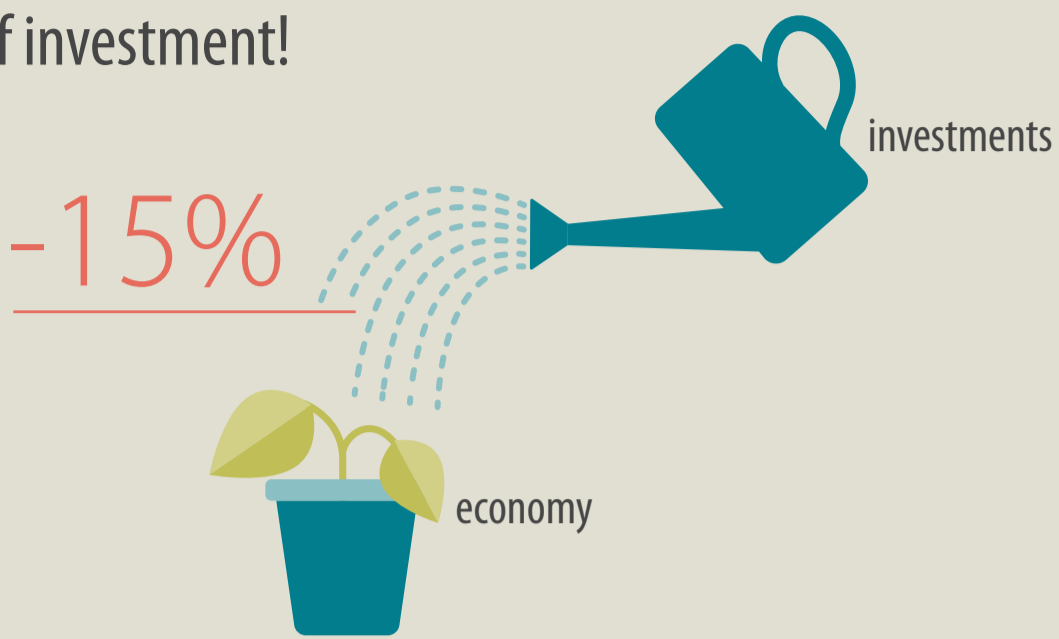




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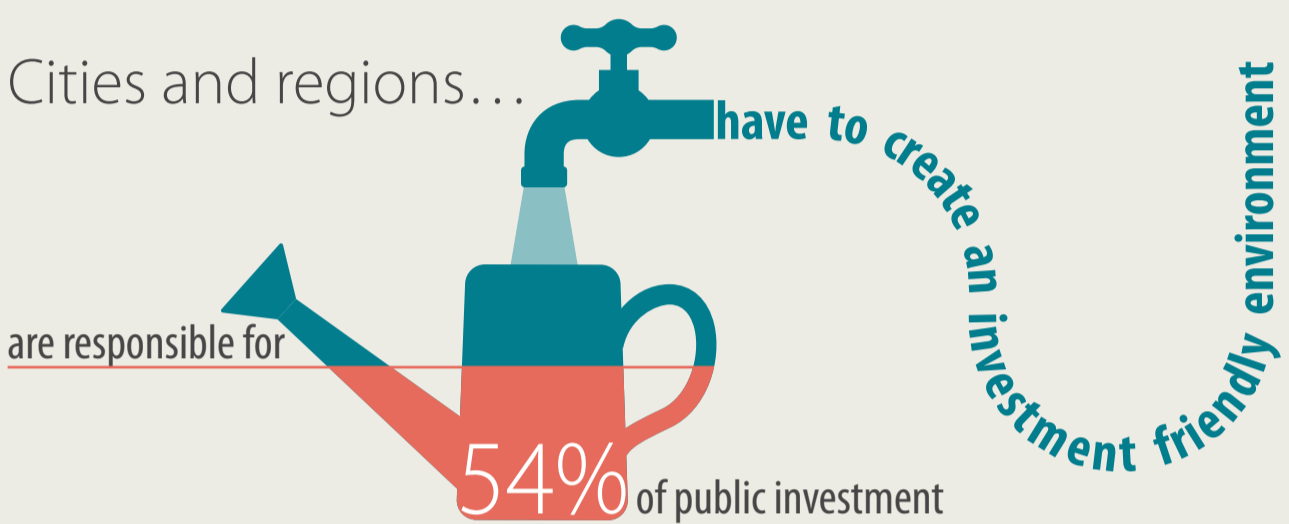
# Bridging the investment gap

## 1. Drop of investment!



## 2. How important are LRAs for investment?

Cities and regions...



## 3. What is blocking/preventing investment?



burdensome regulations



lack of specialised knowledge



complex procedures of EU support



hesitation of private investors to invest in weaker areas

## 4. How to tackle the challenge?



Fast track projects supported by EU structural Funds



National co-financing of structural funds projects must not be considered as debt



Simplify rules of structural funds and the Juncker Plan (EFSI)



Broaden scope of Juncker Plan (EFSI) and improve geographical imbalance



Make better use of the EU Investment Project Portal



Decentralise technical assistance for EU financial instruments



Support regions in shaping regional innovation strategies based on smart specialisation



Set minimum public investment targets for every country