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Strategic Growth Plan 2014-2020

Fact sheet

Actions for you,
projects for everyone

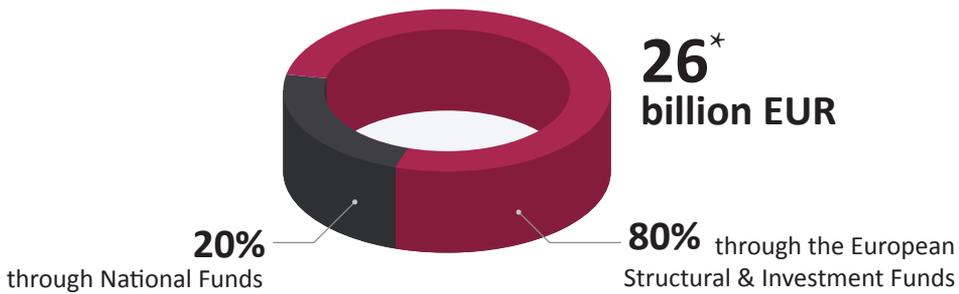
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NSRF 2007-2013: Greece has achieved the highest rate of EU funds absorption among the 28 EU member states.



Strategic Growth Plan 2014-2020

The Partnership Agreement for the Development Framework (PA) 2014-2020 is the country's strategic growth plan that aims to achieve the objectives of the cohesion policy and the Europe 2020 strategy. Greece has launched the new period's programmes earlier than any other EU country.



Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation OP (EUR 4,7 billion)	Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development OP (EUR 5,2 billion)	} 26 billion EUR
Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning OP (EUR 2,7 billion)	Public Sector Reform OP (EUR 0,5 billion)	
	Technical Assistance OP (EUR 0,4 billion)	
Rural Development Programme (EUR 6 billion)	13 ROPs, one for each of the 13 administrative regions of the country (5,8 billion euros)	
Fisheries and Maritime OP (EUR 0,5 billion)		

OP: Operational Programme
ROP: Regional Operational Programme

* The result of adding up the numbers in the table might be different because the figures have been rounded up

Until the end of April the calls for proposals for Sectoral Operational Programs amounted to EUR 2,522 billion and those for Regional Operational Programmes to EUR 1,357 billion.

We are changing our growth model into an innovative, outward looking system committed in:

- promoting dynamic entrepreneurship
- increasing domestic added value
- fostering environmental respect
- fighting poverty and social exclusion
- upgrading human resources
- creating sustainable employment

- **European Regional Development Fund / Cohesion Fund (ERDF/CF):**

8 sectors that pave the way for a new growth model and smart specialization:

-  Agriculture & food industry
-  Health/ pharmaceuticals
-  Information & communication technologies
-  Energy
-  Environment and sustainable development
-  Logistics
-  Materials/ construction
-  Tourism, culture, creative industries

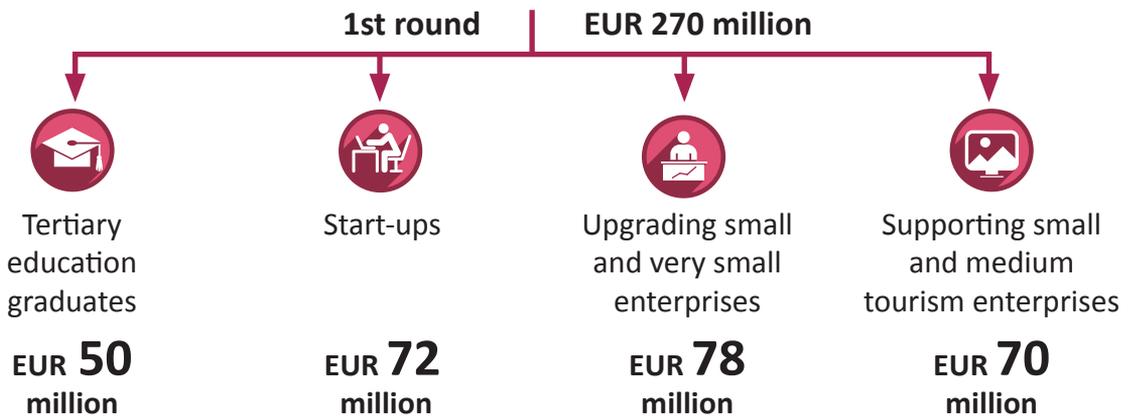
- **European Social Fund (ESF): A chance for everyone:**

4 main types of action:

-  Fighting unemployment
-  Supporting education and life-long learning
-  Supporting public sector reform
-  Fighting poverty and social exclusion

Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation OP 2014-2020

The funding actions started last February:



We are launching actions to build business networks (clusters, meta-clusters) with the aim of creating domestic value chains (EUR 22,5 million)

Actions will include:

- Employee training and certification schemes (EUR 25 million)
- Intergovernmental cooperation on research and technological development (EUR 50 million)
- Business investments in Research and Innovation to boost cooperation and networking between businesses and research institutions (EUR 280 million)
- Supporting broadband infrastructures and relevant services (EUR 67 million)
- New “Energy Saving at Home” Programme to make houses and public buildings more energy efficient (EUR 248 million)

Transport Infrastructure, Environment & Sustainable Development OP 2014-2020



Environment related actions include:

- A comprehensive waste management (EUR 270 million)
- Completing infrastructures for the collection and treatment of urban waste in agglomerations with a population between 2.000-15.000 inhabitants (EUR 49 million)
- The construction of water reservoirs, water abstraction works, water refineries and new external aqueducts (EUR 30 million)
- Works to reduce leakage in water supply networks (EUR 20 million)

- The protection, development and promotion of public tourism resources of particular environmental, cultural and archeological interest (EUR 22 million)
- Environmental studies for the national NATURA network (EUR 17,5 million)
- The installation of water desalination systems on islands and coastal areas (EUR 16 million)
- The rehabilitation of polluted sites (EUR 13 million)



Infrastructure related actions include:

- The construction of motorways in the context of the Trans-European road network (EUR 513,3 million)
- The construction of rail and road connections to ports (EUR 41 million)
- The use of electric traction and the installation of state-of-the-art signaling and communication systems in parts of the rail network (EUR 215 million)
- Ensuring the interoperability of the rail network (EUR 35 million)
- The installation of air navigation and air traffic management systems (EUR 35 million)
- The installation of sea traffic management, navigation safety and search and rescue systems (EUR 35,9 million)

Human Resources Development OP

Employment and Training actions include:



Fighting unemployment (EUR 400 million). Since mid-2015, we are implementing community service activities for **52.818 beneficiaries**. Until the end of 2016, further interventions will be gradually implemented with the purpose of creating **91.000 new jobs**



Supporting young scientists (EUR 105 million)

Getting academic teaching experience after the PhD, grants for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers (3.000 beneficiaries per course). Student traineeships (6.000 beneficiaries per year)



Supporting school and fighting school dropouts (EUR 190 million), employing more than 10.000 teachers every year



Promoting life-long learning and vocational training (EUR 34 million)



Fostering social economy (EUR 55 million) through actions that support employment in social cooperative enterprises



Reconciliation of work and family life (EUR 185 million). 81.000 children already receive free childcare.

Public Sector Reform OP



Actions to upgrade public sector and improve public services include:

- **The creation of 30 Debtors' Information Centers** that will provide financial and legal consulting as well as mediation services (EUR 15 million)
- **Digital upgrade-interconnection of hospitals**, mental health reform and better services (EUR 40 million)
- **Simplifying and streamlining procedures** to grant pensions within one day after retirement, shortening the length of judicial proceedings and law codification (EUR 13,4 million)

Rural Development Programme - Fisheries and Maritime OP



The objective is to achieve the transition into a strong agro-alimentary system and add value in production and processing in order to create quality products and contribute to the comprehensive development of rural areas.

The key priorities are:

1. Boosting primary sector competitiveness and productivity
2. Upgrading human resources and promoting entrepreneurship
3. Boosting domestic agricultural value chain
4. Protecting the environment and natural resources, mitigating and adapting to climate change
5. Strengthening the social fabric in rural areas

Regional Operational Programs (RoPs)



Every Greek region is the subject of a Regional Program that includes projects and actions that capitalize on its local comparative advantages and aim at:

- Promoting entrepreneurship, competitiveness and extrovercy of regional economies
- Supporting the transition into a low carbon economy and promoting adaptation to climate change
- Promoting and integrating sustainability into the transportation system and lifting bottlenecks in core network infrastructures
- Ensuring social cohesion and boosting sustainable employment
- Effectively using and improving research infrastructures and human resources
- Promoting social economy

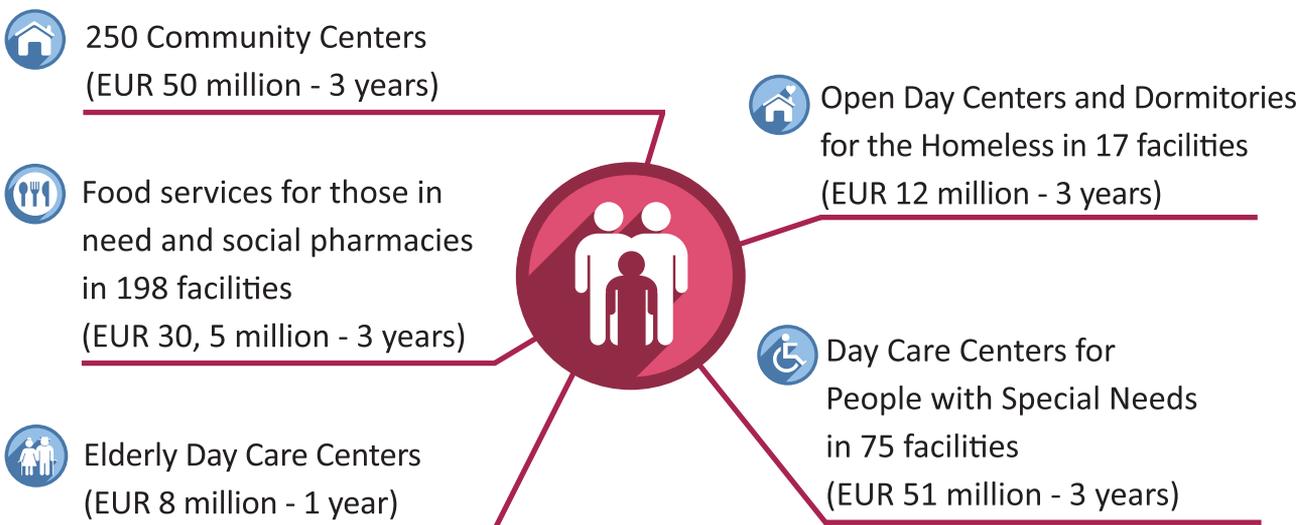
- Fighting poverty and social exclusion
- Upgrading human resources and enhancing employment and social cohesion
- Improving administrative capacities
- Promoting territorial cohesion and cooperation

Emphasis is given to the Integrated Territorial Investments which allow for combined investments to formulate integrated responses to problems and make best use of the development potential of each region.

 **Until the end of April there have been calls for proposals offering more than EUR 1,35 billion of funding for infrastructure works in all regions.**

 **In all regions, social structures for the eradication of poverty and social exclusion are funded under the social actions.**

Actions will include:



European Territorial Cooperation programmes

 Published calls already account for EUR 141 million (out of a total budget of EUR 435 million) and cover cross-border programmes with Cyprus, Bulgaria, FYROM, Albania, Italy as well as the multilateral Balkan-Mediterranean cooperation programme.



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