THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
Investing in people: key evaluation results 2007–2013

PARTICIPANTS: 1,036,000

Gender
- Men: 37%
- Women: 63%

Age
- 15–24: 23%
- 25–54: 67%
- 55–64: 10%

Employment status
- Employed: 50%
- Unemployed: 26%
- Inactive: 24%

MAIN RESULTS
- 257,288: Participants gaining qualification
- 207,981: Participants successfully trained
- 125,202: Participants entering employment
The ESF has substantially increased the range of active labour market measures, especially during and after the crisis. For instance, some ESF interventions specifically targeted young people, a group that was not targeted by national active labour market policies before in the same specific way.

The large number of unemployed people trained, the total number of participants in lifelong learning activities and the share of researchers and students supported reflect the main challenges that were identified by the Commission Country Specific Recommendations for Lithuania.

About half of the unemployed people (49%) enrolled in vocational training or supported by employment schemes implemented under the ESF were employed within six months after the measure.

Positive impacts were also found for early withdrawal from school and youth educational attainment levels; the increase in the number of researchers per 1000 employed persons; the real unemployment rate; the public confidence in state and municipal institutions and bodies.