PARTICIPANTS: 1,168,000

Gender:
- Men: 45%
- Women: 55%

Age:
- 15–24: Inactive - 27%
- 25–54: Employed - 63%
- 55–64: Unemployed - 10%

Employment status:
- Employed: 21%
- Unemployed: 36%
- Inactive: 43%

MAIN RESULTS

- 283,326 Participants gaining qualification
- 103,377 Participants entering employment
- 56,311 Supported students successfully completing academic year
- 329 Products developed (i.e. online administrative services)
**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.

Source: Ex-post evaluations 2007–2013, [http://europa.eu/!up69Wm](http://europa.eu/!up69Wm)
Figures as at end of 2014. Implementation could continue until end of 2015.