

Against the backdrop of significant challenges from within and outside the Union, the EU budget continues to deliver results for Europe and beyond. Strengthening the economy and boosting job creation remains an overarching priority with special attention given to science, research and innovation. At the same time the efforts to efficiently tackle new challenges continue. The ultimate goal of the European Commission is to invest the funds available in a result-oriented manner so that they make a notable positive impact on the ground.



from COSME programme

Member State

supported with



by the end of 2016

GROWTH AND JOBS



235 000 people were back in employment



180 000 gained qualification



100 000 received education or training

by the end of

2015

thanks to the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative

GROWTH AND JOBS



1.2 million jobs created with the support of the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund.



9.4 million people included in the European Social Fund actions gained employment by the end of

2014 according to provisional analysis





EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Erasmus+ students





proved to be more successful than peers in achieving management positions within **10 years** from graduation



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RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



The first European Galileo enabled smartphone and a number of Galileoready devices and applications are already on the market.



The launch of Galileo Initial Services

in 72 2016

has made it possible for chipset and receiver manufacturers to use Galileo signals and expand their activities

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY



The world-longest **64 km** Brenner Base Rail Tunnel



is among the **450 transport projects**



supported by the Connecting Europe Facility

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More than **EUR 60 million**



invested in **120 digital infrastructure projects**, allowing citizens, businesses and public administrations



to benefit from cross-border online services like eHealth, Online Dispute Resolution, eDelivery

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



About **7 million** farmers



supported with **direct payments** in **2016**, **EUR 150 million** made available to compensate for the milk crises.



EU agri-food exports reached a new record level of EUR 130 billion, more than 1.5 % higher than in 2015.

MIGRATION AND SECURITY



174 500 lives saved in the Central Mediterranean alone



with the joint efforts of EU Member States and the newly established **European Border and Coast Guard Agency**

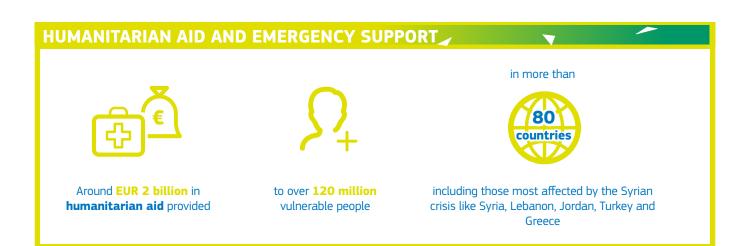
MIGRATION AND SECURITY



Hotspots with **7 450** places in Greece and **1 600** places in Italy created with the support from **Internal Security Fund** and **Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund**.



70 % out of **38 000** returned people joined voluntary return programmes



HUMANITARIAN AID AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT



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More than EUR 200 million assistance for



hit by natural disasters

provided by the **European Solidarity Fund**

since 2014

GLOBALISATION AND SOLIDARITY



EUR 2 million support for Greece in 2016, following the earthquake in the Ionian Islands



and more than **EUR 30 million** for Germany after the floods in Bavaria.

CLIMATE ACTION



of the EU budget 2016



devoted to fighting **climate change**.

