

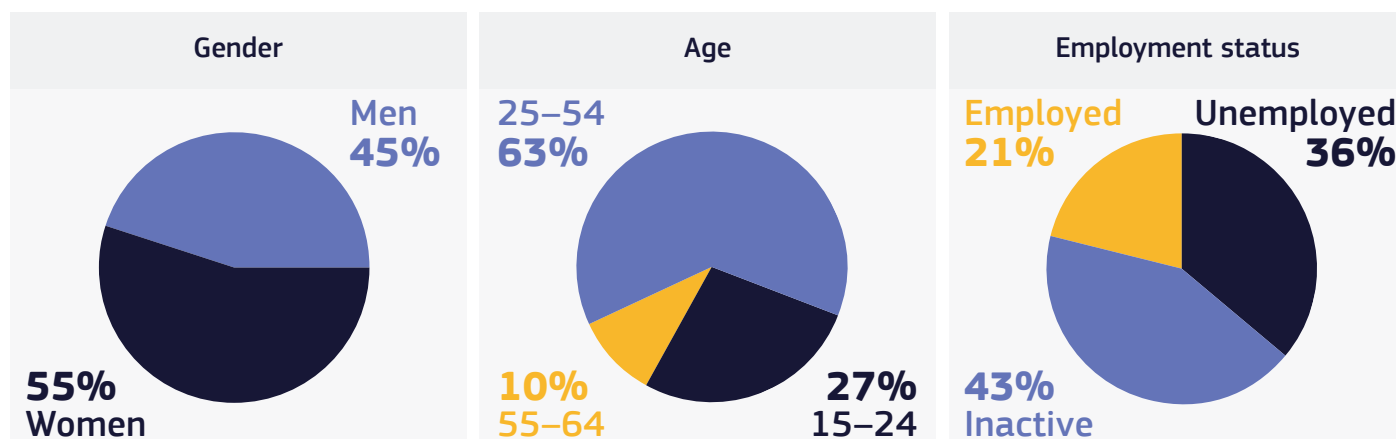


THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND

Investing in people: key evaluation results 2007–2013



PARTICIPANTS: 1.168.000



MAIN RESULTS

283.326

Participants gaining qualification

103.377

Participants entering employment

56.311

Supported students successfully completing academic year

Products developed

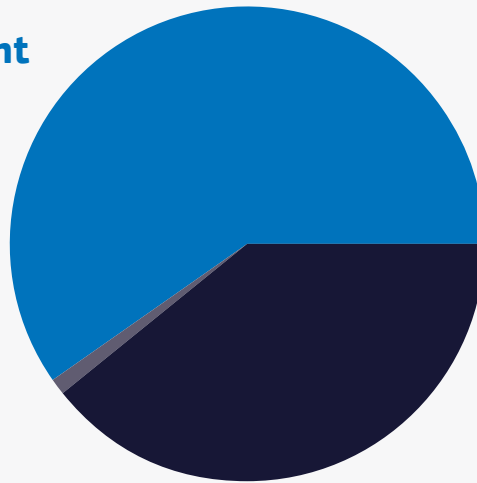
i.e. online administrative services

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TOTAL BUDGET: €752 million

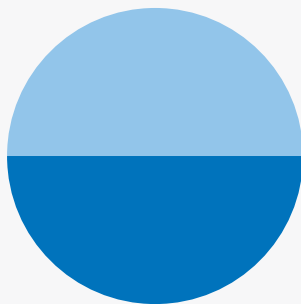
€ **448** Access to
Employment
million



€ **8** Technical
Assistance
million

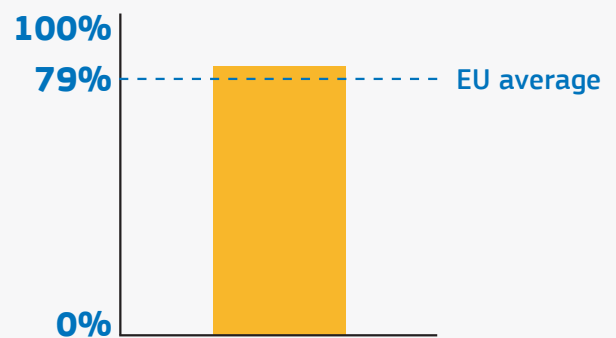
€ **296** Human
Capital
million

EU contribution: €376 million



50% of total
budget

Budget spent: €607 million



81% of total
budget



MAIN FINDINGS

- The **resource contribution of the ESF was substantial** and of greater national importance than under the previous EU funding round.
- The ESF facilitated **higher levels of activity for the Students Assistance Fund and the fund supporting disabled students** than might otherwise have been the case.
- The **cost benefit analysis of adult literacy training** under the ESF, targeting those with lowest educational attainment, **found significant economic benefits**. In particular, it was estimated that there is a 28% increase in income per improvement in one National Framework of Qualifications level for those in work or getting work after training. However, it was estimated that only 25% of trainees were in work.