



**GIBRALTAR EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF)
INVESTMENT FOR GROWTH AND JOBS GOAL
2014-2020**



CITIZENS' SUMMARY

**2018 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE 2014-2020 GIBRALTAR
ESF PROGRAMME
(Article 50(9) Regulation (EU)1303/2013)**

Council Regulation states: *“The annual and final implementation reports, as well as a summary for citizens of their contents, shall be made available to the public.”*

The Gibraltar ESF 2014-2020 Operational Programme was approved by the EU Commission on 29 May 2015. The official launch of the Programme was held on 7 July 2015. Subsequently the inaugural Monitoring Committee Meeting took place on 19 November 2015. The first two training projects were approved for funding on 28 October 2015.

By 31 December 2018, a total of 13(thirteen) projects had been approved. 12(twelve) were Governmental projects and 1(one) was from an NGO. 2(two) Governmental projects have been decommitted during this period.

It is expected that on completion of these projects 285 participants will be in employment and 151 participants will have gained a qualification.

A total of € 1,800,498.36 of EU funds had been committed by 31 December 2018, representing 37.19% of the Programmes' allocation.

The designation of all authorities was finalised in 2016, since then 8(eight) claims totalling €557,950.60 have been made to the Commission.

Gibraltar continues to have a transnational project which was approved under the SUDOE ETC Programme. *ClimACT* aims to support the transition to a low-carbon economy in schools. The project featured prominently at the European Week of Regions and Cities held in Brussels in September 2018. It took 2nd place in the “Six projects, one slam!” competition. *ClimACT* was also nominated as a finalist for a Regio Star Award at the same event.

Article 50 TEU was triggered by the United Kingdom in 2017. Negotiations for the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union continued in 2018. The Gibraltar authorities are heavily involved in these. The EU Programmes Secretariat is fully involved and represented on all Structural Funds related Committees set-up by the Member State.

All pertinent documents and a complete list of approved projects and their sponsors, under this Programme can be found on our website www.eufunding.gi .