



Expansion of mobile communications



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#### Advice and accessing support

The ILB (Brandenburg's business development and promotion bank) manages all funding programmes co-financed by the ERDF in Brandenburg. For information on how to apply, contact the ILB's customer service.

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## European Regional Development Fund in the State of Brandenburg

Funding period 2014–2020



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Research and development



SME competitiveness



CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



Urban-rural development

The **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** is the European Union's main instrument for regional development. It is intended to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by eliminating inequalities between the various regions.

In the 2014–2020 programming period, Brandenburg is set to receive around € 846 million from the ERDF. This means that, together with the necessary co-funding from the government from Brandenburg, Germany's federal government and from the project applicants, all in all about € 1 billion can be invested in projects benefiting the region.

The aim of Brandenburg's ERDF allocation is to strengthen the region's international innovation capacity and competitiveness in order to create sustainable, self-supporting economic structures. This is to be achieved through a set of measures concentrated into five priority areas where action is urgently needed. In some cases, these areas build on work carried out in connection with previous funding programmes.

## Priority areas of ERDF funding



### Strengthening applied research, development and innovation (R&D&I)

- Expanding the R&D&I infrastructure of Brandenburg's universities and research institutes
- Improving the R&D&I capacity of businesses in Brandenburg
- Support for applied research at research institutes
- Strengthening the innovation capacity of the private sector by means of better networking with cluster actors and technology transfer



### Promoting efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in all economic sectors

- Expanding storage capacity and control systems for energy generated locally
- Improving energy efficiency in private enterprises
- Increasing energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in public infrastructure (e.g. residential districts, individual buildings, landfills)
- Support for sustainable mobility



### Raising the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

- Support for start-ups and innovative young companies
- Strengthening the international competitiveness of SMEs through market development activities
- Building up the growth and innovation capacity of SMEs in Brandenburg








### Integrated development of urban and rural areas

- Improving and protecting the urban environment through the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources
- Investing in the structural improvement of selected inclusive schools
- Economic improvement and stabilisation in selected urban-rural areas



### Expansion of high performance mobile communications

- Supply of undersupplied areas with passive mobile infrastructure

ERDF funding	Financial volume
 Research and development	€ 339 million
 SME competitiveness	€ 149 million
 CO <sub>2</sub> reduction	€ 150 million
 Urban-rural development	€ 119 million
 Mobile communications	€ 55 million
Technical assistance	€ 34 million