

## The ESF OP Basilicata 2014/2020

The European Social Fund (ESF) is one of the five European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIFs). Since 2014, ESIFs operate within a common framework and pursue complementary political objectives.

The ESF is the main tool used by the EU to facilitate job market entry and continuous professional development, support employment and innovation, and promote fairer work opportunities.

The ESF Operational Program Basilicata 2014-2020 (OP), developed through close and steady collaboration between the economic and social partnership and the regional structure, is based on an integrated four-Axis intervention strategy, in addition to Technical Assistance, and has the following as main objectives: **Job placement:** paths will be set up to train citizens and help them find employment. Specific initiatives will be aimed at supporting entrepreneurs, through start-up funds, and also companies that are faced with a reorganisation or lack of skilled workers. Helping young people to enter the labour market will be a priority for the ESF. **Social Inclusion:** Projects will be funded to provide people with disabilities and those in disadvantaged groups the skills they need to find work and ensure their independence and financial security. **Better education:** initiatives will be funded both to reduce the school drop-out rate, to ensure that young people complete their training path and acquire skills that will make them more competitive on the labour market, as well as to improve vocational and university education opportunities.

**Strengthening institutional and administrative capacity:** actions will be taken to increase transparency and improve public administration performance. The OP has a budget of € 289,624,168, of which 50% comes from the co-financing EU and the other 50% from the co-financing State and the Basilicata region, respectively.



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