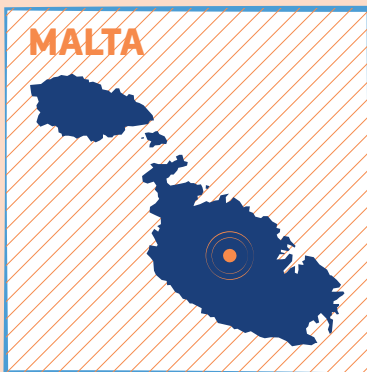




# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS: Making the difference, everyday

## 2019 STATE OF PLAY ON IMPLEMENTATION



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### 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 km<sup>2</sup> 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.

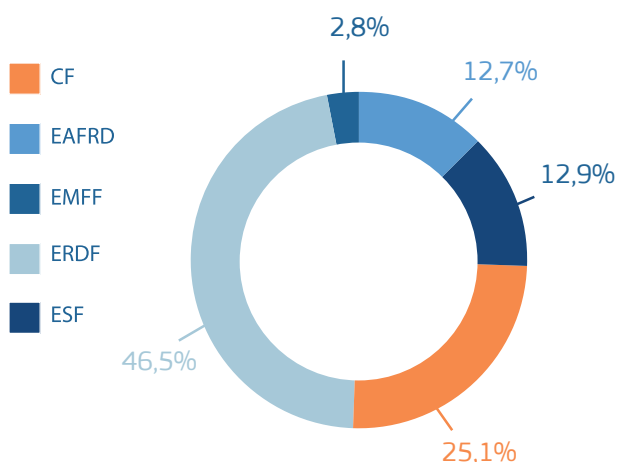


### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

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.

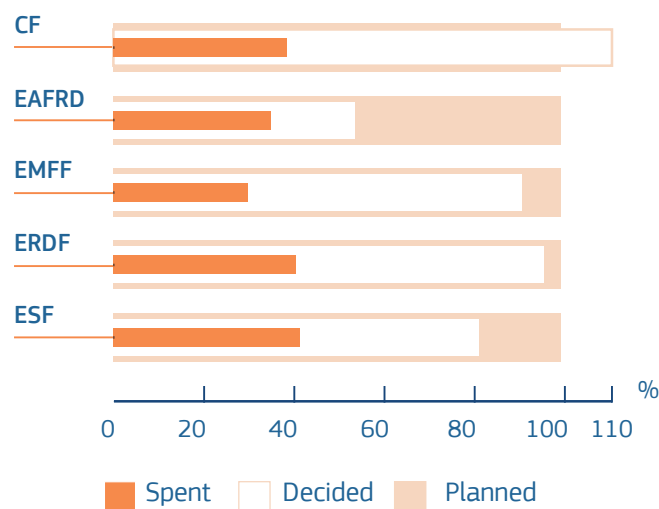
## OVERALL FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

### Budget by Fund

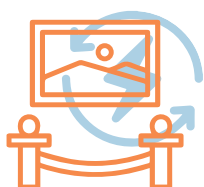


### Implementation by Fund for Malta

(total cost % of planned)



## EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS



### EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)

#### A green-powered museum for the European Capital of Culture

The Malta MUZA art museum opened its doors to the public in December 2018. It is the flagship project for Valletta as the European Capital of Culture. More than 5,000 already visited it by end 2018. The museum is green-powered, generating its energy from renewable sources and represents a best practice in retro-fitting a historic building. The total cost of the project is €9.8 million, including €7.8 million ERDF support.

<https://heritagemalta.org/muza-national-community-art-museum>



### EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)

#### Incentives for market relevant education

The ENDEAVOUR Scholarships Scheme, run by the Ministry for Education and Employment, supports quality and labour market relevant tertiary education. It helps young students and adult learners to pursue their studies. By the end of 2018, 775 people had received scholarship grants worth €7.4 million in areas such as STEM, Financial services and Life sciences. The total cost of the project is €11.2 million, including €8.9 million ESF support.

<https://education.gov.mt/en/education/myScholarship/Pages/ENDEAVOUR%20Scholarship%20Scheme.aspx>



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

#### Taking care of irrigation needs in a sustainable manner

Malta is implementing a project to provide treated sewage effluent to agricultural lands. 380 new dispensers will be made available. The agricultural water demand is around 6 million m<sup>3</sup>/year corresponding to an area of 1,200 hectares of intensively used agricultural land, which is 25% of the total irrigated agricultural land. The total cost of the project is €18 million, including €12.5 million EAFRD contribution.

<http://www.wsc.com.mt/supply-of-highly-polished-tertiary-treated-water-for-agricultural-use>



### EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND (EMFF)

#### Improved management of marine waters

The Environment and Resources Authority is implementing sustained environmental monitoring in marine waters with the aim of assessing the state of Malta's marine waters on a continuous basis. The aim is to provide the knowledge required for the effective management of the marine environment and to enable the sustainable use of marine goods and services by present and future generations. The total cost of the project is €1.6 million, financed fully by the EMFF.

<https://era.org.mt>