



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



CITIZENS' SUMMARY

**2018 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE 2014-2020 GIBRALTAR
ERDF 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 ERDF 2014-2020 Operational Programme (OP) was approved by the EU Commission on 12 December 2014. The official launch of the Programme was held on 21 January 2015. Subsequently the inaugural Monitoring Committee Meeting took place on 19 February 2015. The first group of projects were approved for funding on 1 June 2015.

By 31 December 2018, a total of 43 (forty-three) projects had been approved.

- ◆ 21(twenty-one) business start-ups,
- ◆ 17(seventeen) business expansions and
- ◆ 5(five) Governmental project.
- ◆ 10(ten) projects were environmental in nature.

It is expected that on completion of these projects 117(one hundred and seventeen) full-time and 71(seventy-one) part-time jobs will be created.

By the end of 2018, 150.26% of the Programme’s allocation had been committed.

The designation of all authorities was finalised in 2016, since then 10(ten) claims totalling € 2,195,604.12 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.

The complete list of approved projects and beneficiaries can be found on our website www.eufunding.gi .