CoR MOOC on the "EU budget and funding for regional cities"

Implementation of the European Structural and Investment Funds and prospects - 1
Live debate, 18 November 2016

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ESI Funds working together to invest EUR 454 bn in European economy in 2014-2020

- European Regional Development Fund: incl. Interreg €197 billion
- European Social Fund: €86 billion
- Cohesion Fund: €63 billion
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: €99 billion
- European Maritime & Fisheries Fund: €5.7 billion
- Youth Employment Initiative: €3.2 billion
Focus of ESIF investments on Commission priorities of jobs and growth
Carte 1.5 ALENA: PIB par habitant (SPA en USD), 2012

Indice, moyenne ALENA = 100
- < 50
- 50 - 75
- 75 - 100
- 100 - 125
- 125 - 150
- 150 - 200
- > 200

Mexique: 2011
Source: OCDE

Source des limites administratives: série de données GAUL
(Système de classification par niveaux administratifs) utilisées
par la FAO dans le cadre du programme CE/FAO de sécurité
alimentaire «Information pour l’action».

Carte 1.1 PIB par habitant (SPA), 2011

Indice: UE-28 = 100
- < 50
- 50 - 75
- 75 - 90
- 90 - 100
- 100 - 125
- 125 - 150
- > 125

Source: Eurostat
Importance of ESIF in public investment

ESIF allocation 2014-2016 as % of public investment

Source: European Commission, DG ECFIN (AMECO database), DG REGIO.
The method: Programming, Partnership and Shared Management

- Common Strategic Framework
- Partnership Agreements
- Operational Programmes
- Management of programmes/Selection of projects
- Monitoring/Annual reporting

456 national/regional/thematic programmes
79 European Territorial Cooperation programmes
ESIF programmes – not only money!

EU funding contributes to delivering relevant Country Specific Recommendations, for example

• Labour market participation including childcare
• Poverty and social inclusion
• Research and Innovation
• Reform of public administration
ESIF contribute to improving investment conditions ('ex-ante conditionalities')

- Strategic (eg master plan for transport, smart specialisation strategy)
- EU legislation (eg waste management or energy efficiency directive)
- Administrative capacity (eg public procurement, State aid)
Focus on results and performance

- 2 million firms to be supported
- Improved job finding chances of 10 million unemployed people
- 14.6 million additional households will have access to high-speed broadband
- 7670 MW of additional renewable energy capacity
- Almost 17 million people to benefit from improved wastewater treatment, 12.4 million from improved water supply
- 7515 km of railway lines
- 6.8 million young people will be able to use new or improved childcare or education facilities in EU 15 Member States
New open data platform

https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu
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Speed up the delivery

• **Implementation is accelerating:**
  - Rapid increase of projects selected on the ground – doubling of financial volume since end of 2015
  - At end-2015, support already provided to more than 200.000 enterprises and more than 2 million people searching for a job, training, or education

• **Diverse situation** across MS/regions and programmes.
61 CSRs taken up in cohesion policy programmes
MFF mid-term review and post-2020

- Commission proposals adopted in September
- Aim at:
  - reducing administrative burden for beneficiaries
  - Improving synergies with other EU instruments
  - Simplifying the use of financial instruments
  - Increasing flexibility
Taking stock of achievements and lessons

- 2007-2013 *ex post evaluation*

- Upcoming *reports* in 2017:
  - Innovation strategies (smart specialisation)
  - Ex-ante conditionalities
  - Lagging regions
  - Legal and administrative obstacles faced by border regions
  - Strategic and Cohesion Reports
Cohesion policy post-2020: key issues

- Simplification
- Link with economic governance/structural reforms
- Performance and results
- Flexibility
- Financial instruments
# Expected timeline

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