BULGARIA and ROMANIA
10 Years of EU Membership

European Structural and Investment Funds

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EB86: positive or negative image of the EU?

**BULGARIA**

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Operating budgetary balance (EUR million) 2015 (% of GNI)

Source: DG BUDGET
**BULGARIA – FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS**
**ERDF and Cohesion Fund**
**period 2007-2013**

Allocations ERDF+CF: Distribution by Theme 2016

- Environment
- Broadband
- Rail
- Other transport
- ICT for citizens & business
- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation & RTD
- Technical Assistance
- Territorial Dimension
- Culture & social infrastructure
- Capacity Building

**ERDF+CF: Adjustments over the period**

- Initial: EUR 5488 million (83%)
- Final: EUR 5415 million (85%)

**Time profile EC payments ERDF+CF 2007-2013, % total funding available**

End 2016: 95%
Closure: 98% (expected)

Source: DG REGIO, Ex-post evaluation of ERDF and CF 2007-2013
BULGARIA: Ex-post evaluation ERDF+CF, 2007-2013

Impact on GDP over time, % dev. baseline

Policy Multiplier 2023: 2.24

Example: Trakia motorway

- 116 km two-lane motorway in SW Bulgaria (TEN-T on the Orient/East-Mediterranean corridor)
- Completed in July 2013.
- Actual cost: EUR 261 million (30% lower than forecast)
- Estimated benefit to cost ratio: 4.2

Source: DG REGIO, Ex-post evaluation of ERDF and CF 2007-2013
ROMANIA – FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS
ERDF and Cohesion Fund
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Allocation ERDF+CF: Distribution by Theme

2016

- Environment
- Rail
- Road
- Broadband
- Energy
- ICT for citizens & business
- Entrepreneurship
- Other investment in enterprise
- Technical Assistance
- Innovation & RTD
- Culture & social infrastructure
- Labour market
- Other transport
- Territorial Dimension

ERDF+CF: Adjustments over the period

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<td>EUR 15 529 million</td>
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Time profile EC payments ERDF+CF 2007-2013, % total funding available

End 2016: 91%

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ROMANIA: Ex-post evaluation ERDF+CF, 2007-2013

Impact on GDP over time, % dev. baseline

Policy Multiplier 2023: 2.81

Example: **Motorway Cernavodă- Constanța**

- 51 km two-lane motorway section in SE Romania (TEN-T route 7)
- Total cost: EUR 434 million (70% from Cohesion Fund)
- Completed in November 2012
- Benefit to cost ratio: 1.8
- Savings in travel time and reduction of casualties from accidents

Source: DG REGIO, Ex-post evaluation of ERDF and CF 2007-2013
BULGARIA – Ex-post evaluation of ESF 2007-2013

EU contribution: €1.180 million

85% of total budget

Budget spent: €1.025 million

76% of total budget

MAIN RESULTS

- 790.953 Pupils in out-of-school activities
- 429.312 Participants gaining qualification
- 221.565 Students receiving scholarships
- 132.485 Participants entering employment
- 1.140 Products developed
- 426 Entities supported

- 60% of expenditure on active labour market policies
- Re-integration of children with special educational needs
- New target groups: Roma and ethnic minorities, pupils & students with special needs.
**ROMANIA – Ex-post evaluation of ESF 2007-2013**

- **EU contribution:** €3.684 million
- **Budget spent:** €1.913 million

### MAIN RESULTS

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<td>Products developed (i.e. online administrative services)</td>
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- **85% of total budget**
- **44% of total budget**

- Social inclusion most effective measure
- Sustainability achieved mainly where ESF measures were coupled with infrastructure projects and mainstreamed practices
BULGARIA – COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY
Key achievements: 2007-2013

- **EUR 4.2 billion from CAP** for agricultural sector and rural areas in Bulgaria during 2007-2013

- **Benefits for Bulgarian farmers:**
  - Key safety net through direct payments of EUR 1.8 billion to about 90 000 beneficiaries

- **Growth and jobs in rural areas:**
  - Set up of about 5 800 young farmers
  - Contributed to Gross Value Added (GVA) in supported holdings and enterprises of over EUR 1.6 billion;
  - Improved basic services for more than 560 000 people
  - A more sustainable model of agriculture
ROMANIA – COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY
Key achievements: 2007-2013

- **EUR 13 billion from CAP** for agricultural sector and rural areas in Romania during 2007-2013

- **Direct payments to farmers:**
  - Key safety net through direct payments of EUR 4.3 billion to 1.1 million beneficiaries

- **Key agricultural sectors:**
  - EUR 114 million for market measures in sectors such as wine, fruits and vegetables

- **Growth and jobs in rural areas:**
  - EUR 260 million to set up 12 700 young farmers
  - EUR 716 million for the modernisation of 800 agricultural holdings
  - Support to 52 700 semi-subsistence farm
  - Upgraded rural infrastructure in 900 communes

- **More sustainable farming practices**
  - Support for maintaining biodiversity and organic farming
European Fisheries Fund, 2007-2013

(in euro)

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ESIFunds 2014-2020
Performance, Transparency and Accountability

- Thematic concentration of resources
- Clear objectives, measurable results including performance framework and reserve
- Ex-ante conditionalities
- Expanded use of financial instruments
- Smart specialization strategies
- Strengthened monitoring
- Impact evaluations
BULGARIA: ESI Funds in the Programming period 2014-2020

- Total budget: **EUR 11.7 billion (85% EU contribution)**

Source: Open Data Platform ESI Funds
ROMANIA: ESI Funds in the Programming period 2014-2020

- Total budget: **EUR 36.5 billion (82% EU contribution)**

Source: Open Data Platform ESI Funds
Progress in implementation

Selection of Projects end-2016
All ESI Funds
Conclusions:

- **EU solidarity** helped transform **BG and RO** during the 10 years following their accession;
- **ESI Funds** have played a **significant role as the main source for development spending** during the first programming period 2007-2013
- They are expected to continue to play a **major role in 2014-2020**
- A **strong Union**, made of strong members is beneficial for all.