



ERDF Regional Programme

2021-2027



The **ERDF Regional Programme 2021-2027** is the document outlining Emilia-Romagna strategy for programming **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** resources through which Europe and the Regions invest to strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion, accompanying the regional system in the ecological transition and digital transformation.

European Regional Development Fund in Emilia-Romagna

An **unprecedented investment - 1.024 billion euros** from the European Union, the state and the Region - that Emilia-Romagna is putting in place to support a revival capable of combining **quality of work**, increased **productivity**, **technological**, **environmental and social innovation**, **attractiveness** and international openness, helping to reduce inequalities of all kinds.

Strategy

In close coherence with the main European and national strategies that identify **ecological and digital transition** as the two pillars of economic and social development, the Programme follows the priorities outlined in the Partnership Agreement and the main regional strategies, starting with the Pact for Work and Climate, thus fitting into an integrated **vision of regional planning tools**.

In continuity with the direction taken by previous programming, the Regional Programme 2021-2027 introduces measures and actions to accompany the region in interventions for a strong, green, digital, and sustainable economy, keeping **four great challenges** as objectives:

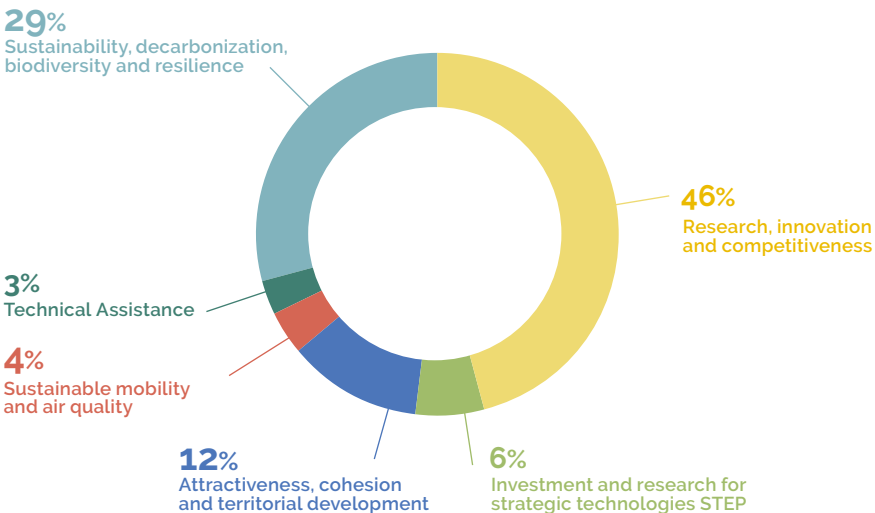
- 1. revive the competitiveness** of the production system and **good employment**;
- 2. support the innovative, smart and sustainable transformation** of the regional system by taking up the challenges of the just, green and digital transition;
- 3. foster local development** to promote the identity of peripheral territories and to activate new processes of sustainable development;
- 4. counter economic and social, gender and generational inequalities**, to ensure a just transition and the full involvement of women and young people in the goals of growth and cohesion.

Programme

The ERDF Programme is structured into five priorities, corresponding to different lines of intervention, each responding to specific objectives and actions.

1. **Research, innovation and competitiveness**
2. **Sustainability, decarbonization, biodiversity and resilience**
3. **Sustainable mobility and air quality**
4. **Attractiveness, cohesion and territorial development**
5. **Investment and research for strategic technologies STEP**

These are complemented by Technical Assistance, which is functional for management and implementation of the Programme.



About half of the total resources - **469 million euros** - are invested in the revitalization of the regional research and innovation ecosystem, to ensure the restart and **growth of the productive system**. The **fight against climate change** directs Programme activities toward solutions and interventions for a sustainable economy with a total of **303 million euros** and a focus on **air quality** - **40 million euros**. Central is the principle of full participation of the entire regional territory, favoring the smallest and most fragile communities and the **creation of equal growth** - **120 million euros** for attractiveness and territorial development. **61.5 million euros** are allocated to support European industry and **stimulate investment in critical technologies** under the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform - STEP. **Technical assistance has 31 million euros** to support implementation and management of the Programme. Climate change interventions, on which more than 30 percent of the total resources are concentrated, are horizontal to all priorities.



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