



ESF in Lithuania 2007-2013

Key results of the Commission Ex-Post Evaluation

Impact of 2007-2013 Structural funds on Lithuanian Economy,
People and Quality of life, 23 February 2017

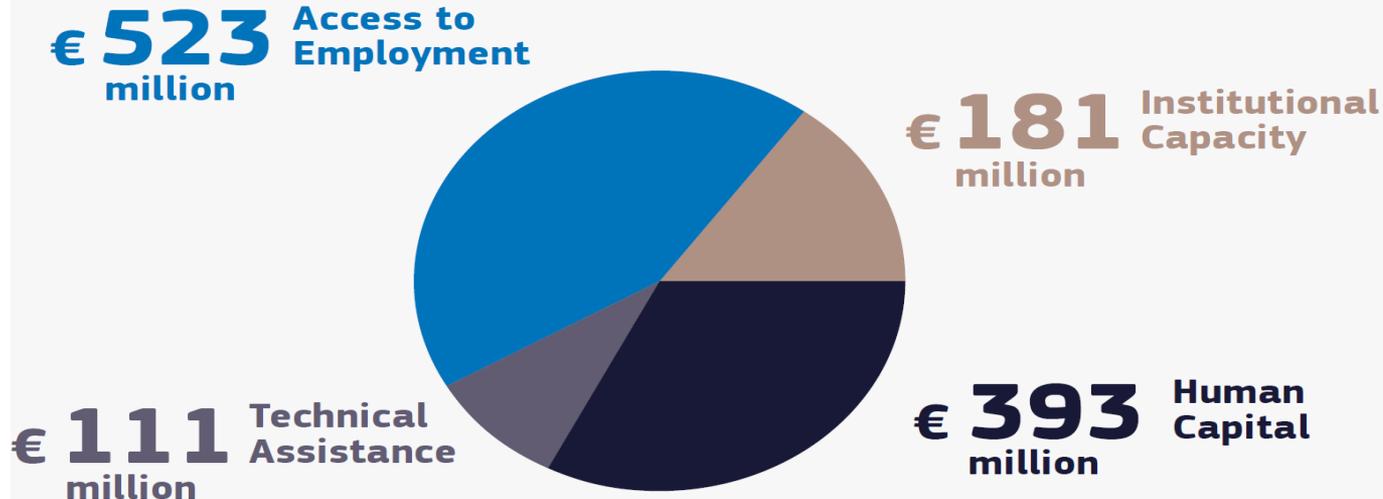
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ESF 2007-2013 spending

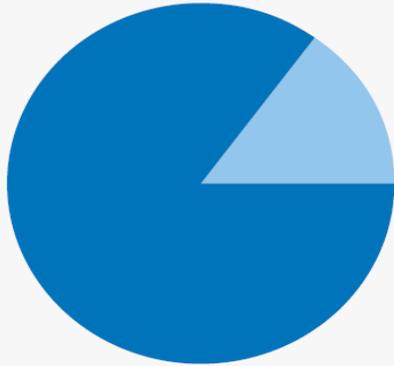


TOTAL BUDGET: €1.208 million



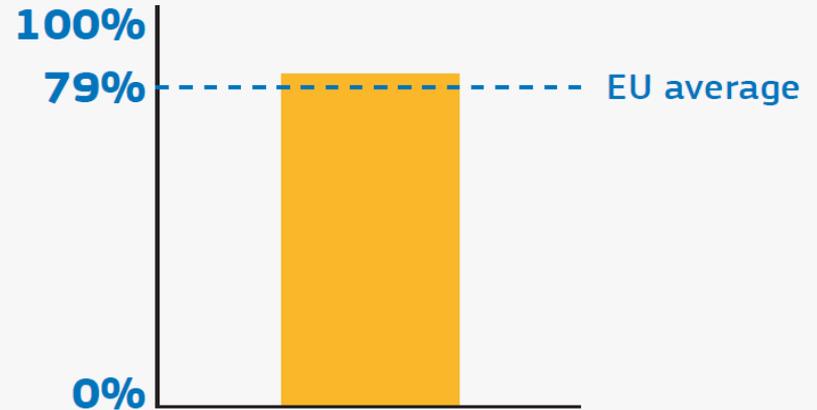
ESF 2007-2013 spending

EU contribution: €1.027 million



85% of total
budget

Budget spent: €1.001 million

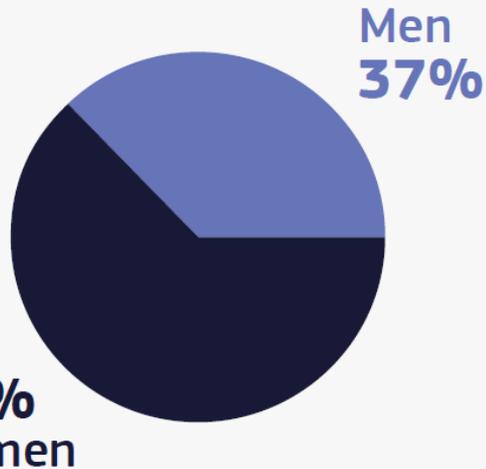


83% of total
budget

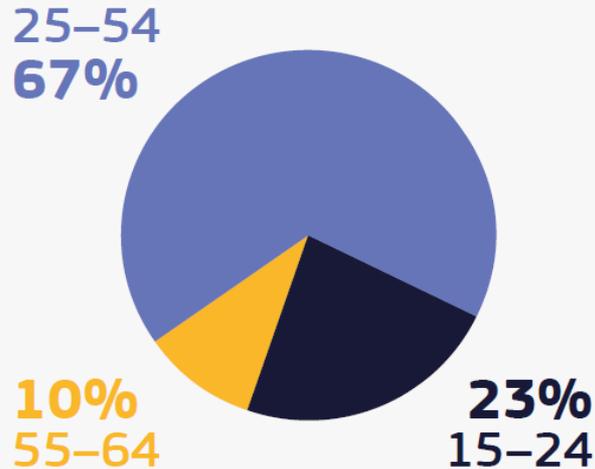
As at the end of 2014

Over 1 million participations

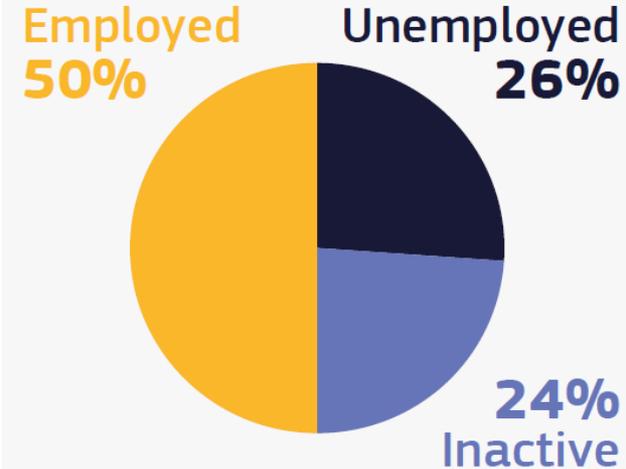
Gender



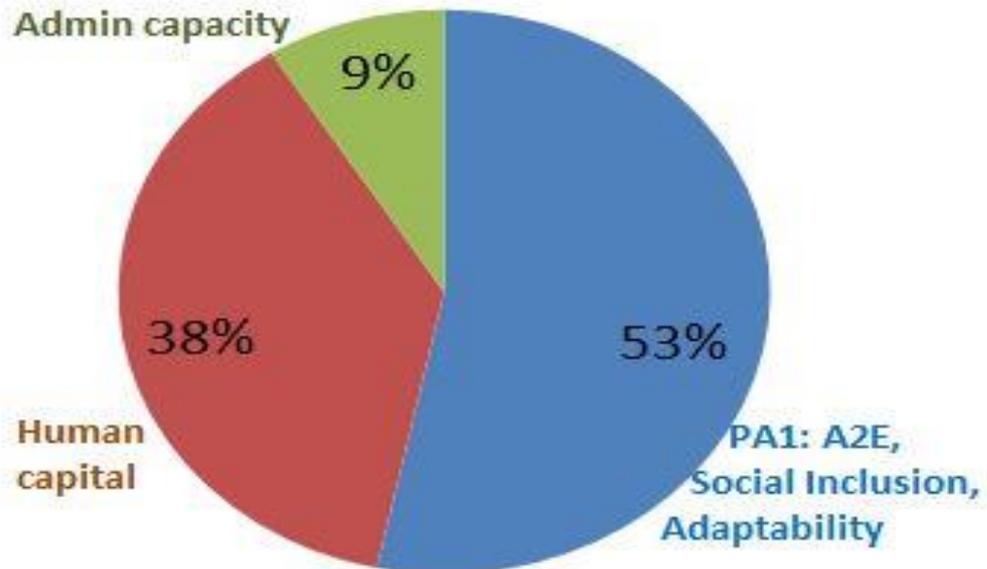
Age



Employment status



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Role of ESF

- **More than 80% of ALMP financed by ESF**
68 million reallocated to A2E from other activities during programming
- **Support to disadvantaged groups (including youth)**
- **Increase admin capacity**
- **Reduce burden for business**
- **Support for VET and Higher education programmes**
- **Support for R&D and researchers**

By the end of 2014, at least



MAIN RESULTS

257.288

Participants gaining qualification

207.981

Participants successfully trained

125.202

Participants entering employment

Impacts of ESF

✓ Strong link to EU2020

✓ Contribution to the various challenges identified by CSR

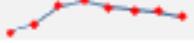
Expansion of ALMP measures, employment of youth, women, low skilled, long term unemployed and older workers. Quality, relevance of education. Social inclusion. Mobility.

✓ Positive impacts

- on reducing early school leaving
- employment of disadvantaged groups
- increasing youth educational attainment level
- the increase in the number of researchers
- the public confidence in the state

NB Lithuania: hardest hit in EU by the crisis. In 2009 GDP fell by 14.8%

Socio-economic indicators

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Trendline
Access to Employment									
Employment rate	65.0	64.4	59.9	57.6	60.2	62.0	63.7	65.7	
Unemployment rate	4.3	5.8	13.8	17.8	15.4	13.4	11.8	10.7	
Young people NEET, 15-24y.	7.1	8.8	12.1	13.2	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.9	
Employment rates, Females, 15-64y.	62.0	61.8	60.4	58.5	60.2	61.8	62.8	64.9	
Human capital									
Early school leaving	7.8	7.5	8.7	7.9	7.4	6.5	6.3	5.9	
Educational attainment	36.4	39.9	40.4	43.8	45.7	48.6	51.3	53.3	
Social Inclusion									
Population at risk of poverty	28.7	28.3	29.6	34	33.1	32.5	30.8	27.3	

Lessons learned

Programming - Flexibility helped to respond to the crisis

Implementation

- Targeted interventions (women with more than 2 years outside labour market, youth with no qualifications etc)
- Quality requirements introduced in the public procurement

Monitoring – Indicators did not match variety of activities funded

Evaluations

- Clear intervention logic (sometimes absent)
- Availability of Micro data for evaluations (burdensome but worthwhile)

Thank you!

For more information on the ESF:

<http://europa.eu/!kQ97Hb>

ESF Ex-post Evaluation Country report:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=16726&langId=en>