



Financial Transparency System

Quick guide to

THE FTS WEBSITE

An EU project that works for the people



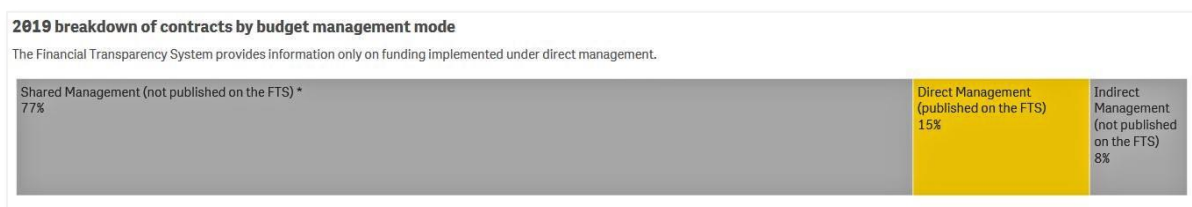
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ABOUT FTS

The Financial Transparency System (FTS) is a part of the European Transparency Initiative launched in 2005. It is a web search tool that lets citizens search through the beneficiaries of funding from the EU budget implemented under **"Direct Management"** and beneficiaries of the European Development Fund. Up to 80 % of the EU budget expenditure is managed by both the European Commission and Member States ("*shared management*"), or implemented indirectly by other international organisations or non-EU countries ("*indirect management*"). You can find more information about shared management in areas such as agriculture, cohesion policy, growth and employment by clicking on the links below:

- [EU Open data portal](#)
- [Beneficiaries of CAP funds](#)



THE FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM IS JOINING THE EUROPE'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

The [new FTS website](#) is based on a dashboard technology designed with **Qlik Sense**. This technology allows visualising financial and geo data for enhanced analytics and improved user experience. The often requested multiple year selection, not available on the old version of the FTS portal, is now easily accessible to citizens with visual representation of the evolution of EU funds on the "Analyse" tab.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR YOU?

The new FTS portal offers:

- multiple search criteria combinations such as multiple year selection;
- KPIs and multiple aggregation of financial data;
- time-saving, improved performance;
- geo visualisation down to NUTS3¹ regions;
- possibility to identify the top 5 or top 10 countries, beneficiaries, programmes, etc.

¹ The NUTS classification is a hierarchical system for dividing up the economic territory of the EU and UK. More information about NUTS history and characteristics is available on the EUROSTAT [website](#):

NUTS 1: major socio-economic regions;

NUTS 2: basic regions for the application of regional policies;

NUTS 3: small regions for specific diagnoses.

QUICK TIPS

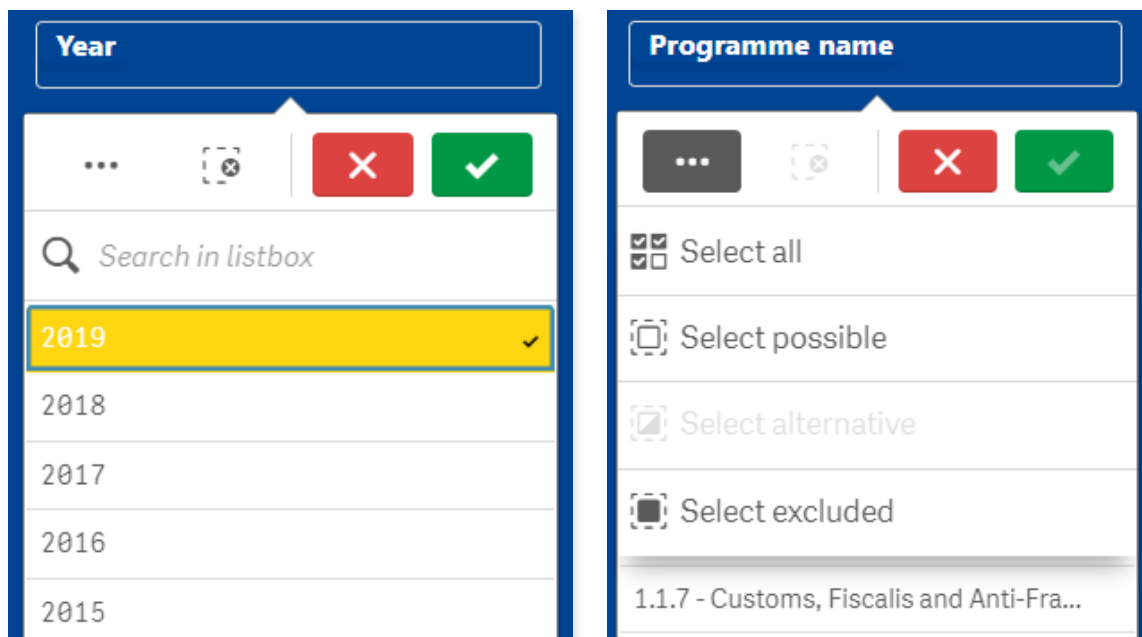
1. How to Filter?

Select from predefined filters

The website offers a series of predefined filters. These are available on the left side part of the “Analyse” tab and include categories such as year, programme name, subject of grant or contract, budget, country, name of beneficiary, VAT number of beneficiary, beneficiary type, non-governmental organization (NGO), not-for-profit organization (NFPO), funding type, project status, responsible department, budget line and type of contract.

To apply one of the filters, simply select it and choose an option from the drill-down list. Confirm your selection by clicking on the green button.

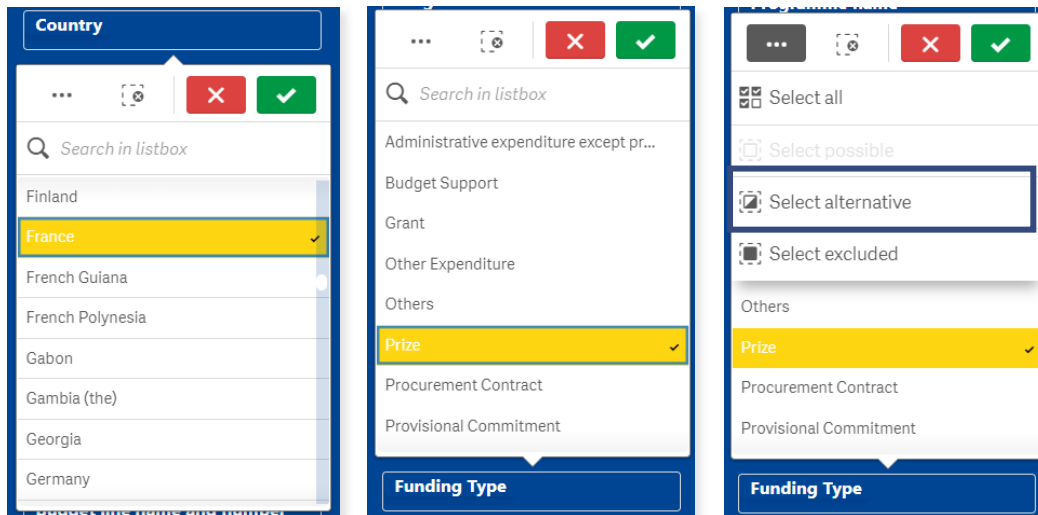
The filter gives the possibility to select one or more, or all options among the values, or to exclude certain options from the selection. Your current selection appears in yellow, while the non-selected options are displayed in white.



To exclude a value from the selection, select first the dimension that you want to exclude then perform an alternate selection.

For example, to exclude a specific funding type from the statistics on a country, follow the steps below:

- 1. Select Country;**
- 2. Select Filter, Funding Type, you wish to exclude;**
Yellow: Current selection;
White: Alternative;
- 3. Select alternative.**

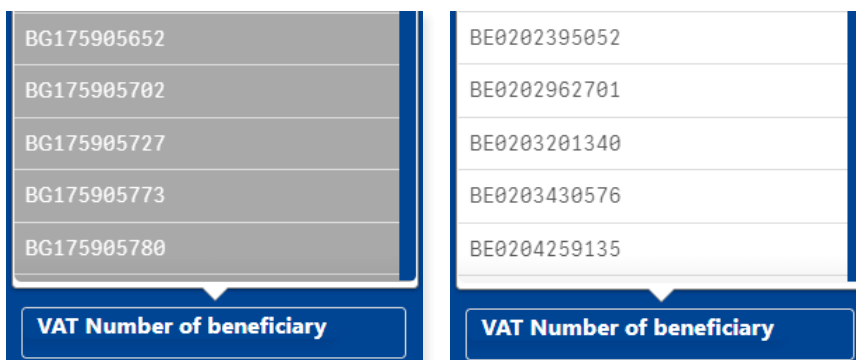


Please note that the same steps apply to exclude any other value available on the website.

Why some filters cannot be selected?

The filters on the FTS dashboard function in a sequential order. This means that if a filter has already been chosen you can only further filter down from available values (fields) under the first selection.

For example, you have firstly selected Belgium as a country of your choice. You cannot further select a VAT number of beneficiary not belonging to a Belgian entity – such filter values are greyed out. Available items are indicated with grey letters on a white background.



Search for a specific word or phrase

If you would like to search for a specific word or phrase (such as name of beneficiary, country, subject of grant or contract, etc.), you need first to click on the magnifying glass icon next to the category title of your interest and then type the search criteria.

For example, if you would like to know how many group studies are published within the FTS database, you need to:

- 1. Go to the “Analyse” tab and click on the “Project Details” icon;**
- 2. Click on the magnifying glass next to the “Subject of grant or contract” filter title;**
- 3. Type “group study” in the white box and press enter;**
 - a. If you enclose the phrase in quotation marks, the results will include only records consisting of an exact match;
 - b. If you do not enclose the phrase in quotation marks, the results will include records consisting of a match for either “study” or “group”, or both.

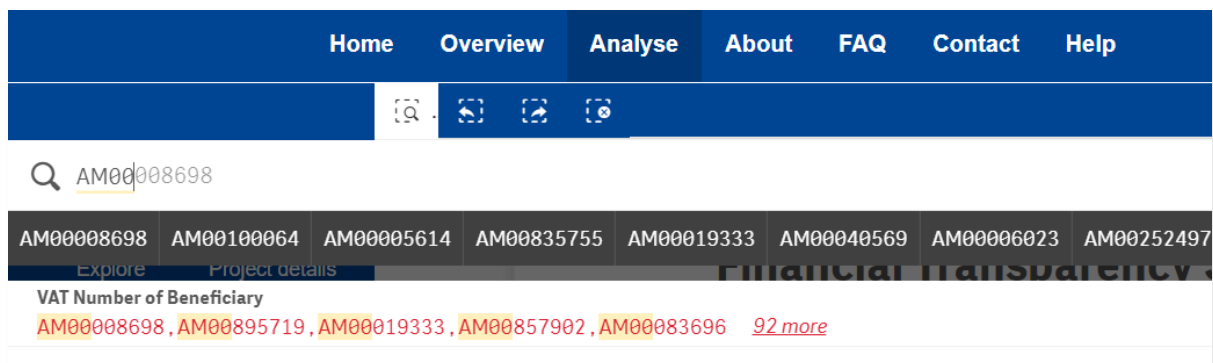


Use of the smart search

Another useful functionality is the smart search – based on an engine that performs a search in the entire database and extracts results for the sheets where the specified keyword is present.

The smart search is available right below the navigation panel at the top of the website of the “Analyse” tab by clicking on the magnifying glass icon. After typing a keyword, number or a phrase in the search field, your data becomes available.

For example, searching for a VAT Number of beneficiary:



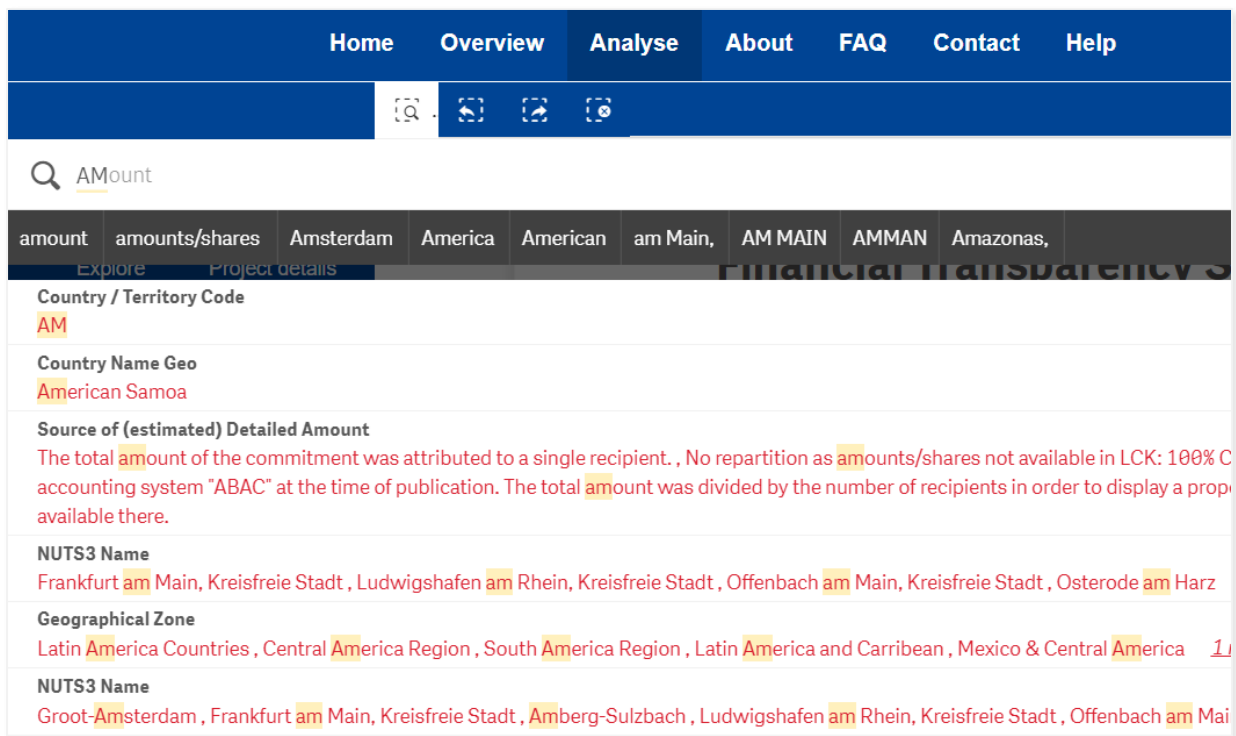
The smart search suggests possible selections depending on the introduced phrase.

Choosing the above-mentioned VAT Number of beneficiary, will result in an entire report, i.e. all of its graphs, tables and sheets to visualise the figures for this specific filter.

Please note that all applied filters and specific selections are always visible in the dark blue ribbon in the upper part of the screen.



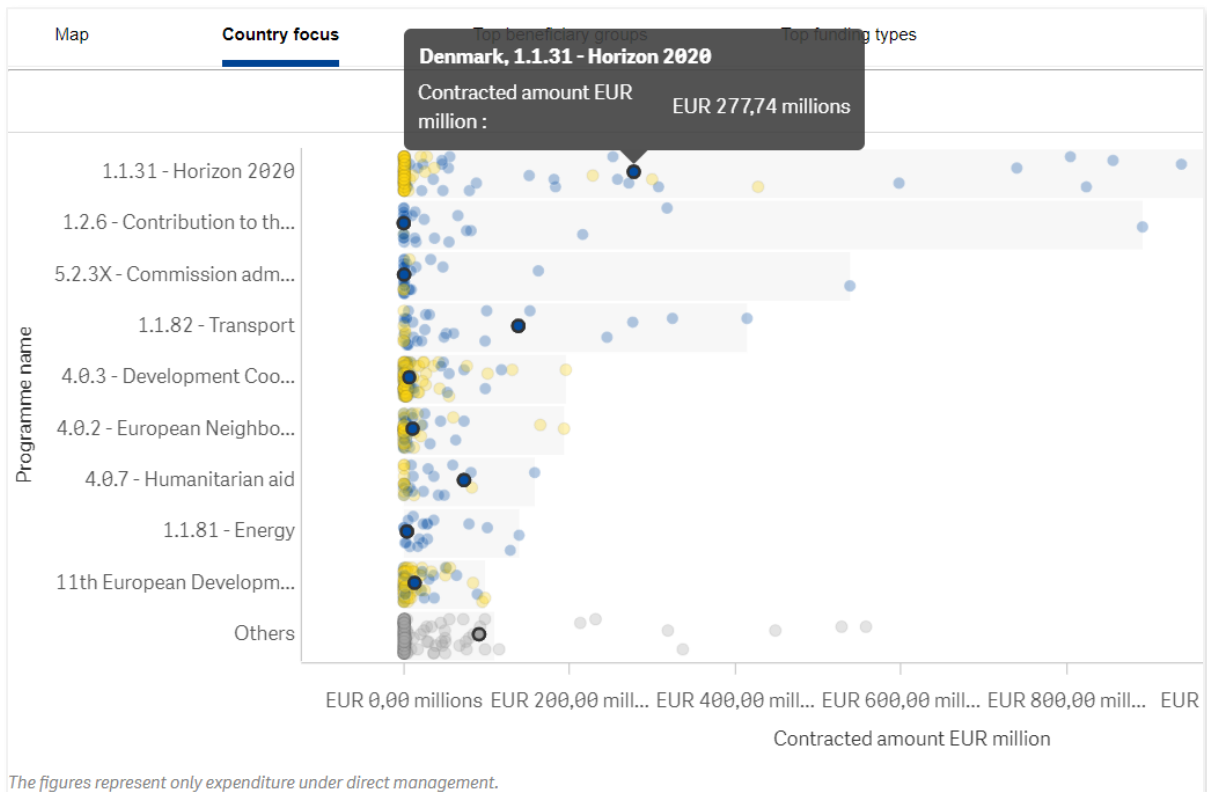
The smart search works across all three language versions of the FTS website.



2. How to navigate through the graphs?

All graphs, tables and maps are interactive, which means that a selection on a field will apply as a filter instantly and automatically.

For example, selecting “Denmark” on the scatter plot on “Country Focus” will return all the information related to beneficiaries from our country of interest.



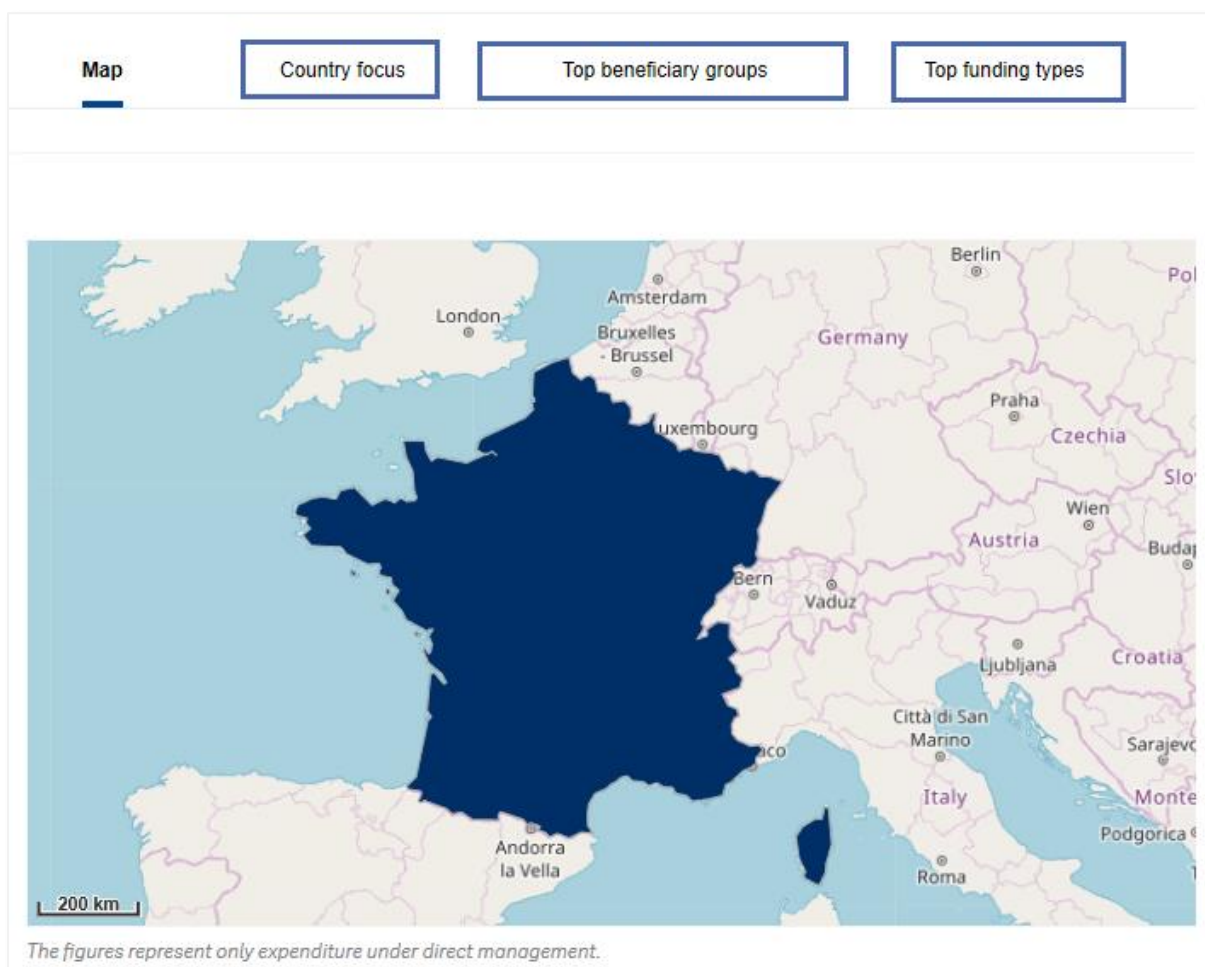
3. How to select?

It is important to know that when you make a selection it applies on all graphs and charts on the same tab. For example, if year 2019 is selected you see on the graphs all the information for 2019. However, if you further select “Grant” as a “Funding type” and click within the territory of Italy on the map the graphs and charts will dynamically change and show only information on grants committed in 2019 by beneficiaries residing in Italy.

Selecting a country

The website proposes a wide variety of selections through filters, such as “drop down” and “smart search”, or directly interacting with the maps and graphs.

You can select one country among the filters or directly click on the chosen country on the map. This will automatically adjust the visualisations to reflect the number of budgetary commitments, contracted and consumed amounts, beneficiaries, programmes and responsible departments in the selection.



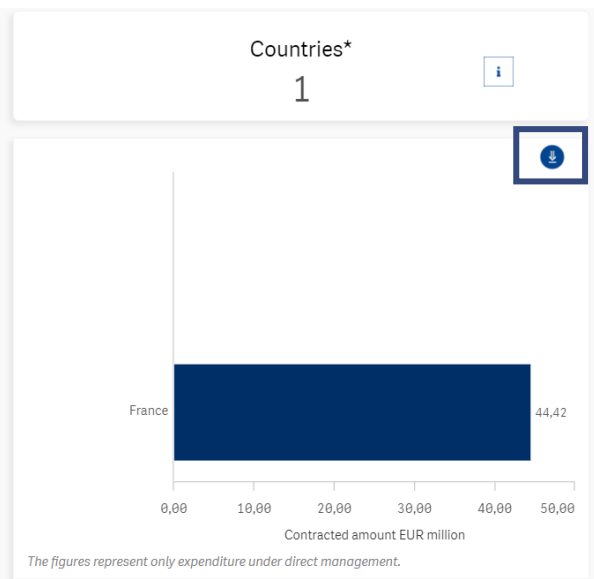
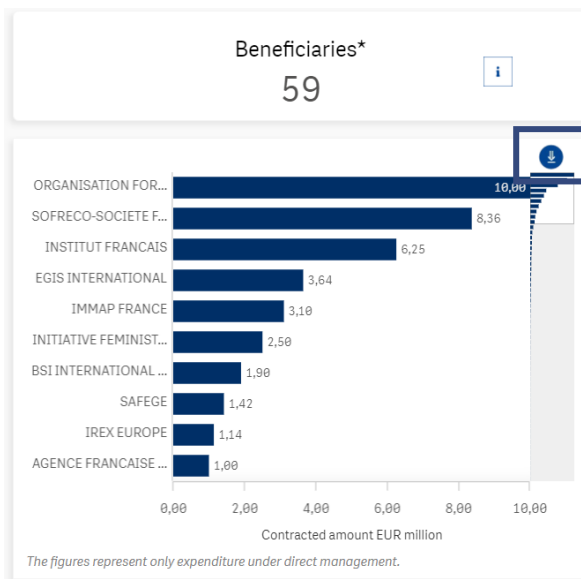
From the map view, we can easily navigate to graphs representing programmes by country focus, top beneficiary groups or top funding types by selecting 1 out of 4 options available above the map.

4. How to export the figures?

The dashboard allows you to export the content and, therefore, reuse the graphics. Furthermore, it is possible to extract the underlying data for your own statistical analyses.

To export the data, go the “Analyse” tab, click on the “Project details” icon and select the filters of your interest, then click on the Export icon (a white arrow pointing downwards) available on the right side just below the ribbon and save the results as an Excel (.xlsx) file. The feature is also available for the graphs on the “Explore” section.

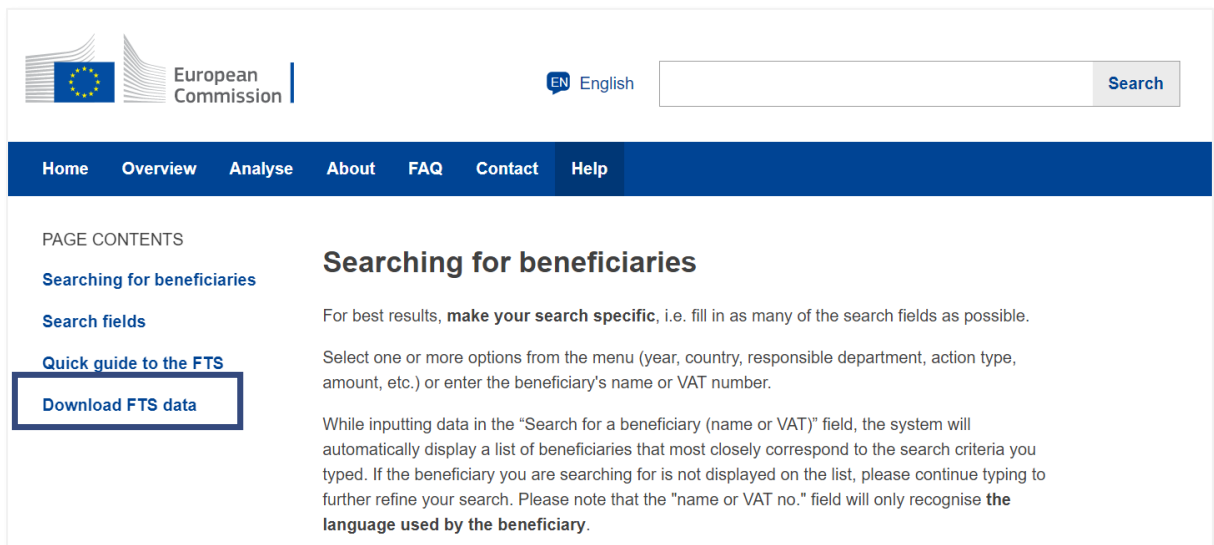
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Year 2019 Country_Territo... France Programme_name... 4.0.2 - European Ne...									
Project details under direct management (please select a reference (budget) for more details)									
Year	Reference (Budget)	Subject of grant or contract	Name of beneficiary	Country	Beneficiary's contracted amount (EUR)	Commitment contracted amount (EUR)	Num... of budg...	Program name	
Totals					44 420 524	71 825 819	88		
2019	SCR.CTR.402607.01.2	SUPPORT TO CSOS AND DE-INSTITUTIONALISATION WITH CSOS	AGENCE FRANCAISE D'EXPERTISE TECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE	France	1 000 000	1 000 000	1	4.0.2 - E Neighb Instrum	
2019	SCR.CTR.412094.01.1	SAFIR (ARABIC FOR AMBASSADOR)	AGENCE UNIVERSITAIRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE	France	0	6 250 000	1	4.0.2 - E Neighb Instrum	
2019	SCR.CTR.412765.01.1	MID-TERM EVALUATION: THREE (3) ACTIONS UNDER THE PROGRAMME "PROMOTING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN	APPLICATION EUROPEENNE DE TECHNOLOGIES ET DE SERVICES	France	119 900	119 900	1	4.0.2 - E Neighb Instrum	



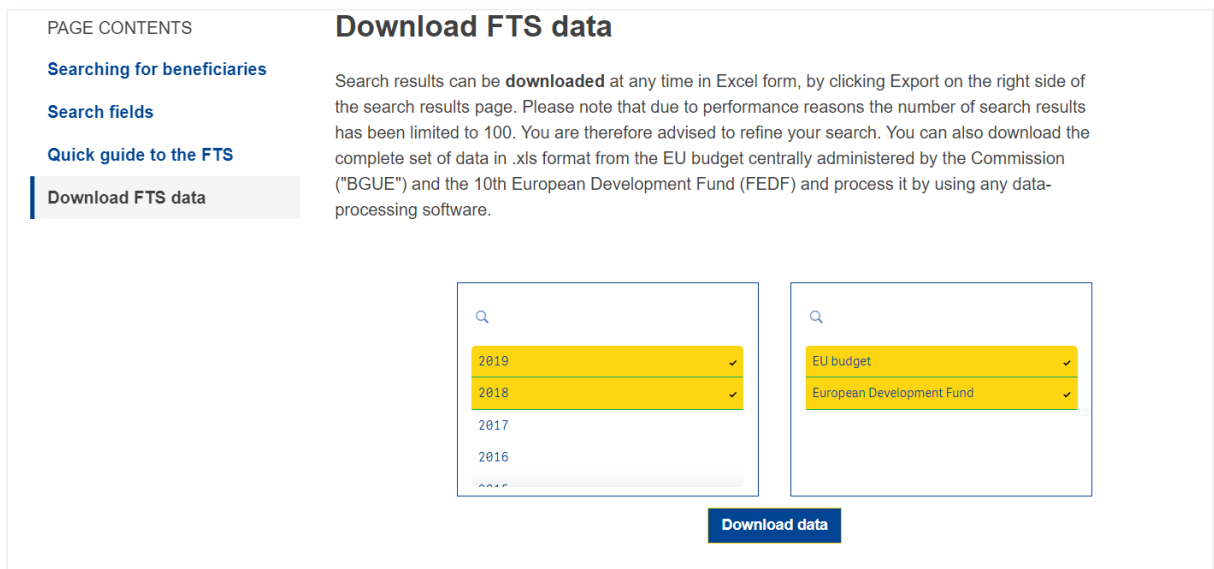
5. How to download the complete dataset?

You can download the complete yearly FTS datasets in .xlsx format via the “Help” page. First go to the “Help” page, scroll to the bottom of it or select the “Download FTS data” button on the left side. As a second step, you need to select the year (multiple selections are possible) you are interested in as well as the type of budget – the EU Budget, the European Development Fund or both.

N.B. The number of cells in a dataset is limited to 1 000 000 and sometimes multiple year selection does not function. We recommend selecting one year at a time.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Commission website. The logo is on the left, followed by 'European Commission'. On the right, there is a language selector set to 'English' and a search box with a 'Search' button. Below the navigation bar, the 'Help' menu item is highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Searching for beneficiaries'. It includes a 'PAGE CONTENTS' sidebar with links to 'Searching for beneficiaries', 'Search fields', 'Quick guide to the FTS', and 'Download FTS data'. The 'Download FTS data' link is highlighted with a blue border. The main text explains that for best results, users should make their search specific and provides instructions on how to use the search fields.



The screenshot shows the 'Download FTS data' page. The 'PAGE CONTENTS' sidebar is on the left, with 'Download FTS data' highlighted. The main text explains that search results can be downloaded in Excel form and provides instructions on how to refine the search. Below the text, there are two dropdown menus for selecting search criteria. The first dropdown is for the year, with options for 2019, 2018, 2017, and 2016. The second dropdown is for the budget type, with options for 'EU budget' and 'European Development Fund'. A 'Download data' button is located below the dropdowns.

6. How to consult the details of a single grant or contract?

The “Project details” section on the “[Analyse](#)” tab gives you the opportunity to drill down the results of your selection within the displayed table. To consult additional details on a project of your interest you need to click on its reference (budget) number. Keep in mind that you should only select one reference (budget) number at a time.

Year	Reference (Budget)	Subject of grant or contract	Name of beneficiary	Country	Beneficiary's contracted amount (EUR)	Commitment contracted amount (EUR)	Num
Totals					24 788 933 854	24 826 816 587	384
2019	AID.48492.1	INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CAPACITY BUILDING : DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ACADEMIC CURRICULA ON	A SUD ECOLOGIA E COOPERAZIONE ONLUS	Italy	39 030	999 937	
2019	AID.CTR.488820.01.1	SYSTEMS AUDIT DESIGN AND OPERATING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM OF HEALTH OF ETHIOPIAN	A.W. THOMAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Ethiopia	36 000	36 000	
2019	AID.48734.1	INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CAPACITY BUILDING : INNOVATIVE LEARNING AND CO-CREATION OF TEACHING	AALTO KORKEAKOULUSAATIO SR	Finland	113 360	992 950	
2019	AID.47925.1	JOINT MASTERS PROGRAMMES : ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER DEGREE IN	AALTO KORKEAKOULUSAATIO SR	Finland	0	147 000	

When you select one reference, the page automatically transforms and shows the related details of the project of your interest. To go back you need simply to clear the selection on the reference (budget) number by clicking on the “X”.

Please keep in mind that if there are additional filters selected (such as country, name of beneficiary, etc.), the displayed details for the project will be limited to your selection. We recommend selecting only the year and the reference (budget) number of the project of your interest.

Year		Commitment P...	
2019		AID.48492.1	
Subject of grant or contract			
INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CAPACITY BUILDING : DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ACADEMIC CURRICULA ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGIES AND GREEN ECONOMY IN AFRICA			
Project Start Date	Year	Project status	Beneficiary location
15/01/2020	2019	Ongoing	
Contracted amount (A)	Additional amount (B)	Total amount (EUR) (A+B)	Consumed amount (C)
999 937	0	999 937	499 968
Source of (estimated) detailed amount		Responsible Department	
The indicative repartition for each recipient was encoded in our central accounting system "ABAC". The actual share may evolve over the lifespan of a project.		DEVCO - Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development	
Budget line name and number		Action Type	Reference (Budget)
Various intra ACP, other programmed sectors (04.20.65)		11th European Development Fund (EDF)	AID.48492.1
Funding Type	Beneficiary Type	Expense Type	Geographical location
Grant		Operational	**

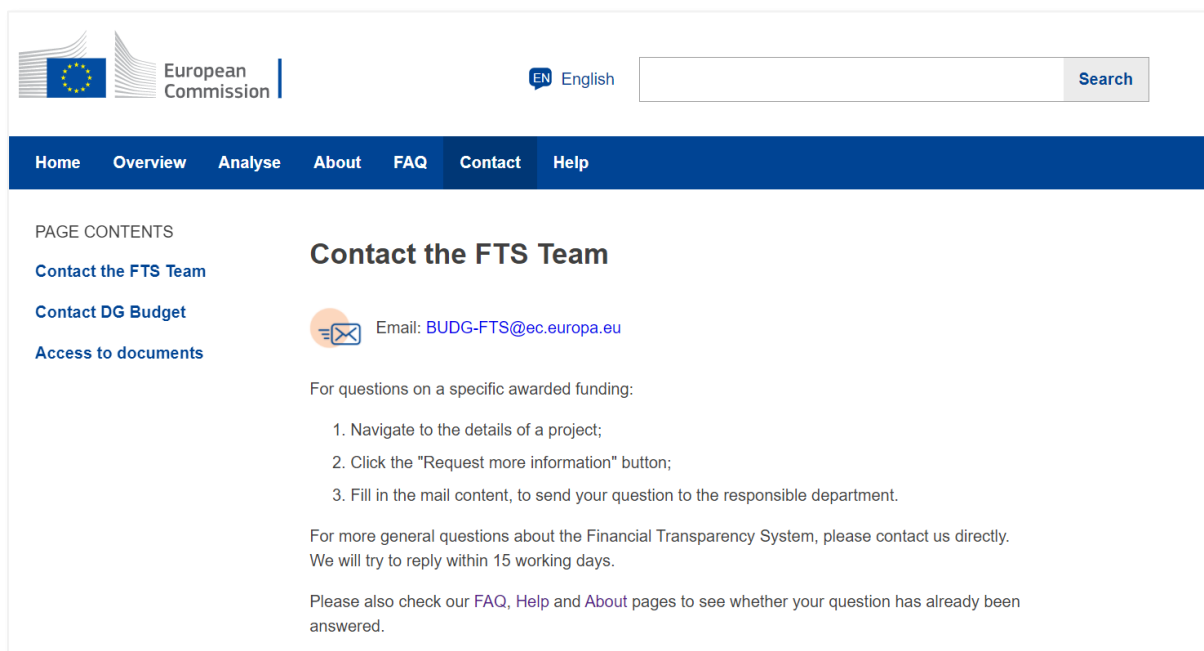
7. Why I cannot make a selection on the “Overview” tab?

The “Overview” tab gives an annual overview of the most recent year published on the website and thus filtering is not possible on it. The top chart presents the breakdown by budget management modes (including “shared” and “indirect” management). The rest of the charts and graphs provide financial information only on funding implemented under “direct management”. You can export the data displayed on the charts by clicking on the blue export button at the right top corner of each of them.



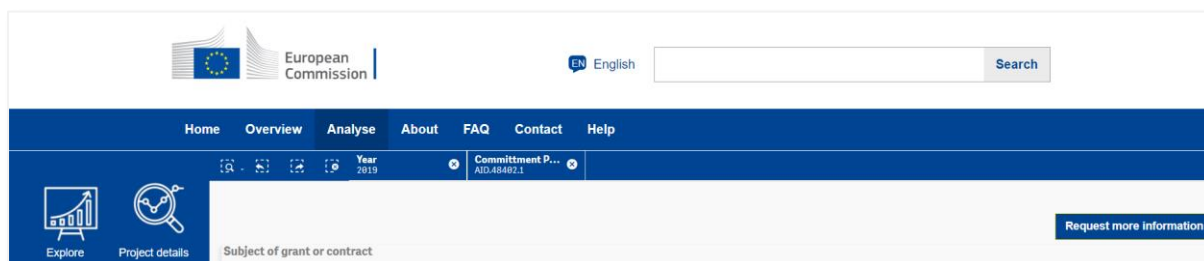
8. How to contact us?

To contact the FTS team you can use the [email address](#) given on the [Contact](#) page. If you would like to contact directly other departments within DG Budget or make an access to documents request please use the buttons on the left side or scroll down the Contact page.



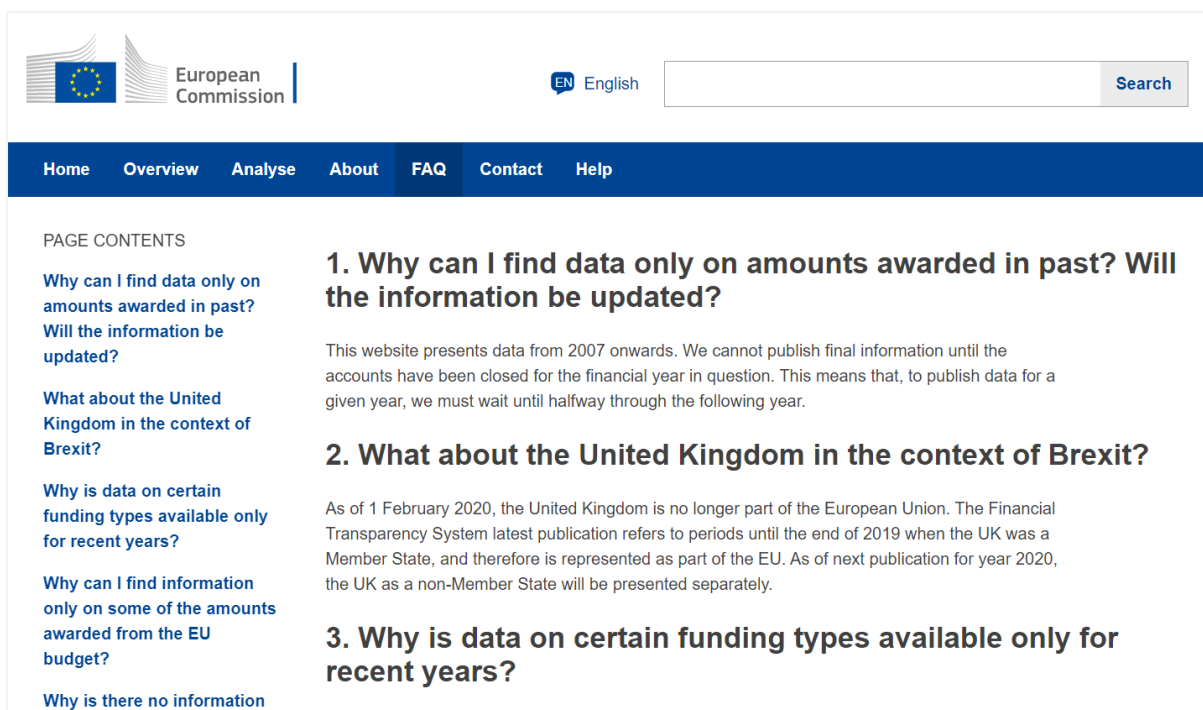
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Commission website. The logo and name 'European Commission' are on the left. On the right, there is a language selector set to 'EN English' and a search box with a 'Search' button. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue menu contains links for 'Home', 'Overview', 'Analyse', 'About', 'FAQ', 'Contact', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'PAGE CONTENTS' and lists three items: 'Contact the FTS Team', 'Contact DG Budget', and 'Access to documents'. The 'Contact the FTS Team' section is expanded, showing an email icon and the address 'Email: BUDG-FTS@ec.europa.eu'. Below this, instructions are provided for contacting the team regarding specific awarded funding, followed by a list of three steps: 1. Navigate to the details of a project; 2. Click the 'Request more information' button; 3. Fill in the mail content, to send your question to the responsible department. Further instructions state that for general questions about the Financial Transparency System, users should contact the team directly, with a response time of 15 working days. A final note suggests checking the FAQ, Help, and About pages for previously answered questions.

If you would like to contact directly the responsible department managing a grant or contract of your interest, please use the “Request more information” button located at the top right corner within the details page of a selected grant or contract.



The screenshot shows a detailed view of a grant or contract page on the European Commission website. The top navigation bar and menu are identical to the previous screenshot. Below the menu, there are several data fields: 'Year 2019', 'Commitment P... AUU.68462.1', and a search bar. On the left side, there are two icons: 'Explore' (a bar chart) and 'Project details' (a magnifying glass). On the right side, there is a prominent blue button labeled 'Request more information'.

We encourage you to visit our [FAQ section](#) where you can find the answers to most of the questions.



The screenshot shows the top part of the European Commission website. On the left is the European Commission logo. In the center, there is a language selector set to 'EN English' and a search bar with the word 'Search' inside. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with white text for 'Home', 'Overview', 'Analyse', 'About', 'FAQ', 'Contact', and 'Help'. The 'FAQ' link is highlighted. The main content area is white and contains a 'PAGE CONTENTS' section on the left with five blue links. To the right of this section are three FAQ items, each with a bold heading and a short explanatory paragraph.

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1. Why can I find data only on amounts awarded in past? Will the information be updated?

This website presents data from 2007 onwards. We cannot publish final information until the accounts have been closed for the financial year in question. This means that, to publish data for a given year, we must wait until halfway through the following year.

2. What about the United Kingdom in the context of Brexit?

As of 1 February 2020, the United Kingdom is no longer part of the European Union. The Financial Transparency System latest publication refers to periods until the end of 2019 when the UK was a Member State, and therefore is represented as part of the EU. As of next publication for year 2020, the UK as a non-Member State will be presented separately.

3. Why is data on certain funding types available only for recent years?