An independent expert evaluation of 2007-2013 funding found that Cohesion Policy investments had positive, tangible results ranging from job creation, a positive impact on regional disparities and an increase in GDP.

Every region and country in the EU benefits from Cohesion Policy, via the direct effects of the investments and/or the indirect effects like increased trade.

€1 of Cohesion Policy investment during 2007-2013 will generate €2.74 of additional GDP by 2023.

€346.5 billion invested in 2007-2013

Estimated return nearly €1 trillion of additional GDP by 2023

1 million jobs created in 2007-2013

1/3 of net job creation during that period

EU Cohesion Policy investments in 2007-2013 were a vital source of finance for many Member States, representing up to 57% of government capital investment.
Between 2007 and 2013, support from the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund amounted to EUR 15.8 billion in Greece. Investments were mainly made in the areas of:

- Business support
- Transport infrastructure
- Research and Innovation
- Environment

**FIRMS**
- Over 21,000 jobs directly created, of which around 1,500 in research
- 2,600 start-ups supported
- More than 25,000 projects to help firms finance investments

**ENVIRONMENT**
- Nearly 1,460,000 people connected to improved water supply
- Around 371,000 people connected to new or upgraded wastewater treatment facilities

**TRANSPORT**
- 2,646 km of existing roads upgraded
- 144 km of new roads constructed, all part of TEN-T
- 60 km of existing railway upgraded

**ENERGY**
- 108 MW in additional capacity of renewable energy production

**INFORMATION SOCIETY**
- Almost 772,000 additional people with access to high-speed broadband

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EU Cohesion Policy: key achievements

Results of EU Cohesion Policy in Greece

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