

HOW DOES THE ERDF WORK?

The ERDF regional programmes lay out how the funds will be used. The Berlin programme describes the funding strategies and measures that Berlin intends to implement with the help of the ERDF in 2021-2027. The ERDF programme was negotiated in a partnership process between Berlin's economic, social, and environmental partners as well as other actors from civil society and the European Commission. Proper implementation will be accompanied by a committee representing all the key partners.

The objectives of the ERDF are implemented through projects within the framework of funding programmes of the State of Berlin — therefore, those interested in funding do not have to contact “Brussels” with their ideas and questions.

However, different guidelines, application procedures and criteria for project selection apply to these national programmes. In addition, there are general selection criteria and overarching principles that must be observed for all projects:

- Accessibility for people with disabilities and gender equality
- Compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
- Principle of sustainable development and EU environmental policy

Further information on the Berlin ERDF programme as well as specific funding opportunities and exemplary ERDF projects in Berlin can be found at: www.berlin.de/efre

If questions remain open, you can also contact the ERDF managing authority in person.

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WHAT IS THE ERDF?

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) supports regions in the European Union to reduce social and economic disparities and contribute to EU cohesion.

Berlin, its people, and companies have also benefited from the ERDF for many years.

In the 2021-2027 Funding Period, EUR 680 million will be allocated from the ERDF to Berlin. Together with the national resources that are added, a figure of EUR 1.7 billion is reached.

A huge sum that is specifically used to make Berlin fit for the future!

The ERDF promotes sustainable growth, strengthens future-oriented industries, and helps to expand Berlin into a leading innovation and business location. With more than a third of the budget, climate protection and sustainability as well as environmentally friendly mobility are more firmly anchored in the Berlin ERDF than ever before. A further focus is on measures to develop disadvantaged urban areas.

Priority	Total Financial Allocation
Innovation in SMEs	EUR 902,3 million
CO ₂ reduction	EUR 478,7 million
Urban mobility	EUR 64,7 million
Integrated urban development	EUR 254,3 million

INNOVATION IN SMES

Particular investment needs lie in the intensification of research and development activities of small and medium-sized enterprises. Foundations are the engine of new ideas and drive the developments in the economy. They are an integral part of the innovation process and drivers of digital transformation. The focus is on high-profile innovation support for start-ups. The transfer of research results to the economy and society as well as cooperation and marketing initiatives in the creative and cultural industries are of particular importance. In addition, the internationalisation of Berlin companies is supported.

The ERDF makes Berlin more innovative and competitive by

- allowing Berlin companies to invest more in their research and development,
- offering founders and companies the right financing,
- making sure that Berlin SMEs become more competitive through innovation and that they can open up international markets.

CO₂ REDUCTION

Further significant efforts are needed to achieve climate neutrality and adaptation to climate change. In addition to renovating buildings, the modernisation and flexibility in the energy system are important building blocks. There is also a need for investment in the greening of the city, reducing noise and air pollution and reducing environmental pollution.

The ERDF makes Berlin greener and climate neutral by

- refurbishing public buildings energetically,
- making sure Berlin companies can invest in their energy efficiency,
- modernising energy networks and storage systems,
- adapting our city to climate change,
- protecting and preserving green and park areas.

URBAN MOBILITY

As the volume of traffic increases with population and economic growth, Berlin's climate goals cannot be achieved without a successful transport transition.

The ERDF makes Berlin sustainable mobile by

- developing public transport as well as cycling and footpaths,
- promoting electromobility and the necessary infrastructure.

INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Certain urban areas are characterised by particular social or economic problems. The challenge and investment needs are the creation of equal living conditions and the appreciation of disadvantaged residential areas to increase their attractiveness for businesses, workers and for the people in the neighbourhood.

The ERDF makes Berlin more citizen-friendly and inclusive by

- sustainably stabilising underprivileged districts,
- promoting neighbourly commitment and support for self-help,
- promoting needs-based services for education, integration, and poverty reduction,
- developing tailor-made strategies for local business locations.