

EU-Funds for Companies 2014-2020



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2014-2020



- EU-Structural Funds for Romania: 30.700.000.000 Euro
- 90% of funds for public projects, 10% for companies
- Only three ministries in charge
- Partnership Agreement with European Commission has been signed in August
- First Operational Programmes were submitted to Brussels
- In October 2014 the first guidelines should be available as drafts
- Submission of projects most likely spring 2015



Budgets

• Large Infrastructure	9,41 Mrd. Euro
• Rural Development	8,02 Md. Euro
• Regional Development	6,70 Mrd. Euro
• Human Capital	4,33 Mrd. Euro
• Competition	1,33 Mrd. Euro
• Technical Assistance	0,55 Mrd. Euro
• Administration	0,21 Mrd. Euro
• Fishery	0,17 Mrd. Euro

SMEs



- 745m Euro POR
- Investments for production and services
- Most likely up to 1m Euro funds per project, in some cases combination funds and loan
- Construction, extension and modernisation of buildings, production equipment, ITC
- Certifying of products, services and processes
- Commercialization of products and services
- Business Incubators shall be eligible for funds
- No EU-funds for investments of large companies (more than 250 employees on group level)

Human Capital



- Mostly funds for socially disadvantaged groups
- Also large companies are eligible
- Training of employees:
 - Job-specific training of your employees, specialization
- Focus on training and education for young employees and NEEDs (16-24 Jahre alt), of elderly unemployed and socially disadvantaged groups
- Projects for the public educational system

Research and Development



- 176 m Euro POR
- 798 m Euro POC
- Also large companies are eligible
- Eligible activities for companies:
 - Development of innovative products or production processes
 - Investments in research and development
 - R & D start-ups and spin-offs
 - Support for preparation of Horizon 2020 projects
 - International exchange of experience
- Public Research Infrastructure

Agro-Food



- Funds for
 - Agricultural Machines and Equipment (up to 500.000 Euro)
 - Construction, modernizing agricultural buildings (up to 1.5 m Euro)
 - Food processing up to 1 m Euro funds fo SMEs, up to 1.5 m Euro for large companies
 - Up to 2.5 m Euro funds for production chains
 - Alternative energie for own use
- Usually 50% funds, in exceptional cases more
- For some agricultural machines and equipment cost limit



State-Aid Limits

Bucharest

- 2014 - 2017: **15% / 25% / 35%** of eligible costs
- 2018 - 2020: **10% / 20% / 30%** of eligible costs

Ilfov and West Region

- **35% / 45% / 55%** of eligible costs

North-West, Center, North-East, South-East, South-Muntenia, South-West, Oltenia

- **50% / 60% / 70%** of eligible costs



What has to be improved

- Shorter evaluation period
- More funds for private companies
- Less trouble with public tenders
- Timely and reliable announcement of application periods
- Transparent and objective evaluation criteria
- More flexibility for technical changes after approval
- Clearer role and definition of financial instruments
- Clearer and consistent national and sectoral strategies and priorities

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