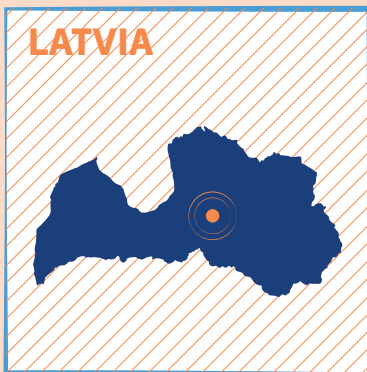




EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

ERDF funded modernization enabled significant number of researchers and students to use fully equipped infrastructure adapted to their needs. The ERDF has also provided grants to 2,735 merchants, including 535 start-ups and allowed 725 households to profit from improved energy consumption. In addition, 33,562 km² public space has been created or restored in the territory of Riga city.



COHESION FUND (CF)

The Cohesion Fund has contributed to reconstruction or upgrade of 197 km of roads under the Trans-European Transport Network in Latvia.



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

By the end of 2018, 172,775 participants benefited from ESF funded projects. 74,595 unemployed improved their employability, 19,837 young unemployed received support to gain labour market skills and in-work placements and 285 participants with mental disabilities received community-based services.



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

The EAFRD supported almost 4,180 projects to modernise agricultural holdings. 300 young farmers benefitted from the support and 8,000 participants were trained in agriculture and forestry. 14,000 people benefit from improved services/infrastructures in rural areas. EAFRD also supported 45,782 ha of forestland under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation.

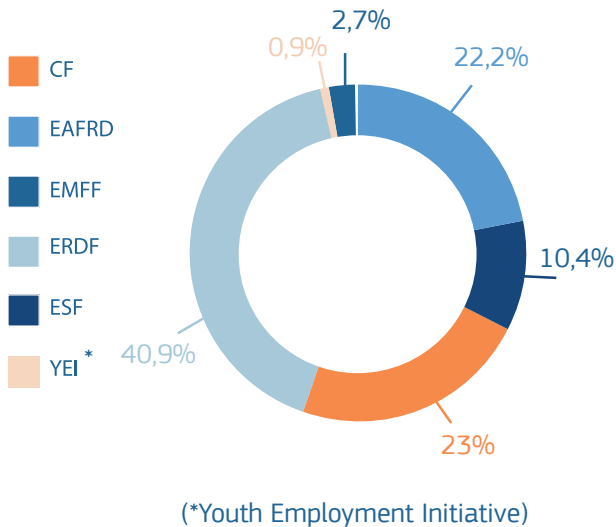


EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

By the end of 2018, €77 million or 55% of the EMFF budget was contracted to support 404 projects. Storage aid measure was particularly important to counter impact of Russian embargo on the fishing sector. EMFF helped also to find other markets through participation in trade and seafood fairs.

OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Budget by Fund



Implementation by Fund for Latvia

(total cost % of planned)



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



COHESION FUND (CF)

Reconstruction of the national main road A3 Inčukalns-Valmiera-Estonian border (Valka)

Rebuilding of almost 20 km of road allowed to increase road safety in the country and included reinforcement of a bridge, construction of bicycle paths and reconstruction of culverts. The total cost of the project was €21 million, including €16 million from Cohesion Fund. <https://binders.lv/lv/par-uznemumu/projekti/?proj=69&status=finished>



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

Vocational education programs for young people not in employment and training

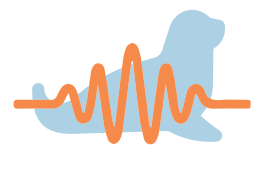
Latvia implements vocation education and training programmes for young inactive and unemployed people to help them gain a labour market relevant qualification. The project is led by the State Education Development Agency as a part of the Youth Guarantee scheme. Between 2014 and 2018, 9,443 young people participated, out of which 73% found a job after gaining a qualification. Total funding for the project is €37 million, including €19.7 million from the ESF. http://viaa.gov.lv/lat/es_fondu_projekti/par_jauniesu_garantiju/



EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (EAFRD)

BeeKing – Digital solutions for apiary management

The project 'BeeKing – Digital solutions for apiary management' developed an online platform and an app that allows beekeepers to more efficiently maintain their intervention records and exchange know-how. 137 beekeepers from all over Latvia applied to participate in the project's trial period and gave feedback by the end of 2018. Total budget is €34,000, including €21,000 from the EAFRD. <https://beeking.eu/en/>



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

The development of a high-function, high-power submersible acoustic transmitter to reduce the damage caused by seals in coastal fishing in Latvia

An innovative seal repulsion device was developed, which differs from those available on the market due to e.g. specific signal generators, remote control and diagnostic capabilities. The system is remotely controlled using a mobile application developed by researchers. It allows monitoring the most important parameters of the system dynamics e.g. battery charge level, or temperature of all electronic devices. Total Investment was €153,000, including €115,000 from the EMFF. <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/universitate/masu-medijiem/zinas/atvert/rtu-izstradats-prototips-ronu-atbaidisanai-no-zvejas-rikiem>