



The Urban Dimension in the Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

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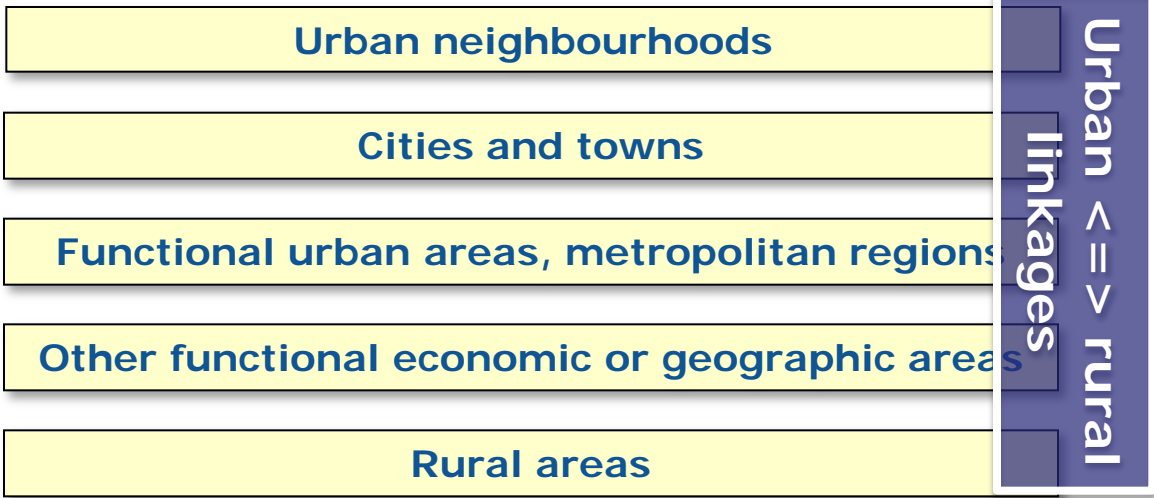
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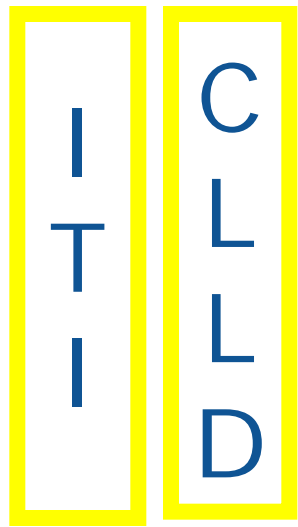
Thematic dimension: Concentration on Europe 2020 priorities

<p><u>Smart growth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & Innovation • ICT • SME 	<p><u>Sustainable growth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-carbon • Resource-efficiency • Risk-prevention • Transport 	<p><u>Inclusive growth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Social inclusion • Education
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Territorial dimension: Integrated strategies and actions



Instruments



The new urban dimension

Examples of urban investment priorities:

- Supporting **energy efficiency**, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructure, including in public buildings, and **in the housing sector** (4 (c));
- Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable **multimodal urban mobility** and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures (4 (e));
- Taking action to improve the **urban environment**, to revitalize cities, regenerate and decontaminate brownfield sites (including conversion areas), reduce air pollution and promote noise-reduction measures (6 (e));
- Providing support for physical, economic and social regeneration of **deprived communities in urban** and rural **areas** (9 (b));

The new urban dimension

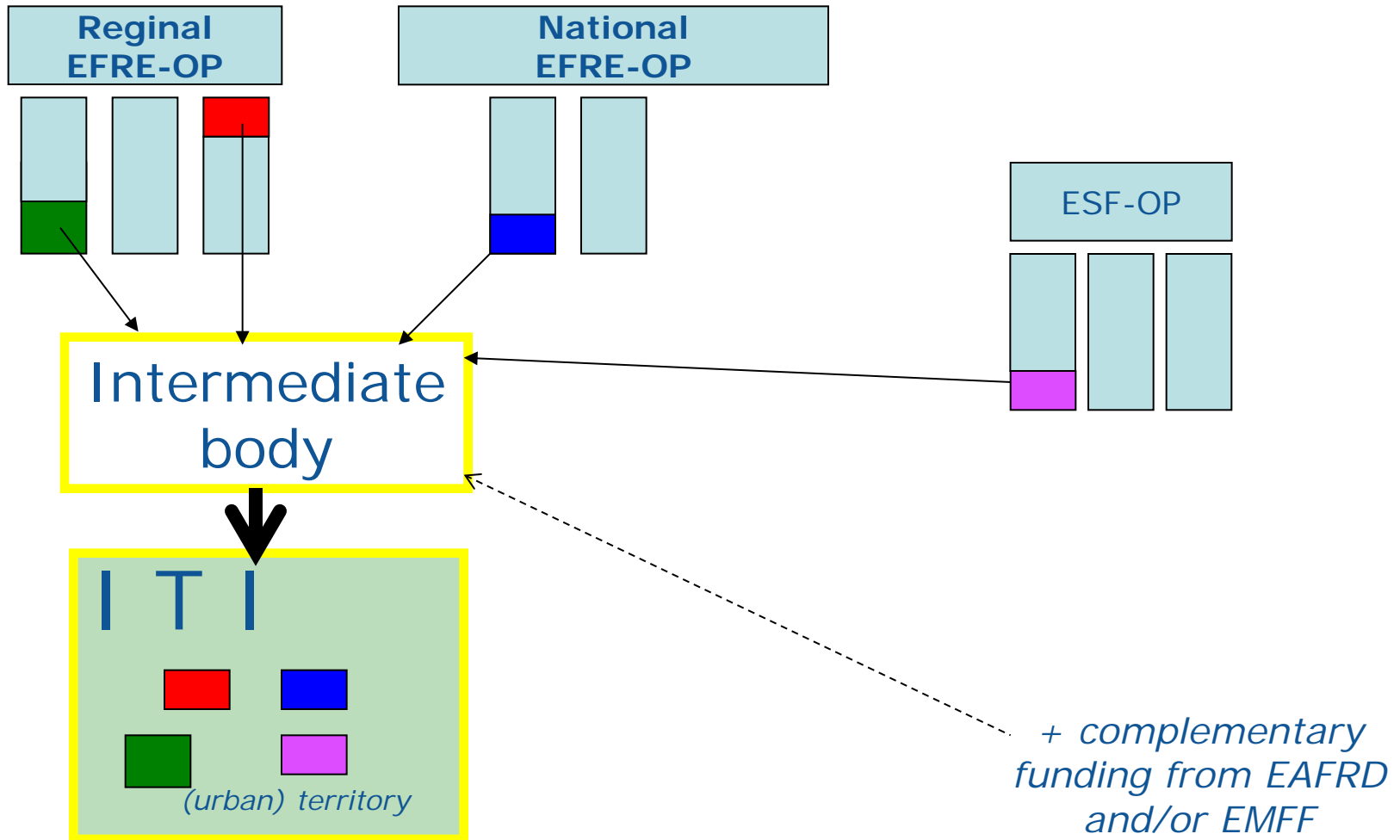
At least 5 % of ERDF should be invested in integrated urban development on national level (Article 7 ERDF Regulation)

- On the basis of an integrated urban development strategy addressing economic, environmental, climate, demographic, social challenges
- As Integrated Territorial Investment, a multi-thematic priority axis, a separate Operational programme
- Taking into account urban rural linkages
- Use of CLLD approaches

Integrated Territorial Investments

- *Implementation of an Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI)*
 - Instrument for implementing a territorial strategy in an integrated way (not only for urban development)
 - Draw funding from different priority axis (at least 2) or OPs (f. ex. ESF)
 - Addressing thematic objectives of the OP
 - ITI can be used for different types of regions, there need to be a integrated strategy
 - ITIs can be seleted by competition

ITI: Implementation



Innovative Actions

- ***Innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development (Article 8 ERDF regulation)***
 - 330 Mio. Euros (7 years)
 - To promote innovative and experimental demonstration projects and studies of EU interest in the field of sustainable urban development (to be judged on innovative character, transferability)
 - Possible for all thematic objectives of cohesion policy
 - For urban authorities to bid to the Commission

Innovative Actions

- ***Innovative actions in the area of sustainable urban development (Article 8 ERDF regulation)***
 - Over 50.000 inhabitants is criteria but groups of urban areas can come together to bid
 - Grant amount cannot exceed € 5 million (co-financing up to 80%)
 - Projects should be no more than 3 year duration
 - Likely to be call on an annual basis (starting 2015)
 - Themes to be decided – likely to be several themes each year



Networking

- ***Urban development network (Article 9 ERDF Regulation)***
 - Direct dialogue between European Commission and cities implementing integrated urban development and innovative actions
 - Capacity building, networking and exchange of experience for urban authorities
 - Managed by European Commission, but linked with URBACT
 - First conference "CITIES: Cities of Tomorrow: Investing in Europe" on 17./18. February 2014 in Brüssel
 - Cities not selected in all MS



URBACT III

- ***URBACT will continue (www.urbact.eu)***
 - Programme within European Territorial Cooperation programme, open for all cities
 - Thematic network, exchange between cities with better link to new instruments
 - URBACT III is currently being developed in a Joint programming working group with Member States and the European Commission
 - Expected approval of programme during summer 2014
 - URBACT III similar to URBACT II but will include link to the Urban Development Network, including also the Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities
 - URBACT III will have additional resources (extra 20% ERDF)



URBACT III

- ***URBACT will continue (www.urbact.eu)***
 - Still under discussion but likely objectives will be:
 - To improve the capacity of cities to manage sustainable urban policies and practices in an integrated & participative way
 - To improve the design of sustainable urban policies in cities
 - To improve the implementation of sustainable urban strategies and actions in cities
 - To ensure that practitioners & decision makers at all levels have access to knowledge and share know-how on all aspects of sustainable urban development

Preparation of the period 2014-2020

- ***Partnership agreement between Member States and Commission***
Territorial development
 - Territorial challenges, strategy
 - Description of the integrated approach to urban development
 - Description of principles for selecting urban areas
- ***Operational programmes for regions***
Territorial development
 - Information about thematic objectives and investment priorities
 - Coherent implementation approach (f. ex. multi-thematic priority axis, ITI), definition of target groups, indicators
 - Selection of projects



Time Planning

Time planning

- *Regulations were adopted 20 November 2013*
- *Informal negotiations with MS about PA, will formally be submitted 2014*
- *Also informal negotiations with regions about OPs, will formally be submitted 2014*
- *Adoption of all programmes under current Commission*
- *European elections: 22. – 25. May 2014*



Other activities and studies

Conferences

- CITIES of Tomorrow: Investing in Europe. 17./18. February 2014
(Plenary session/side events)
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/urban2014/index_en.cfm
- RURBAN closing event: “RURBAN – sustainable rural-urban partnerships” January 28th 2014, 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m in Albert Borschette Conference Centre,
http://urban-intergroup.eu/wp-content/files_mf/draft20agenda_140120.pdf

Studies

- Urban Development in the EU: 50 Projects supported by the ERDF during the 2007-2013 Period
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/50_projects/urban_dev_e_rdf50.pdf
- Perception survey in 79 European cities: Quality of life in cities
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/urban/survey2013_en.pdf

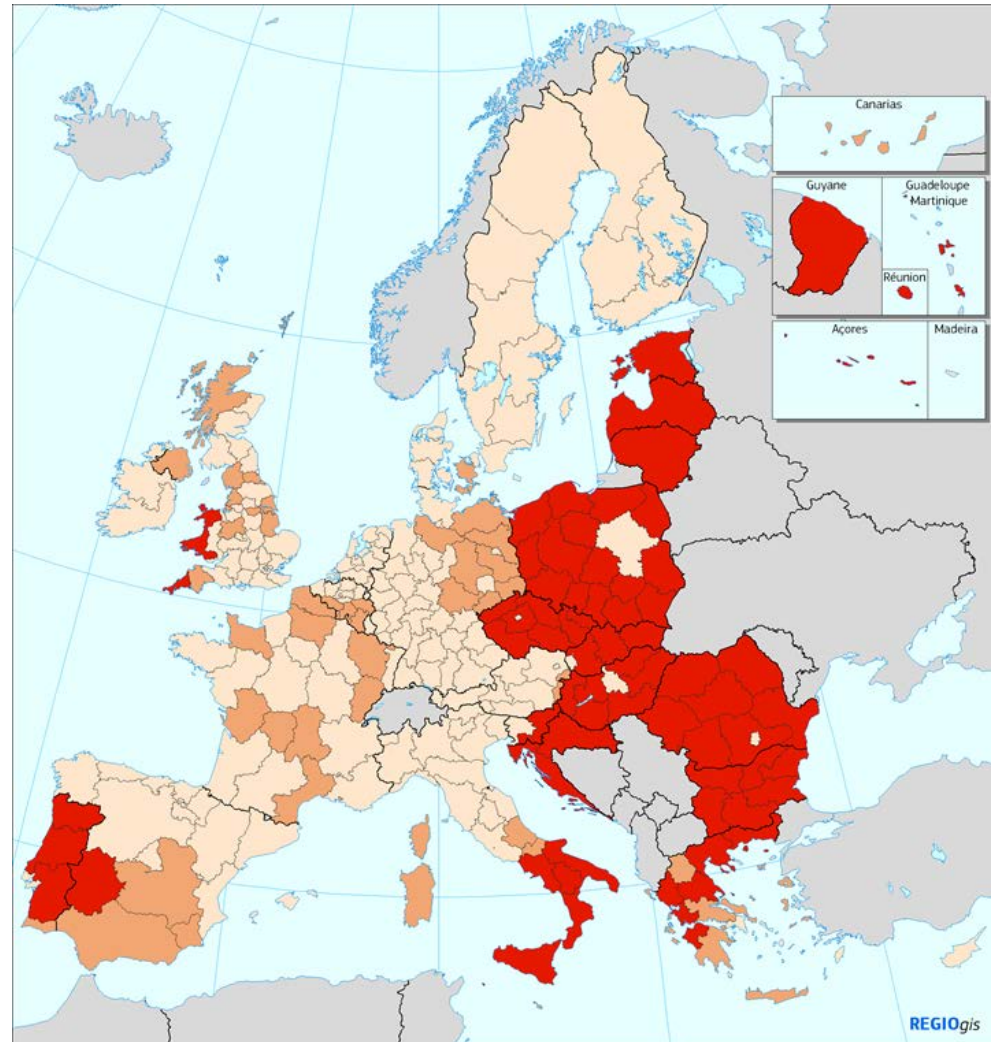


Thank you!

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Eligibility map 2014-20

-  Less developed region (GDP/head: less than 75%)
-  Transition regions (GDP/head between 75% and 90%)
-  More developed region (GDP/head: more than 90%)



ITI	CLLD
Urban development strategy or other territorial strategy or pact	Bottom-up integrated area-based strategy
Flexible – but generally top-down, public sector-led	Bottom-up, community-led (public, private, civil society)
Target areas or the principles by which strategies will be selected should be set out in Partnership Agreement	MS define selection criteria and target areas, selection of CLLD strategies through competitive procedure by responsible MA(s)
Any size as long as focused on a coherent functional geography	Sub-regional (10.000–150.000 inh.- except duly justified cases)
Single fund (ERDF, ESF or CF) or several funds (ERDF, ESF and/or CF complemented by EAFRD and/or EMFF)	Single fund or several funds (ERDF, ESF, EAFRD and/or EMFF)
Implementation by designated intermediate body or MA	Strategy & implementation by local action group
Optional	Optional (except for EAFRD)