ERDF 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' Programme — Latvia's Firm Support with a Three-Year Productivity Lag

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Latvia's €0.7bn ERDF 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' programme (2007–13) supported firms through investment and export-promotion grants. A matched DiD study of 994 beneficiaries found 25–27% higher turnover and 14–18% more jobs, with productivity gains only in year three.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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