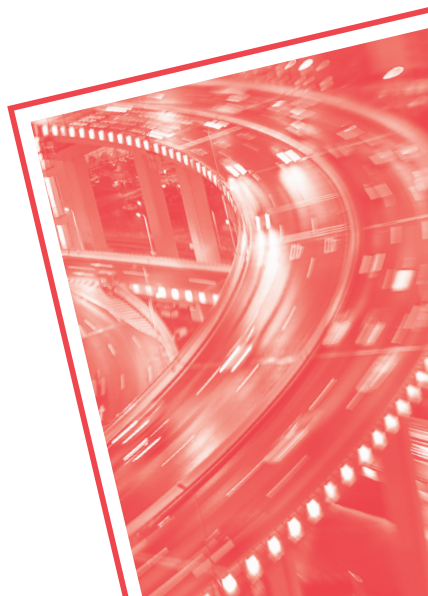


ERDF Regional Programme 2021-2027



The **ERDF Regional Programme 2021-2027** is a document defining Emilia-Romagna's Programming Strategy for using the 2021-2027 budget resources of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It delineates the investments that EU and the Regions foresee to strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion, supporting the regional system in two main transitions – green and digital.

European Regional Development Fund in Emilia-Romagna

An unprecedented investment – over **1 billion euro** from the EU, the Italian Government and the Emilia-Romagna Region - in place for a new society with territorial **attractiveness** and open to internationalise by combining **quality jobs**, increased **productivity** and technological, environmental and social **innovation** while **reducing inequalities of all kinds**.

Strategy

In close coherence with main European and national strategies identifying **green and digital transition** as core pillars for economic and social growth, the Regional Programme Strategy follows the priorities outlined in the national Partnership Agreement and the main regional framework strategies amongst which the Regional Pact for Work and Climate. Thus, the Regional Programme represents an important part of a **unified vision of programming tools for the European cohesion policy**.

Following previous programmes trend, the Regional Programme 2021-2027 introduces measures and actions to support the Region in searching solutions for a strong, green, digital and sustainable economy, keeping the **four major challenges** of the Region as primary goals:

1. **relaunch** production system **competitiveness and good quality jobs**;
2. **support the innovative, smart and sustainable transformation** of the regional system by fully taking up the challenges of a just, green and digital transition;
3. **encourage urban areas leadership** in meeting transition challenges and promote peripheral zone identity for a new process of sustainable growth;
4. **fight against economic, social, gender and generational inequalities**, to ensure just transition and full participation of women and young people in reaching better growth and stronger cohesion.

Programme

The ERDF programme is structured in four priorities – Policy Objectives. Each has various Specific Objectives and different implementing Actions.

- **Research, innovation and competitiveness**
- **Sustainability, decarbonisation, biodiversity and resilience**
- **Sustainable mobility and air quality**
- **Attractiveness, cohesion and local development**

The list is completed by Technical Assistance, fundamental element for an effective Programme management. Crosscutting priorities, the Programme will ensure the application of the challenges posed by the Region, by providing bonuses in the Project Selection Criteria among other methods.

Programme crosscutting principles

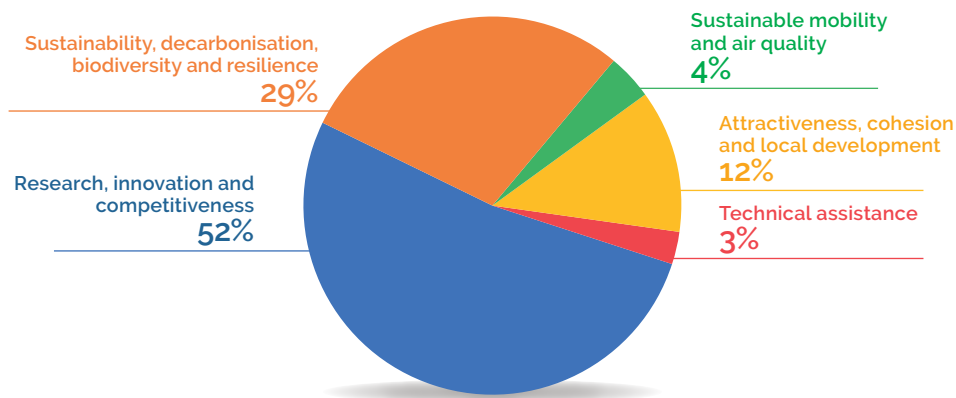
Regardless of the Priority in question, while implementing Programme actions, the following main horizontal principles are to be taken into consideration:

- New generations as leading figures
- Fight against gender inequalities
- Promoting green transition
- Contributing to digital growth
- Reducing territorial inequalities

The Regional Programme 2021-2027 will act in accordance with the principles of full participation of the whole regional territory encouraging **community leadership**, essential to redress inequalities and generate cohesive growth. The same will also be implemented by **strengthening administrative capacities** especially in most fragile territories, to be able to take full advantage of the programming opportunities. **Simplified procedures** and less red-tape access to opportunities and services for citizens and companies will also be carried out.

Resources

A total of € **1,024,214,643** are planned for the implementation of the ERDF Emilia-Romagna Regional Programme.



More than half of the resources - **530 million euro** - will be invested in the revitalisation of the regional research and innovation ecosystem, to ensure the restart and growth of the production system. The fight against climate change steers the Programme's activities towards solutions and interventions for a sustainable economy with a total of **303 million euro** and particular attention to air quality - **40 million euro**. Central is the principle of full participation of the entire regional territory, favouring the smallest and most fragile communities and the creation of a stable uniform growth - **120 million euro** for attractiveness and local development. Technical assistance for programme management is allocated around **31 million euros**. A third of Programme's total resources is planned for the **fight against climate change**.



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