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ERDF in Wallonia
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1. ESIF 2014-2020 IN WALLONIA

ESIF Funds Wallonia 2014-2020

- ERDF Wallonia: €681,639,700
- Horizon 2020: €154,000,000
- INTERREG: €86,900,000
- ESF YEI Wallonia Bruxelles: €634,313,440
- EARDF: €264,031,878
- TOTAL: €1,820,885,018

Horizon 2020: figures until October 2017
1. AVAILABLE BUDGET 2018 FOR R&I: ERDF, WALLONIA BUDGET & PLAN MARSHALL 4.0

Available Budget (2018 figures, € Million)
1. ERDF 2014-2020 IN WALLONIA

- Walloon Brabant in the category "more developed regions": € 62,711,646 total funding of which € 25,084,586 ERDF
- The rest of Wallonia in the category "regions in transition": € 1,641,387,786 total funding of which € 656,555,115 ERDF

- Challenges:
  - Increased productivity
  - Stimulation of value-adding activities
  - Transition to an economy of knowledge
  - Valorisation of research and innovation
  - Improvement of the quality of the workforce and its adequacy to the needs of companies
  - Revitalization of urban centres
## 1. ERDF 2014-2020 IN WALLONIA

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<th>More developed regions</th>
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<td>Axis 1 – Economy 2020</td>
<td>OT 3, OT 6</td>
<td>€ 190,400,983</td>
<td>€ 6,020,301</td>
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<td>Axis 2 – Innovation 2020</td>
<td>OT 1</td>
<td>€ 164,138,779</td>
<td>€ 11,789,755</td>
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<td>Axis 3 – Territorial intelligence 2020</td>
<td>OT 6</td>
<td>€ 124,001,621</td>
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<td>Axis 4 – Transition to a low carbon economy</td>
<td>OT 4</td>
<td>€ 104,552,918</td>
<td>€ 5,016,917</td>
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<td>Axis 5 – Development of urban centres 2020</td>
<td>OT 4, OT 6</td>
<td>€ 34,067,507</td>
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<td>Axis 6 – Skills 2020</td>
<td>OT 10</td>
<td>€ 26,262,205</td>
<td>€ 1,755,921</td>
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Public projects and business support

- 20 measures for **public projects** – Selected by public calls
- 7 measures (Axis 1, 2 & 4) to **support business** – Directly intended for Walloon companies:
  - Investments
  - Research support
  - Financial tools (equity investments, loans, micro-credits)
Selection process (only for public projects)

- By an *independant Task Force*:
  - Entrepreneurs and academics
  - Makes recommendations to the Government

- **Government commitment**: not to stray from Task Force recommendations for more than 5% of budget (by Axis)

- Public projects submitted after 3 public calls:
  - Number of projects: 1,349
  - Amount requested: € 3,945,298,981

- Selection decision of Task Force and Government:
  - Number of projects: 522
  - Amount selected: € 1,132,222,321
2. INNOVATION 2020
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• ERDF provides a platform to enable Walloon stakeholders to participate in other EU programmes and initiatives as Horizon 2020, COSME or the European Innovation Partnerships (PEI).

• It is an essential axis for deepening the process of smart specialisation in Wallonia.

• Mixed approach between requests and needs of SMEs (demand pull: intensification of RDI in companies, open innovation) and technological offer (technology push: strengthening RDI capacities of research organisations, increased collaboration between research actors and companies).
2. INNOVATION 2020

• This axis supports:

  • **Acquisition of state-of-the-art technological equipment**: an investment that helps maintain and strengthen positioning of Walloon organisations in the RDI market
  
  • The **implementation of research projects**: industry-oriented, creating economic value and responding to identified needs among Walloon companies, in particular SMEs
  
  • **Developing working space and demonstration equipment for research centres.** This strengthens their link with the entrepreneurial environment, by allowing them to present their technological advances and the products of their research to companies.
  
  • **The development of Walloon creative hubs**: financing infrastructure and investing in the offer of services within the hubs.
• At the end of 2017: 92.50% of the total financial allocation for public projects was covered

• This support has already enabled a little more than 300 researchers to be affected to projects as full time equivalent.
3. SMART SPECIALISATION
Smart specialisation in Wallonia sets:

• priorities and concentration of efforts around **key themes corresponding to the fields of action of clusters**

• **transversal axes to stimulate new dynamics of innovation** within the chains of value:
  • Stimulation of innovation including ICT, with emphasis on **industrial valorisation**
  • Involvement of potential SMEs in industrial and innovation dynamics and support for the **creative economy**
  • Development of the **circular economy**
  • **Internationalisation** of industrial & innovative actors
Among the 28 portfolios selected, the following priority themes are covered:

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<th>Consumed amount (end of 2017)</th>
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<td>Industrial process &amp; new materials</td>
<td>99 projects (45%)</td>
<td>€ 226.755.922 *</td>
<td>€ 2.062.390 *</td>
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<td>Digital technologies</td>
<td>59 projects (27%)</td>
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<td>Health and nutrition</td>
<td>29 projects (13%)</td>
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<td>Creativity</td>
<td>26 projects (12%)</td>
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<td>Sustainable development, construction and sustainable energy</td>
<td>8 projects (3%)</td>
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* Total funds, both in transition zone as in more developed zone
• All projects value **interactions between actors:**
  • At the transnational level (synergies with INTERREG)
  • In terms of scientific and technological expertise (universities, research centers, etc.)
• The results of ERDF research projects enable to **identify new needs** in the economy. Based on these, **new projects are launched** in the framework of regional funds through clusters (**PM 4.0 calls for projects**).
4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT
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- Requests are introduced by SMEs throughout the programming period. If they meet the eligibility criteria, projects can be selected depending on budget availability.

- At the end of 2017:
  
  For COOTECH:
  - Decision rate was 86.20% of the available budget (99.53% in the more developed region and 85.25% in transition regions)
  - 14 research projects carried by at least 2 companies
  - 24 partner companies in one or more projects (28 SMEs & 2 large companies)
  - €68.3 millions in planned investments including €39.4 millions ERDF
For COPILLOT:

- 15.17% of the available budget. Since 2018, financial support is granted after a call for public projects
- 2 demonstrators & pilot units funded
- 4 companies supported (2 SMEs & 2 large companies)
- € 18.4 millions in planned investments including € 11.3 millions ERDF
Technology and intellectual property cheques: requests are introduced by SMEs on a web site: https://www.cheques-entreprises.be/web/ and analysed by administration.

At the end of 2017:

For technology cheques:
- 16.75% of the budget (€ 12 million) of technology cheques was allocated
- 4,242 cheques allocated to 279 files (221 SMEs)
- Services provided by 25 research centres: preliminary tests, calculations and analyses (26.9%), validation of processes, products of services (22.9%), prototyping (21%)
For intellectual property cheques:

- 17.57% of the budget (€ 2 million) of intellectual property cheques is allocated
- 380 cheques allocated to 60 files (36 SMEs)
- Services provided by 6 actors: 52% to determine whether an invention is patentable or not.
5. MORE INFORMATION
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• Web site WALEUROPE: http://europe.wallonie.be/
• Financial support: http://www.enmieux.be/aides
• Europe in Belgium web site: http://www.europeinbelgium.be/fr/
Thank you for your attention

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