

## Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (2021–2027)

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### Political Objective: **Transport and Mobility**

The **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** provides funding to public and private bodies in EU regions to reduce economic, social and territorial disparities. The Fund supports investments through dedicated national or regional programmes.

The **Cohesion Fund** provides support to Member States with a gross national income (GNI) per capita below 90% EU-27 average to strengthen the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU.

The two funds finance programmes in shared responsibility between the European Commission and national and regional authorities in Member States. The Member States' administrations choose which projects to finance and take responsibility for day-to-day management.

### What does this Regulation for Sustainable Transport and Mobility establish?

1. The **ERDF** and the **Cohesion Fund** shall contribute to the overall objective of strengthening the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the Union.
2. The **ERDF** shall contribute to reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions within the Union, and to reducing the backwardness of the least favoured regions through participation in the structural adjustment of regions whose development is lagging behind and in the conversion of declining industrial regions, including by promoting sustainable development and addressing environmental challenges.
3. The **Cohesion Fund** shall contribute to projects in the field of environment and **trans-European networks** in the area of transport infrastructure (TEN-T).

### Policy Objective 2: Sustainable urban mobility

Specific objective	Outputs	Results
viii) Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy	RCO 55 - Length of new tram and metro lines RCO 56 - Length of reconstructed or modernised tram and metro lines RCO 57 - Capacity of environmentally friendly rolling stock for collective public transport* RCO 58 - Dedicated cycling infrastructure supported* RCO 59 - Alternative fuels infrastructure (refuelling/recharging points)* RCO 60 - Cities and towns with new or modernised digitised urban transport systems	RCR 62 - Annual users of new or modernised public transport RCR 63 - Annual users of new or modernised tram and metro lines RCR 64 - Annual users of dedicated cycling infrastructure

### Policy objective 3: A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility

Specific objective	Outputs	Results
i) Developing a climate resilient, intelligent, secure, sustainable and intermodal TEN-T	RCO 43 - Length of new or upgraded roads - TEN-T <sup>(5)</sup> RCO 45 - Length of roads reconstructed or modernised - TEN-T RCO 108 - Length of roads with new or modernised traffic management systems - TEN-T RCO 47 - Length of new or upgraded rail - TEN-T RCO 49 - Length of rail reconstructed or modernised - TEN-T RCO 51 - Length of new, upgraded or modernised inland waterways - TEN-T RCO 109 - Length of European Rail Traffic Management System equipped railways in operation - TEN-T	RCR 55 - Annual users of newly built, reconstructed, upgraded or modernised roads RCR 56 - Time savings due to improved road infrastructure RCR 101 - Time savings due to improved rail infrastructure RCR 58 - Annual users of newly built, upgraded, reconstructed or modernised railways RCR 59 - Freight transport on rail RCR 60 - Freight transport on inland waterways

Specific objective	Outputs	Results
(ii) Developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility	RCO 44 - Length of new or upgraded roads -non-TEN-T RCO 46 - Length of roads reconstructed or modernised - non-TEN-T RCO 110 - Length of roads with new or modernised traffic management systems - non-TEN-T RCO 48 - Length of new or upgraded rail - non-TEN-T RCO 50 - Length of rail reconstructed or modernised - non-TEN-T RCO 111 - Length of European Rail Traffic Management System equipped railways in operation - non-TEN-T RCO 52 - Length of new, upgraded or modernised inland waterways -non-TEN-T RCO 53 - New or modernised railway stations and stops* RCO 54 - New or modernised intermodal connections*	

## Financing

### 1. ERDF supports investment in:

- infrastructure;
- applied research and innovation;
- equipment, software and intangible assets;
- networking, cooperation, exchange of experience and innovation clusters;
- information, communication and studies;
- technical assistance.

**ERDF**, in supporting territorial and interregional innovation investments for **Energy and Transport**, includes:

- at least 8% of the ERDF resources at national level under the ‘investment for jobs and growth’ goal, other than for technical assistance, shall be allocated to sustainable urban development, also with special attention to:
  - tackling environmental and climate challenges,
  - the transition towards a climate-neutral economy by 2050

4. The Cohesion Fund supports investment in:

- the environment, including sustainable development and energy with environmental benefits, particularly renewable energy;
- TEN-T;
- technical assistance;
- information, communication and studies.

### **Note**

Concerning Energy and Transport, **ERDF** and **Cohesion Fund** do not support:

- the decommissioning or building of nuclear power stations;
- investment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from activities such as oil refining, steel-making, glass-making and other industrial processes;
- airport infrastructure, except for environmental impact mitigation, or security, safety and air traffic management system security in particular circumstances;
- fossil fuels, except for:
  - replacing solid-fossil-fuel-fired heating systems with gas-fired heating systems to upgrade district heating and cooling systems or combined heat and power installations,
  - investing in natural gas-fired systems in housing and buildings to replace coal-fired or similar installations,
  - gas transmission and distribution networks, unless preparing for renewable and low carbon gases, such as hydrogen, biomethane and synthesis gas, and to replace solid fossil fuel installations,
  - clean vehicles for public purposes and vehicles, aircraft and vessels used by civil protection and fire services.

### **Implementing acts**

In July 2021, the Commission adopted **two implementing decisions**:

- **Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1130** setting out the list of **regions eligible for funding** from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund Plus, and of the Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund for the 2021–2027 period.
- **Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/1131** setting out the **annual breakdowns**:
  - by Member State of **global resources** for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus and the Cohesion Fund under the ‘investment for jobs and growth’ and ‘European territorial cooperation’ goals;
  - by Member State **per category of region**;

- by Member State allocated to **additional funding for outermost regions**;
- of the amounts to be transferred from each Member State's **Cohesion Fund allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility**;
- of global resources for the **European Urban Initiative**;
- of global resources for **transnational cooperation supporting innovative solutions**;
- of global resources for the **Interregional Innovation Investments**;
- of global resources for the **cross-border cooperation** strand of the European territorial cooperation goal;
- by Member State of global resources for the **transnational cooperation** strand of the European territorial cooperation goal;
- of global resources for the **interregional cooperation** strand of the European territorial cooperation goal;
- of global resources for the **outermost regions cooperation** strand of the European territorial cooperation goal for the 2021–2027 period.

## Main documents

1. Regulation (EU) [2021/1058](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, pp. 60–93).
2. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) [2021/1130](#) of 5 July 2021 setting out the list of regions eligible for funding from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund Plus and of Member States eligible for funding from the Cohesion Fund for the period 2021–2027 (OJ L 244, 9.7.2021, pp. 10–20).
3. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) [2021/1131](#) of 5 July 2021 setting out the annual breakdown by Member State of global resources for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus and the Cohesion Fund under the Investment for jobs and growth goal and the European territorial cooperation goal, the annual breakdown by Member State per category of region, the annual breakdown by Member State allocated to additional funding for outermost regions, the amounts to be transferred from each Member State's Cohesion Fund allocation to the Connecting Europe Facility, the annual breakdown of global resources for the European Urban Initiative, the annual breakdown of global resources for transnational cooperation supporting innovative solutions, the annual breakdown of global resources for the Interregional Innovation Investments, the annual breakdown of global resources for the cross-border cooperation strand of the European territorial cooperation goal, the annual breakdown by Member State of global resources for the transnational cooperation strand of the European territorial cooperation goal, the annual breakdown of global resources for the interregional cooperation strand of the European territorial cooperation goal and the annual breakdown of global resources for the outermost regions cooperation strand of the European territorial cooperation goal for the period 2021–2027 (OJ L 244, 9.7.2021, pp. 21–50).
4. Regulation (EU) [2021/1060](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, pp. 159–706).

5. Regulation (EU) [2021/1059](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, pp. 94–158).
6. Regulation (EU) [2020/852](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (OJ L 198, 22.6.2020, pp. 13–43).

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