The challenges and solutions for middle-income regions within the EU Cohesion Policy beyond 2020

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Disparities remain important: GDP per head

- Severozapaden: 29
- Inner London - West: 530
- Luxembourg: 264
- GDP per head in Luxemburg is more than 9 times higher than in Severozapaden
• The unemployment rate across the EU has fallen from a high of 10.9% in 2013 to 8.6% in 2016 and 7.7% in 2017, still above the 7% it was in 2008

• In some regions, the rate remains at historical heights

• Dytiki Makedonia: 31.3%
• Andalucía: 28.9%
• Niederbayern: 2.0%
- Regions in eastern Member States have converged to the EU average...
- ... but Greek and Italian regions diverged substantially
- Attiki: -32
- Notio Aigaio: -30
Thank you for your attention