

# European Social Fund Plus Regional Programme

## ESF+ RP

### 2021 - 2027



# UMBRIA



The **European Regional Development Fund Regional Programme (ERDF RP)** for Umbria was approved by the European Commission on 28 November 2022.

The ERDF RP will make available resources totalling **Euro 523,662,810.00 for the 2021-2027 period**.

## STRATEGY

The ERDF 2021-2027 programming strategy is based on a sustainable, inclusive, and widespread growth. The Umbria RP sets itself the following challenges:

1. implementing policies aiming to improve the capacity to innovate and compete, investing greater resources in research and innovation in the sectors identified in the Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) and in close synergy with Horizon Europe;
2. focusing on the growth of productivity, concentrating both on identifying and removing inhibiting factors and on promoting improving factors; working to shift the production system to more technology-intensive sectors and to “rejuvenate” traditional sectors through the promotion of innovation and internationalisation at all levels;
3. promoting actions that combine economy with environmental quality and sustainability;
4. supporting culture with a view to innovation and social inclusion;
5. implementing territorial strategies aimed at supporting paths of social and economic inclusion and environmental sustainability, promoting the central role played by “inner” rural areas and enhancing the identity of urban areas.

Within the framework of **research and innovation**, the Region aims to increase the number and size of innovative companies in knowledge-intensive sectors with high growth potential; promote knowledge exchanges between research institutions and production sectors, especially SMEs, through partnerships and training; encourage the digitisation of citizens, businesses and public administrations; support production investments by SMEs for the technological, green, and digital transformation of innovative processes for the production of goods and services.

In the area of **climate and energy**, investments are planned to improve energy efficiency and promote renewable technologies, both in enterprises and in public buildings.

Priority is given to investments aimed at increasing seismic resilience, protecting biodiversity, and building green infrastructure in order to restore the ecosystem in urban areas, which are more vulnerable to climate change and air pollution.

Within the framework of a green economy, the circular economy theme takes on a primary role, both for the proper disposal and recycling of waste, and for aid to businesses so they can reduce the impact of their production on the environment while focusing on the development of new sustainable products and materials.

It also aims to improve **sustainable urban mobility**, particularly in the major urban centres.

Two other issues are of fundamental importance for a region like Umbria: the enhancement of culture in synergy with policies related to **social and cultural welfare** and the “**territorial strategies**”, implemented in cooperation with other policy objectives, aiming to promote the economic and social development of the region’s major urban areas and identified inner rural areas.

## THE PROGRAMME

The ERDF Regional Programme is organised into 5 priorities, plus the Technical Assistance supporting the Programme’s management. Each priority is made up of specific objectives consisting of several actions aimed at pursuing specific targets.

### Priority 1

#### Research and innovation

The revitalisation of the production system, R&D activities, synergies and collaboration among SMEs, large companies, and research centres, investment in green technologies and the circular economy, sustainable and data-driven choices, implementation of secure clouds: the Region will create the conditions conducive to the growth of a smart, high-potential industry.

### Priority 2

#### Combatting climate change

A rational use of energy, decarbonisation of the energy system, self-production of energy through renewable sources, circular economy, prevention of natural disasters and seismic retrofitting, consolidation of natural areas, and integration of urban green spaces to combat climate change are the challenges that the Region is setting for itself as it embarks on an ecological transition that will lead it toward a green economy.

### Priority 3

#### Sustainable urban mobility

New ways of living the city, concepts of proximity, sustainability, and accessibility. Rethinking the boundaries for safe pedestrian and bicycle travel, including through the quality of local public transport, integrated with digital systems, to help decongest traffic and contribute significantly to improving air quality. The Region aims to redesign the city in a safe, green, and usable way.

### Priority 4

#### Innovative and social culture

The community as a driving force for culture and regional heritage: valorising spaces, places, and facilities for the participation of the citizenry. The Region promotes the wellbeing of inhabitants and tourists through cultural welfare practices. Indeed, tourism becomes sustainable and culturally inclusive, with the active and responsible participation of the community.

### Priority 5

#### Cohesion and sustainability

Territorial strategies at the heart of cohesion policies. Education, mobility, health, services, social inclusion, and economic development are just some of the issues that constitute the constant and challenging tasks of inner rural and urban areas which, in ways that are sometimes diametrically opposed, encapsulate the essence of our region.



# PRIORITIES / SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES / ACTIONS

## **Priority 1 - A more competitive region: Research & Innovation**

**Specific objective 1.1 – Developing and strengthening the capacity for research and innovation and the introduction of advanced technologies**

- Action 1.1.1 - Strengthening of the technological transfer and entrepreneurial discovery processes
- Action 1.1.2 - Strengthening of innovation chains and support to R&D projects
- Action 1.1.3 - Support for innovative start-ups and the development of spin-offs, incubators/ accelerators

**Specific objective 1.2 – Enabling citizens, businesses, research organisations, and public authorities to reap the benefits of digitisation**

- Action 1.2.1 - Digital transformation: access and use of public services and information by businesses and citizens
- Action 1.2.2 - Digital skills and digital facilitation tools
- Action 1.2.3 - Support for the digitisation of businesses
- Action 1.2.4 - Support for the digitisation of the regional tourism and cultural system

**Specific objective 1.3 – Strengthening the sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, also through investments in production**

- Action 1.3.1 - Support for the innovative production investments of SMEs
- Action 1.3.2 - Support for the internationalisation of SMEs
- Action 1.3.3 - Strengthening of the financial and capital structure of SMEs
- Action 1.3.4 - Support for tourism, tourism services, cinema, audio-visual, cultural and creative, and social enterprises

**Specific objective 1.4 – Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition, and entrepreneurship**

- Action 1.4.1 - Improvement of managerial skills following the guidelines of the Intelligent Specialisation Strategy

## **Priority 2 - A more sustainable region: Combatting climate change, transition toward a zero-emission, circular economy**

### **Specific objective 2.1 – Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions**

- Action 2.1.1 - Support for the energy efficiency of businesses
- Action 2.1.2 - Support for energy efficiency in public buildings, structures, and facilities (including residential buildings)

### **Specific objective 2.2 – Promoting renewable energy**

- Action 2.2.1 - Support to businesses for the production of energy from renewable sources
- Action 2.2.2 - Public support of renewable energy

### **Specific objective 2.4 – Promoting climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking ecosystem approaches into consideration**

- Action 2.4.1 - Prevention of natural and seismic risks

### **Specific objective 2.6 – Promoting the transition toward a circular and efficient economy from the standpoint of resources**

- Action 2.6.1 - Support to businesses for the circular economy
- Action 2.6.2 - Support of the public circular economy

### **Specific objective 2.7 – Strengthening the protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution**

- Action 2.7.1 - Protection, restoration, and sustainable use of Natura 2000 sites
- Action 2.7.2 - Protection of nature and biodiversity, natural heritage and resources, green and blue infrastructure

## **Priority 3 - A more connected region: Sustainable urban mobility**

### **Specific objective 2.8 – Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility as part of the transition to a zero net carbon economy**

- Action 2.8.1 - Soft mobility
- Action 2.8.2 - Strengthening of regular local public transport in urban areas

#### **Priority 4 - A more inclusive region: Innovative and social culture**

**Specific objective 4.6 – Strengthening the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion, and social innovation**

- Action 4.6.1 - Redevelopment of local areas for better inclusion, innovation, and sustainability

#### **Priority 5 - A region closer to its citizens: Cohesion, sustainability, and appeal**

**Specific objective 5.1 – Promoting integrated and inclusive social, economic, and environmental development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and safety in urban areas**

- Action 5.1.1 - Implementation of territorial strategies for urban authorities
- Action 5.1.2 - Increase of the administrative capacity of urban authorities

**Specific objective 5.2 – Promoting integrated and inclusive social, economic, and environmental development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and safety in non-urban areas**

- Action 5.2.1 - Implementation of territorial strategies for inner rural areas
- Action 5.2.2 - Administrative capacity measures for inner rural areas

## **RESOURCES**

The allocation of the financial resources ensures compliance with the thematic concentrations envisaged by the EU regulations that provide for specific contributions to climate change objectives, sustainable urban development, and respect for biodiversity.

<b>POLICY OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>FINANCIAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>%</b>
OP1	A smarter Europe	224.995.900,00	43%
OP2	A greener Europe	199.378.710,00	38%
OP4	A more social and inclusive Europe	9.000.000,00	1,7%
OP5	A Europe closer to its citizens	72.000.000,00	13,8%
AT	Technical assistance	18.328.200,000	3,5%
		<b>523.662.810,00</b>	<b>100%</b>



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