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Funding instruments from E.U. co-financed programs regarding OMW management, the case of Greece.

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Short history lesson

- European Economic Community was established in 1957 and reformatted as European Union in 1993.
- It consists of 27 Member States, 19 of which, are part of the Eurozone.
- Total population 500m people.

E.U. operates various institutions, the most important are:

- The European Parliament (754 MEP elected from each state)
- The European Commission (the center of E.U., legislation, decisions)
- The Council of the European Union (27 ministers of state, meet to discuss policies)

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- Greece entered E.U. in 1980 and at that time, it was considered to be the less developed economy of the totally 10 E.U. countries.
- The Greek government requested from E.U. –and eventually achieved- to be funded, in order to construct major projects and facilities, that would help to bring the Greek economy to the community average.
- Few years later the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes (IMP's) were established, having as main goal to assist southern regions of the Community (France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal)
- The IMP's continued to support Mediterranean economies and they were the base for the design of the Community Support Framework.

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- E.U. supports members by the providing funding through the European Structural and Investment Funds. Those are:
 1. **European Social Fund (ESF)**
 2. **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**
 3. **European Agricultural and Development Fund (EARDF)**
 4. **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)**
 5. **Cohesion Fund (CF)**

The ESIF focus on five areas:

- research and innovation
- digital technologies
- supporting the low-carbon economy
- sustainable management of natural resources
- small businesses

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More specifically:

European regional development fund (ERDF) – promotes balanced development in the different regions of the EU.

European social fund (ESF) - supports employment-related projects throughout Europe and invests in Europe's human capital – its workers, its young people and all those seeking a job.

Cohesion fund (CF) – funds transport and environment projects in countries where the gross national income (GNI) per inhabitant is less than 90% of the EU average. In 2014-20, these are Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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More specifically:

European agricultural fund for rural development (EAFRD) – focuses on resolving the particular challenges facing EU's rural areas.

European maritime and fisheries fund (EMFF) – helps fishermen to adopt sustainable fishing practices and coastal communities to diversify their economies, improving quality of life along European coasts.

Every country decides, in collaboration with European Commission, on how will use the funding . When all sides arrive in an agreement (partnership agreement), create investment programmes that are designed to channel the funding to the selected areas.

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- Greek State has created a framework regarding enterprises that process agricultural products, that offers them the opportunity for funding using the E.U. investment programmes.
- The ministry of Agriculture and the ministry of Economy are the two main development pillars, regarding funding of agricultural enterprises.
- The investment programmes offer opportunity to enterprises, to evolve and develop their operation by creating or renovating new facilities, acquiring new machinery, acquiring certification by quality standards, buying intellectual property, waste management, etc
- Every enterprise that wants to be funded, has to apply. The submission of the application is accompanied by a detailed business plan and the providing of all the necessary documentation (financial status, turnover, employment etc)

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- The application process has a high rate of difficulty because there is a large number of enterprises that submit application while the total budget of the investment programme is limited.
- Therefore every enterprise should be pre-evaluated from the counseling agency that has agreed to submit the application.
- If the application does not gather a relatively high amount of points then it is difficult to be evaluated as beneficiary. That is something of course that nobody is in a position to know, before the issue of the results.
- Another main point regarding the application process, is the collection of the necessary documentation, especially the part that involves the licensing that the enterprise should have had obtained. Many enterprises are not eligible for application because they don't possess the proper licensing.

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- Every application is evaluated and depending on how many points it sums, is considered to be a beneficiary, a potential beneficiary, or a rejected one.
- Depending on where the enterprise is located the funding percentage varies from 40% to 75%.
- That means that if an olive oil mill applies, submitting a 100.000 € business plan, it will be funded from 40.000 € to 75.000 €, in case that the proposal considers to be a beneficiary.
- The business proposals that include, waste management costs or energy saving costs or both, will gather more points, than those that don't.
- The waste management costs for an olive oil mill could include, every kind of method, that is considered to be environmentally friendly, and are in position to grant the necessary licensing by the competent departments. (Department of Environment, Department of Development, etc)

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- The beneficiary enterprises are obliged to follow the regulations that are described in the Investment Programme.
- The business plan and the costs that have been approved for funding must be followed.
- There is the possibility to modify the business plan and the approved costs, under the condition that the requested amount of funding will not be raised and all the necessary obligation of the regulation are still fulfilled.

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