

# 2007-2013 ERDF ROP

The 2007-2013 Regional Operational Programme of the European Regional Development Fund, approved by the European Commission Decision C (2007) 3875 dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007, has allocated **347 million euro funds**.

These financial resources are mainly intended to support the Emilia-Romagna Region to reach the outstanding Lisbon and Göteborg objectives of growth in research and development expenditure, creation of the knowledge society and dissemination of sustainable development.

Parameters, such as employment, growth in research and development expenditure, number of patents, level of social inclusion, public policies oriented towards the attainment of EU objectives, involve a growing commitment of the regional system towards the creation of a new dynamic, innovative and competitive Europe, as outlined by the new Lisbon strategy.

The Regional Operational Programme is therefore designed to further strengthen the Emilia-Romagna social and economic dynamism, innovation capabilities and development quality.

This overall goal is then declined in different specific sub-goals, which play a fundamental role in the regional economic and social sectors, which are characterized by high levels of development and industrialization, a good competitive positioning and a good service network in support of development.

Hence, the Operational Programme pursues the overarching general objective of bringing the Emilia-Romagna Region within the area of excellence of European regions, through specific priority actions.

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NETWORKING RESOURCES

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## THE 2007-2013 ERDF REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME



The Programme envisages a few **priority** actions, which correspond to specific objectives.



### PRIORITY 1 Industrial research and technological transfer

It is intended to strengthen the industrial research and technology transfer network and to foster the creation of technopoles for competitiveness.

This priority is aimed at promoting the industrial research and technology transfer, as key factors to provide competitiveness to the economic system at a regional dimension.

It is intended to strengthen the regional high technology network and its connection to the manufacturing system and to support the innovative enterprise creation and development processes.

*It envisages three activities:*

1. Creation of technopoles for industrial research and technology transfer
2. Support to SME's "collaborative research" projects, research laboratories and innovation centres
3. Support for the start-up of new innovative enterprises



### PRIORITY 2 Enterprise innovative development

It is designed to support business creation, to strengthen growth through technological, organizational and financial innovation, to foster the production system development towards new forms of innovation in which knowledge is built into products and manufacturing processes and is the key to increase the competitiveness of the industrial and territorial system, also through support to start-ups and new competitive businesses.

*It envisages four activities:*

1. Support to projects aiming at the introduction of ICTs in SME's
2. Support to projects and services for the creation of enterprise networks, in view of the technological and organization innovation of SME's
3. Promotion and support for the use of innovative financial management tools in SME's
4. Support to productive investments in the affected area



### PRIORITY 3 Energy and environmental regeneration and sustainable development

It is designed to support the environmental and energy qualification of the production system, by promoting innovative projects aimed at improving energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources and by encouraging the promotion of green economy also through financial engineering instruments. A further operational goal is the promotion of experimental sustainable freight and people mobility and logistics solutions designed to achieve energy efficiency and to reduce environmental impact.

*It envisages three activities:*

1. To regenerate energy and environmental conditions of industrial areas
2. To support innovative projects in the energy and environmental technological sector aiming at energy saving in the use of renewable sources
3. Promotion of green economy also through financial engineering instruments
4. To support energy-saving oriented pilot projects in the area of movement and logistics of people and goods



### PRIORITY 4 Enhancement and regeneration of the environmental and cultural heritage

It is intended to enhance and to promote the regional environmental and cultural heritage and to support the regional social and economic development, as potential drives to boost the development of sustainable tourism.

*It envisages five activities:*

1. Enhancement of the environmental and cultural heritage
2. Integrated activities for the promotion of environmental and cultural heritage
3. Support and enhancement of activities and services supporting access to the environmental and cultural heritage
4. Equipment of areas devoted to economic and service activities in the affected area
5. Support to restart the business activities in the affected area



### PRIORITY 5 Technical assistance

It is intended to develop tools and actions necessary for the technical and administrative preparation, surveillance and support, information and advertising, assessment, audit and control of the Regional Operational Programme.

#### PRIORITY-BASED RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Priorities	Total amount	% out of the total amount
1 Industrial research and technological transfer	114.328.164	32,95%
2 Enterprise innovative development	69.591.056	20,06%
3 Energy and environmental regeneration and sustainable development	79.532.635	22,93%
4 Enhancement and regeneration of the environmental and cultural heritage	69.591.056	20,06%
5 Technical assistance	13.876.788	4,00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>346.919.699</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

Thanks to the ERDF programming and objectives, the Emilia-Romagna Region is able to compete and to fully comply with the new Cooperation Objective, through the creation of European networks in the field of research and of new industrial parks, the development of cultural and sustainable tourism, and the participation in other major programmes for competitiveness and research.

The 2007-2013 ERDF Regional Operational Programme priorities allow to develop programmes and networks with other European regions, to disseminate and share policies and practices aimed at the fulfilment of these objectives, to transfer good practices in the energy sector and to build networks for the enhancement of the environmental and cultural heritage.

Hence, the actions envisaged by the 2007-2013 ERDF Regional Operational Programme can be further supplemented by the actions envisaged by the Cooperation Objective, through European, national and regional projects.

Following the earthquake that affected the Emilia-Romagna region, the ROP will support the recovery and development of the manufacturing and business fabric and helping to maintain the level of attractiveness of the areas affected by the earthquake.