

THE ESF OP BASILICATA 2014/2020

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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. With this aim, the ESF invests in the human capital of Europe: workers, young people and those looking for a job.

The **ESF Basilicata 2014/2020** (OP) is based on the analysis of the regional socio-economic context and the interpretation of regional needs emerging in the light of the Europe 2020 Strategy of the European Commission, the 2013 National Reform Plan, the European Council Recommendations of 2014 and the regional programming guidelines defined with the start of the new regional legislature on 19th December 2013.

The actions of the ESF OP Basilicata 2014-2020 are addressed to the various disadvantaged social categories, such as job-seekers or unemployed people, people at risk of long-term unemployment, workers who cannot benefit from social safety nets, women, young people, families in difficulty, secondary schools and students, as well as employed people, free professionals, entrepreneurs.

The ESF intervention is envisaged, aiming to extend and diversify employment prospects, thus improving the social inclusion of resident populations. In fact, in conjunction with the events of Matera European Capital of Culture 2019, diversified and synergistic actions will be put in place according to the objectives of the ESF OP 2014/2020.

