The New Regulations: Commission’s perspective and programming

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COHESION 2021-2027

Report on the outcome of 2021 – 2027 cohesion policy programming

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AGENDA

1. Main outcomes of the 2021-2027 negotiations
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MAIN OUTCOMES

of the 2021-2027 negotiations
• **EUR 378 billion** or EUR 545 billion with national co-financing in **379 programmes** focused on **green** and **digital transitions** while leaving **no one behind**

• Aiming to **reduce regional disparities**: focused on less developed regions with spill-overs to all EU regions

• Expected to **increase EU’s GDP by 0.5%** by the end of the implementation (e.g. 4% for HR and 3% for BG, RO, PT; 2.6% for the less developed regions)

• Expected to **create 1.3 million jobs**, support **850 000 enterprises** and at least **6.5 million unemployed people** and to help **723 000 dwellings to** improve their energy performance

• **Open Data Platform** for details and **Kohesio** to discover projects in the regions
NOVELTIES and simplifications
• **Just Transition Fund** - to tackle the challenges caused by the transition to climate neutrality

• **Partnership principle** - ensuring democratic accountability and ownership for quality investments

• Unique **place-based approach** – empowerment of sub-regional territories and local communities to identify their own priorities and projects

• **Enabling conditions** – systems and arrangements for an effective and efficient implementation of the policy, support to reforms

• **Mainstreaming New European Bauhaus** in all 27 Member States’ programmes

• **Do no significant harm principle** – cohesion policy investments to be aligned with the [Green Deal](https://ec.europa.eu) objectives

• **Stronger focus on results-orientation** – broader use of Simplified Cost Options and Financing not linked to cost (FNLC)
COHESION POLICY

and its main objectives
• **EUR 73 billion** EU support to foster **research** and **innovation**
  - EUR 35 billion to develop research and innovation capacities, EUR 6 billion for new R&D equipment
  - 725,000 companies to be supported in total
  - EUR 23 billion for SMEs to grow and improve competitiveness, e.g. to support skills and smart specialisation in 65,000 SMEs

• **EUR 36.6 billion** on EU’s **digital transition** across policy objectives
  - 22,500 public administrations will be **digitalized**
  - High-speed mobile network and fixed digital infrastructure will connect 3.1 million dwellings and 356,000 enterprises.
A greener, low carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Europe

• Unprecedented support of cohesion policy for the European Green Deal and the EU Climate Law:
  
  • EUR 92 billion for investments in energy, climate change adaptation, environment and sustainable urban mobility and EUR 110 billion for climate action and climate transition
  
  • REPowerEU plan: EUR 47 billion of EU financing to accelerate the green transition and diversify energy supplies
  
  • EUR 10 billion to renewable energy development focused on EU solar strategy and EUR 5 billion in smart energy systems
  
  • EUR 16.6 billion for EU Biodiversity strategy programmed in 2030
  
  • EUR 13 billion invested in water services and improved wastewater collection and treatment.
  
  • EUR 18 billion in sustainable urban mobility to cover 1 230km of tram and metro lines and 12 200km of cycling infrastructure
EUR 40 billion in the digital and green transition of the transport sector in line with the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy

- 3 900 km of TEN-T railway will be built with EUR 10.7 billion
- Trans-European Transport Network completed by 2030
- Priority to road investments that facilitate public transport. Investments in multimodal transfer points and alternative fuels infrastructure
- 30 000 refueling/recharging points for vehicles using alternative fuel
- Decarbonisation measures for port and airport infrastructure: promoting sustainable maritime fuels, rail access to ports and greening terminals.
Social and inclusive growth is a priority for the policy with the highest allocation of EUR 111 billion

- ESF+ support EUR 6.5 million unemployed and 1.3 million inactive people and EUR 11 billion supporting youth employment

- European Year of Skills 2023: re-/upskilling 4.5 million employed people

- EUR 12.7 billion for social integration and EUR 11.6 billion for access to services to help more than 3 million people at risk of social exclusion.

- EUR 4.8 billion for health and long-term care from ESF+ and EUR 6.1 billion ERDF to support 60 million patients receiving medical advice or treatment in new facilities

- EUR 4.7 billion to support the most deprived via food and basic material assistance

- Focus on social partners and civil society organisations with EUR 763 million
A new objective further empowering sub-regional territories and local communities

- **EUR 19 billion** to support place-based investments in urban and rural areas
  - 2 million m² of energy renovated public buildings
  - 33 km² of open space created or renovated in urban areas
  - 3,800 cultural or tourism sites

- EUR 5 billion under integrated territorial investments and EUR 6 billion under other national territorial tools for place-based sustainable urban development strategies

A Europe closer to its citizens
The JTF is helping people and places in the transition to **climate neutrality** with a budget of **EUR 19.7 billion**. The ERDF and CF are the main source for supporting this transition:

- Support fossil-fuel dependent regions in diversifying their economies
- Helping industry to decarbonize industry
- Helping to phase out the use of peat for energy use and restore peatland

**Provide support**

- EUR 5 billion to support SMEs and EUR 3.2 billion for reskilling of workers
- Support to 39,000 enterprises and 5,000 SMEs. Up to 120,000 unemployed people will benefit and 200,000 people will get new qualifications
- EUR 1 billion to rehabilitate 46,000 ha of land and the circular economy with EUR 0.7 billion
• Interreg supports **territorial cooperation across the EU** and its neighbours via **85 cooperation programmes** that invest **EUR 10 billion** from ERDF.

• Interreg aims to deepen and facilitate cooperation in the 2021-2027 programming period. MS are interested in investing in **long-term cooperation** processes.

• MS to commit to associate young people in Interreg programming: more than 20 programmes will proactively involve young people.

• **EU’s programmes with Ukraine and Moldova** have been reinforced
  
  • **6 programmes** were adopted by the end of 2022, investing in healthcare, education and border security
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