

Cohesion policy for 2021-2027

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A modern, dynamic policy

331 billion euro (2018 prices)

Modern investment

- Focus on transition to smart, low-carbon economy
- Stronger link to European Semester
- Comprehensive performance data (near real time), open data

Simple, flexible, dynamic

- 7 funds, 1 regulation (50% shorter)
- 80 key administrative simplifications
- Faster implementation (return to n+2)
- Responsive to emerging needs (e.g. migration)

For all regions

- Balanced and fair allocation method
- 75% of financial resources to poorest regions and Member States, where most needed

MFF negotiations and cohesion policy negotiations – timing

- ✓ Objective to reach a **political agreement on the MFF in 2019/2020**
- ✓ Sectoral proposals can only be finalised after MFF deal (ie in 2020)
- ✓ EP adopted its 1st reading position on all elements of the legislative package for post-2020 cohesion policy, in Council CPR is divided into blocks and sectoral regulations+ financial provisions part of MFF package
- ✓ Ongoing dialogues

Risk: new legislation may be delayed

Programming negotiations

- ✓ Commission is prepared for the 2021-2027 programming exercise more than half a year earlier than for the 2014-2020 period
 - The **CPR proposal** was issued already in May 2018 and includes details on programme templates
 - The Commission's position concerning the investment needs in the Member States in the form of **Annex D** of the European Semester country reports was published in February 2019
 - The **launch events** marking the start of the negotiations on the new programming period took place in all MSs in the spring 2019

Programming negotiations - upcoming events

- ✓ During summer 2019 the Member States sent to the Commission their timetables (roadmaps) for cohesion policy programming including
 - a target date for the submission of mature programming documents ready for adoption before the end of 2020 and
 - an intermediate date for the submission of complete drafts
- ✓ Indicative calendar for programming 2021-2027 based on the roadmaps
 - Informal dialogue between the Commission and the Member states from the launch events until the new legislation is adopted
 - Mature drafts of programming documents expected to be submitted by the majority of Member States in the first half of 2020
 - Formal submission of programming documents ready for adoption expected by the majority of Member States in the second half of 2020



Policy objectives and Commission priorities for SK

1. A smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
 - *enhance R&I capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies*
 - *increase SMEs' competitiveness and internationalisation*
 - *reap the benefits of digitization*
 - *enhance skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship*



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2. A greener, low-carbon Europe
 - *Energy efficiency, renewable energy and smart energy systems*
 - *Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience*
 - *Transition to circular economy*
 - *Sustainable water management*
 - *Biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment and reducing pollution*
3. A more connected Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)
 - *Sustainable, intermodal Trans-European Transport Network*
 - *National, regional and local mobility and focus on urban mobility*
 - *Digital connectivity*



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4. A more social Europe (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
 - *Adaptation of enterprises and workers to changes in the economy, including through anticipation of skills needs and tailor made support.*
 - *Access to quality and inclusive education for all, including disadvantaged groups.*
 - *Internationalization and excellence in vocational and higher education.*
 - *Enhance access to quality, sustainable and affordable long-term care and healthcare services. Address shortages in medical occupations and support attractiveness of social worker professions*



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5. A Europe closer to citizens (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)

- *Integrated social, economic and environmental development*
- *Cultural heritage and security based on the integrated territorial development strategies, reinforcing the role of regional capitals.*
- *Build up on the specific territorial expertise of the Catching-up Regions Initiative and Coal regions in Transition Initiative.*

Horizontal issues: administrative capacity building, cooperation outside the programme area

Synergies in post-2020

Strengthening complementarities and synergies between EU policies and instruments is one of the key objectives of the post-2020 MFF

Types of synergies and complementarities:

- ✓ Synergies in design/programming phase
- ✓ Voluntary transfers
- ✓ Cumulative funding
- ✓ Sequential funding
- ✓ Seal of Excellence type of mechanism

Synergies in the design phase

- ✓ Partnership Agreements and programmes have to take into account **relevant 2019 country specific recommendations** when selecting policy objectives (Art. 8(a) and 17(3)(a)(iii) Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)*)
- ✓ **Partnership Agreements** have to set out arrangements for using the CPR Funds in an effective and efficient manner and **complementarities between the shared managed Funds and other Union instruments** (Art. 8 CPR*). There is 1 PA per MS covering all 7 CPR Funds .
- ✓ **Enabling conditions: Smart Specialisation Strategies** are key to synergies with Horizon Europe, Single Market Programme, Digital Europe Programme and other EU smart growth related instruments.

*) https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/regional-development-and-cohesion_en

Cumulative Funding

- **Cumulative funding** from different Union instruments **in the same operation**, as long as double financing is avoided (Art. 57(9) CPR):
 - ✓ **Rules of each contributing Union programme apply to its respective contribution**
 - ✓ Cumulative financing shall not exceed the total eligible costs
 - ✓ Support from different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis
 - ✓ Single document setting out for the beneficiary the conditions for support
- Cumulation possibility proposed for **14 EU Funds/programmes**: Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Single Market Programme, LIFE, Creative Europe, Space Programme, CEF2, Euratom, Erasmus+, Customs, Justice Programme, AMF, ISF and BMVI

NB: Cumulation on pro rata basis with Horizon2020 is already possible under current CPR: see "[Omnibus Regulation](#)" (Regulation EU 201871046)

Thank you!



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