supported so far, amongst which 104 invested in the development of circular water and offshore supply, aiming for sustainable farming and improving balance between environmental impact and production output. Various investments helped to create and maintain the equivalent of 254 workplaces in aquaculture, fisheries and community-led local development projects.

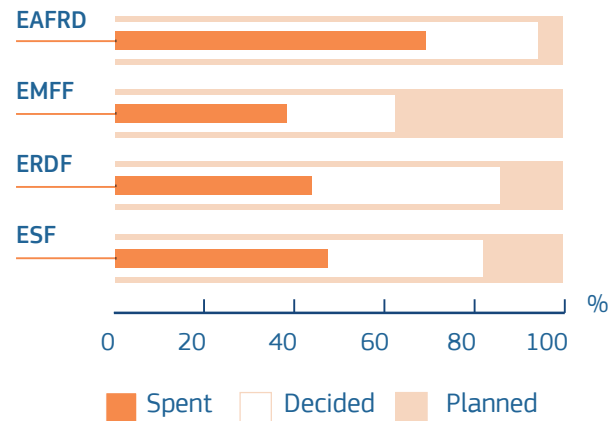
OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Finland

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

Sustainable new textiles from waste cotton

The TeKiDe project, in the Helsinki-Uusimaa region, aims to support a clean technology specialisation that could trigger a new low-waste textile industry. As part of the project, a production platform has been designed to dissolve waste cotton and re-spin it into a viscose-like fibre using less-polluting chemicals and producing less waste than current techniques. A start-up company is commercialising the new technologies. Total investment: €600,000, including €400,000 from the ERDF. <https://ec.europa.eu/regional-policy/en/projects/finland/tekide-technology-creates-sustainable-new-textiles-from-waste-cotton-in-helsinki-uusimaa>



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Neighbours as facilitators for suburban activities

The NGO Vantaa Nicehearts ry created a service model to support migrant women. The model fights discrimination and social exclusion of women from different ethnic backgrounds. Neighbour moms work as supporters and instructors for newcomers in their neighbourhood. They help other women in administrative affairs, in finding education opportunities or jobs. The aim is to train 60 neighbour moms yearly. Total funding: €414,000, including €168,000 from the ESF share. https://www.eura2014.fi/rri/tepa/projekti.php?projekti_koodi=520880



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

Championing Finnish caraway all over the world

Trans Farm Oy, based in Riihimäki, is the leading producer and processor of caraway in the world, exporting to more than 40 countries. They had already expanded with the support of the EAFRD, and the latest investment is a new optical separator. Today, the company employs 11 persons in Riihimäki and has a turnover of about €6.5 million. Total investment in the current period: €950,000, including €190,000 from the EAFRD.



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

Cutting-edge innovation for salmon farming

The project "Oy Salmonfarm Ab" is a fish farming and processing company located on Kemiönsaari island in south-western Finland. In 2016, the company invested in building a new fishmeal factory, equipped with modern dioxin removal technology. It is the first fishmeal factory in Finland and an important strategic investment into the Finnish fish-processing sector. Total investment: €6.5 million, including €1.3 million from the EMFF. <https://salmonfarm.fi/en>