

# ENRD Workshop 'Making Rural Areas More Attractive for Young People'

## Overview of policy tools and approaches to support young people in rural areas

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# Various policy tools/funds

RDP measures under Pillar II of the CAP

Support targeted at Young Farmers under the CAP

Youth Guarantee / Youth Employment Initiative

European Youth Centres

European Youth Foundation

Eurodyssee

The EU Youth Strategy

ERASMUS+, European Solidarity Corps, INTERREG and other tools funded by ESIF

Information 'tools' (European Youth Portal, YouthWiki, Youth Monitor)

## Some ESIF thematic allocations

Note: not directly targeted at, but potentially benefiting youth / amounts stated are overall figures

### Sustainable and quality employment

- €59.5 bn
- 68.3% ESF, 17.4% YEI, 6.9% ERDF, 6.1% EAFRD, 1.4% EMFF

### Social inclusion

- €63.7 bn
- 49.2% ESF, 25.5% ERDF, 25.3% EAFRD

### Educational and vocational training

- €49.2 bn
- 79.7% ESF, 16.8 ERDF, 3.5% EAFRD

Source: open data portal for the European Structural Investment Funds

## Objectives

More and equal opportunities in education and the labour market

Active citizenship, social inclusion, solidarity

- Agreed by EU ministers - a framework for cooperation between 2010-2018 / to be renewed beyond 2018
- 'Investing in Europe's Youth' Communication (COM (2016) 940)
- revised Youth Strategy 2019-2024 (focus on fostering resilience among young people – contribute to the 'European Education Area')

## Policy fields

Employment and entrepreneurship

Social inclusion

Participation and civil society

Education and training

Health and well-being

Voluntary activities

Youth and the world

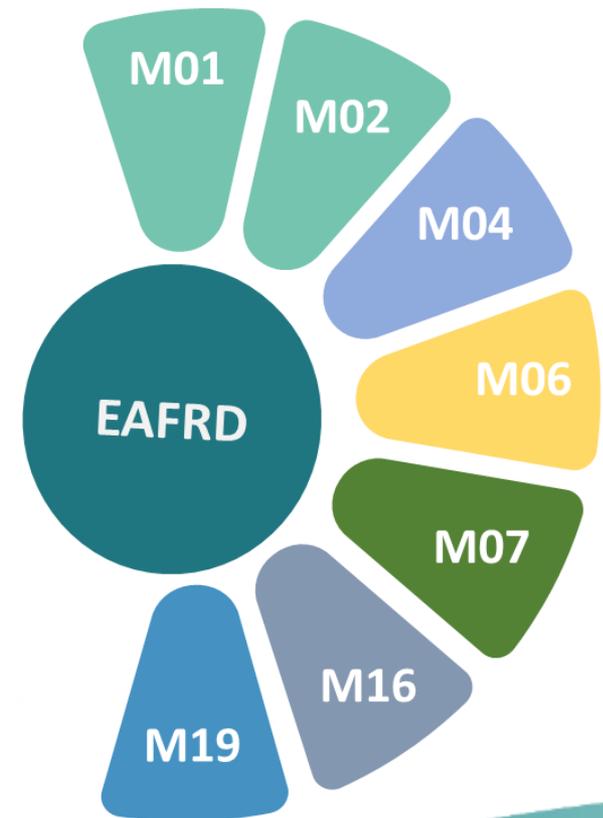
Creativity and culture

**Pillar I – YF  
instrument**

- **Direct payment scheme for young farmers**
- **Eligibility:**
  - setting up for the 1st time
  - age group <40 year-old
  - adequate skills
- **Mandatory in all EU MSs**
- **Up to 2% of total Pillar I contributions**
- **Maximum duration = 5 years**
- **Annual lump sum or per hectare payment or payment entitlement**

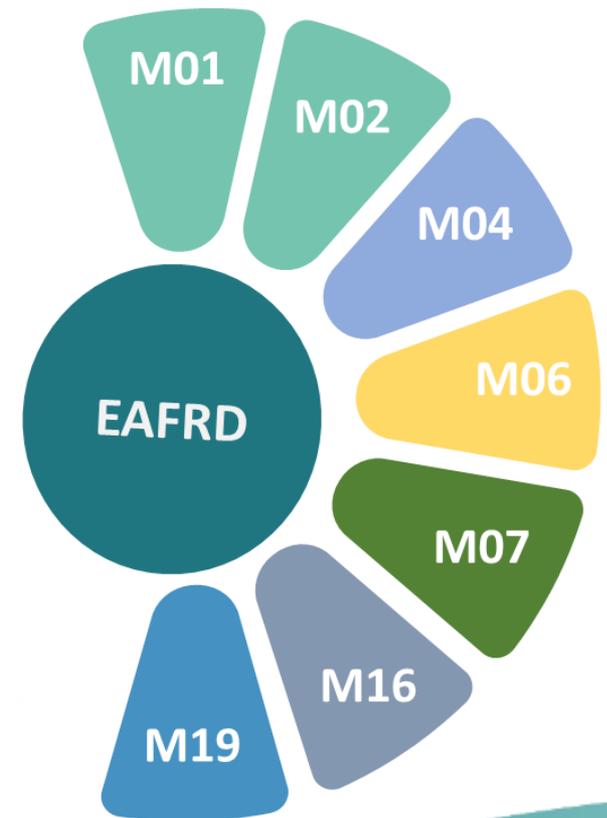
# Pillar II of the CAP (EAFRD)

- **Measures under F2B** (M01, M02, M04, M06, M16): Entry of skilled farmers into the agricultural sector (€10.4 bn to support up to 176000 farms)
- M04 and M06 represent 96% of the allocation to F2B
- **Targeted to** young farmers
  - M6.1: business start-up aid of up to 70 000 € / business plan / young farmer in a period of 5 years
  - M04: higher support rates for investments in physical assets to young farmers (e.g. 5% in AT, 20% in IE, HR, SK)
  - M01: exchange schemes for young farmers



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- Young farmers can **benefit from** actions under M02 (advisory services), M16 (cooperation) as well
- Youth and young farmers can **benefit from and participate in** actions under **M19** (LEADER, 56% of FA6b) **M07** (basic services and village renewal, 42% of FA6B, 99% of FA6C)
- Some **National Rural Networks** carry out activities specifically targeted at youth.



# ESF support

## Key challenges

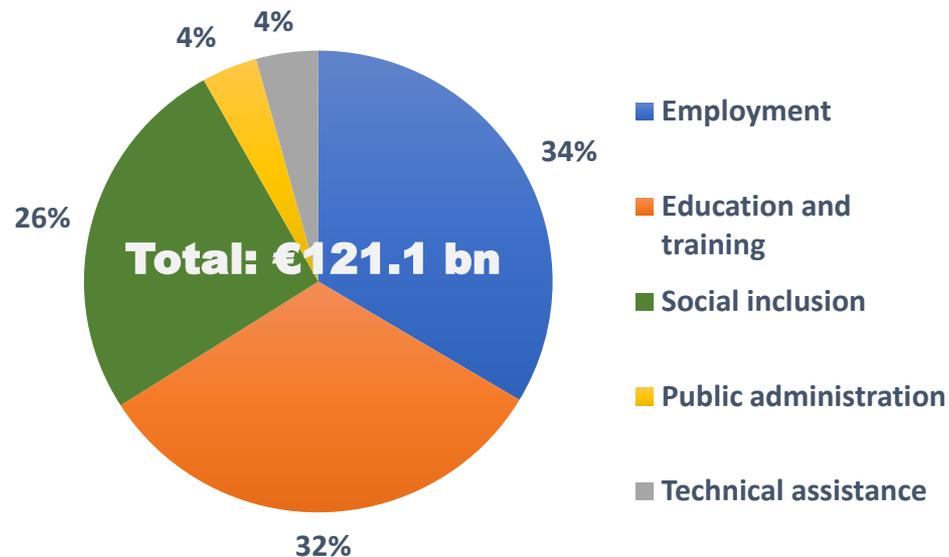
Employment and  
entrepreneurship

Social inclusion

Participation and civil society

Education and training

ESF budget by theme (% of total)



## Key targets - to support

- **9.9 million** individuals with low education
- **7.5 million** disadvantaged people
- **6.2 million** young people

## Some achievements

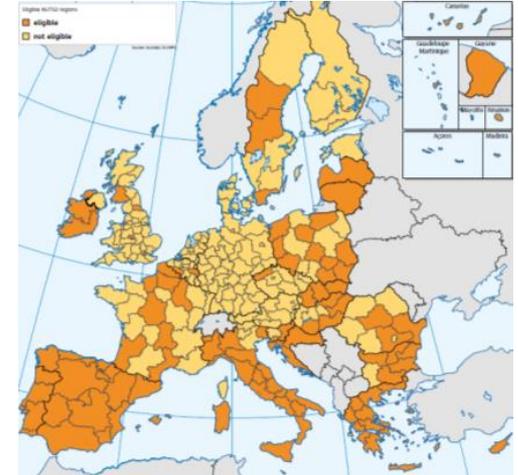
- **2.1 million** participants <25 yrs old
- **3.9 million participants** between 25-54
- **427 495 inactive NEET** supported

Source: ESF website, open data portal for the European Structural Investment Funds - EU Commission

# The `Youth Employment Initiative`

## Youth Guarantee (2013)

- adopted by the Council in April 2013
- To ensure that young people up to the age of 25 receive a quality job offer, the opportunity for further education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within 4 months of leaving formal education or becoming unemployed



## The Youth Employment Initiative (2013)

- Funded by the ESF, it supports the implementation of the Youth Guarantee
- support for young people not in education, employment or training in regions with a youth unemployment rate above 25 %.
- Budget: €8.8 billion (EU + national contribution) for the period 2014-2020
- **712 233 participants** completed YEI (**97781 long-term unemployed** successfully exited YEI)

# ERASMUS+

## Specific issues

Reducing unemployment

Promoting adult learning

Encouraging young people to  
participate in EU democracy

Supporting innovation,  
cooperation and reform

Reducing early school leaving

Promoting cooperation and  
mobility with EU partner countries



**€14.7 billion**  
between 2014-2020



**Opportunities for  
4 million people**



**Knowledge alliances,  
strategic partnerships,  
sector skills alliances**

# INTERREG

**Objective:** to share ideas and experience on public policy in practice and improve strategies for their citizens and communities.

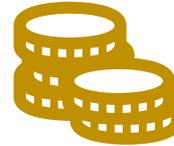
## Themes

Research and innovation

SME competitiveness

Low-carbon economy

Environment and resource efficiency



**€359 m (ERDF funded)**  
90% of the budget allocated to inter-regional cooperation projects



**More than 49000 planned participants in youth actions**

1504 partners covering 83% of NUTS2 regions



**Supports projects & policy learning platforms**

## YouthWiki

- Online encyclopedia and comprehensive database of youth policies, policy documents in the EU (<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/en/youthwiki>) – information organised according to countries, policy fields, EU cooperation

## European Youth Portal

- Information on youth – for youth (expert help, Erasmus, travelling, volunteering , learning ( [https://europa.eu/youth/EU\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/EU_en) )

## Youth monitor

- Contextual and thematic indicators about youth in Europe ([https://ec.europa.eu/youth/dashboard\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/youth/dashboard_en))

**Thank you for your attention!**