EU Cohesion Policy
2014 – 2020
Proposals from the European Commission
EU Cohesion Policy invests in:

- Training
- Support for SMEs
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Transport
- Research and innovation
- Cooperation between regions

Support for SMEs

Transport

Energy efficiency

Cooperation between regions

Research and innovation
Results of EU Cohesion Policy
(figures from 2000-2006 period)

- 8400 km of rail built or improved
- 5100 km of road built or improved
- Access to clean drinking water for 20 million more people
- Training for 10 million people each year
- Over 1 million jobs created
- GDP/capita up 5% in newer Member States
Objectives for 2014-2020

• Deliver the Europe 2020 strategy objectives of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

• Focus on results

• Maximise the impact of EU funding
Legal architecture for 2014-2020

• 1st part: Common Provisions Regulation:
  – Cohesion policy:
    • European Regional Development Fund (ERDF),
    • European Social Fund (ESF),
    • Cohesion Fund (CF)
  – European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
  – European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

• 2nd part: Specific provisions for the cohesion policy:
  – ERDF
  – ESF
  – CF
  – European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) – first time
  – European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) – first time
Objectives of the cohesion policy

• Investment for growth and jobs (ERDF, ESF, FC)

• European Territorial Cooperation (ERDF)
Proposed EU budget 2014-2020

“Ambitious but realistic” proposals issued by the Commission in June 2011 for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020

- Cohesion Policy: 33% (€336 billion)
- Connecting Europe Facility: 4% (€40 billion)
- Other policies: 63% (€649 billion)
A menu of thematic objectives

• Research & innovation
• Information and communication technologies (ICT)
• Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
• Shift towards a low-carbon economy
• Climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
• Environmental protection & resource efficiency
• Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
• Employment & supporting labour mobility
• Social inclusion & combating poverty
• Education, skills & lifelong learning
• Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations
Financial allocation for territorial cooperation

• History:
  – Interreg I 1999-93: 1 billion € - only cross-border
  – Interreg II 1994-99: 3.6 billion € - cross-border + transnational (since 1997)
  – Interreg III 2000-06: 5.8 billion € - cross-border + transnational + interregional
  – European Territorial Cooperation: 8.7 billion € for three strands

• Future (on the basis of compromise of 27.06.2013) – 8.9 billion €:
  – Cross-border: 74.05% (6.5 billion €) for 56 or 58 programmes
  – Transnational: 20.36% (1.8 billion €) for 14 programmes
  – Interregional: 05.59% (0.5 billion €) for 4 programmes
Cross-border cooperation

Eligible zones: NUTS III (province) + maritime borders (>150km)

Objective: to solve local problems
Transnational cooperation

Eligible zones: NUTS II (regions)

Objective: strategic project for a bigger region, importance of the macro-regional strategies
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