



European Commission

European Social Fund invests in quality jobs, training and social inclusion

The European Social Fund (ESF) is the European Union’s main instrument for investing in people. In 2014-2022, the fund helped Member States progress towards achieving the EU’s 2030 headline targets in employment, training and poverty reduction.

EU 2030 SOCIAL TARGETS and the ESF (2014-2022)

At least 78% of the population aged 20 to 64 should be in employment by 2030

7.2 million people found a **job**

32% of unemployed or inactive people were in **employment** after participating in measures under the ESF employment objective

At least 60% of all adults should participate in training every year by 2030

10.3 million people gained a **qualification** through an ESF-funded measure

3 million people participated in **education and training** funded by the ESF

At least 15 million fewer people at risk of poverty or social exclusion by 2030

Almost **15 million** participations in **social inclusion** measures were funded by ESF

6.9 million participants were from **disadvantaged groups**

Almost **600,000** participants affected by **homelessness** or housing exclusion received support

PEOPLE BENEFITING FROM ESF SUPPORT

64.6
MILLION
PARTICIPATIONS

of which **22.3 million** participants achieving positive results immediately after participation.

€1677
INVESTED
PER PARTICIPATION