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EU COHESION POLICY 2014-2020

Introduction to “Sustainable Urban Development”

**Workshop
May 2014**

Introductions



KE1: Team Leader – Richard Harding

Over 24 years in economic development and EU Structural Funds

- **8 years in EC - DG REGIO** - over 40 OPs with territorial focus
- **Involvement in Croatia since 2008** – UK Adviser EU Cohesion Policy



KE2: Alec Fraser

Economic development research professional for over 29 years

- **Ex-ante Evaluator or Developer** of more than 30 EU-funded Plans, Programmes and Strategies – LEADER, URBAN, Romania PA 2014-2020
- **JEREMIE and JESSICA Instruments** - evaluation and programming



KE3: Vedran Đulabić

Specialist in Croatian, local/regional government for past 10 years

- **Current Law on Regional Development** – key drafter
- **Croatia's Chapter 22 negotiations with EC** - adviser to MRDEUF

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE MATERIAL

EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 - published Regulations

1303/2013 – Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)

1301/2013 – European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Regulation

1304/2013 – European Social Fund (ESF) Regulation

1300/2013 – Cohesion Fund Regulation

1305/2013 – European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) Regulation

...../..... – European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Regulation

1299/2013 – European Territorial Cooperation Regulation

1302/2013 – European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Regulation

...FURTHER ESSENTIAL REFERENCE

Delegated Acts

- Further elaboration by EC on 'non-essential' (i.e. non-controversial) aspects of approved Regulations

Implementing Act(s)

- for aspects where common approach from Member States needed
 - e.g. Templates for Partnership Agreement / Operational Programmes, 'e-cohesion' requirements etc.

Guidelines

- e.g. Sustainable Urban Development, Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI), Community-led Local Development (CLLD) etc.



REGIONAL POLICY - INFOREGIO

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Cohesion policy 2014-2020

Legislation

? What is regional policy?

EU regional policy is an investment policy. It supports job creation, competitiveness, economic growth, improved quality of life and sustainable development. These investments support the delivery of the Europe 2020 strategy.

Read more...

- ▶ How does it work?
- ▶ Is my region covered?
- ▶ What funding is available?
- ▶ How can I apply?
- ▶ Fields of activity
- ▶ Evaluation
- ▶ Cooperation
- ▶ Cohesion policy 2014-2020

Events

Digital Innovation for Regional Growth

29 April 2014
Thessaloniki, Greece

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Videos

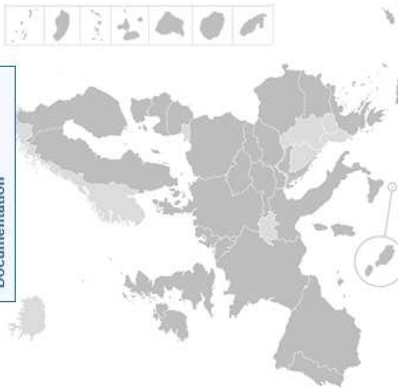


REGIOSTARS 2014 - Fifteen Cornwall: Launching a new life in the kitchen



Regional policy in your country

Click on a country to find out more about the funding priorities, cooperation between regions and countries, the organisations responsible for managing the programmes and the activities that receive funding.



Cohesion policy 2014-2020

Legislation

Eligibility and Allocations

Programming

Documentation



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Partnership Agreements - State of Play

04/04/2014

The European Commission is now analysing the official Partnership Agreements (PA) received from 15 Member States and draft Cohesion Policy Operational Programmes (OP) from 9 countries outlining their investment plans for EU Structural and Investment Funds for the 2014-2020 programming period. The PAs and OPs have come from: Polska: PA 10/01 and 16 OPs submitted France: PA 14/01 and 2 OP submitted Latvija: ...

Partnership Agreements



More...

Digitalising Greece with more than EUR 389 million of EU regional funds

03/04/2014

The European Commission has approved three major



Europe 2020 Strategy

Strategy for '*smart, sustainable and inclusive*' growth

1. Poverty

- 20m people out of risk of poverty and exclusion

2. Climate change

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 1990
- Increase share of renewables to 20% final energy consumption
- 20% increase in energy efficiency

3. Education

- Reduce school drop-out rates below 10% (15% today)
- 40% of 30-34 year-olds with tertiary education (31% today)

4. Research and development

- Increase public and private investment in R&D to 3% of GDP (1.9% today)

5. Employment

- 75% employment rate for women and men aged 20-64, plus greater labour market participation of marginalised groups



EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

11 Thematic Objectives

- 1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation**
- 2. Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies**
- 3. Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs (for the ERDF), the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and the fisheries and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF)**
- 4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors**
- 5. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management**
- 6. Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency**
- 7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures**
- 8. Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility**
- 9. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty**
- 10. Investing in education, skills and lifelong learning**
- 11. Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration**

EU Territorial Agenda 2020

What is Territoriality About?

- In 2008 the EU Treaty amended to economic, social and territorial cohesion
- EU Programmes for 2014-20 should not be '*spatially blind*', identifying:
 - integrated actions for Sustainable Urban Development
 - main priority areas for cooperation, taking account of macro-regional and sea basin strategies
 - where appropriate, integrated approaches to specific needs of:
 - geographical areas most affected by poverty or of target groups at highest risk of discrimination or social exclusion
 - geographical areas which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps

Sustainable Urban Development

ERDF Regulation – Article 7



...recognising the key contribution of competitive places to growth



'Sustainable Urban Development'

...a '*more holistic*' approach for 2014-2020

- Minimum 5% of MS ERDF allocation for integrated urban strategies
 - tackling economic, environmental, climate and social challenges
 - taking into account the need to promote urban-rural linkages
- Member States to select target cities
 - principles for selection to be detailed in Partnership Agreement (PA)
- Details on implementing arrangements to be included in Operational Programmes (OPs) concerned

'Sustainable Urban Development'

Strategy and integration

- Integrated strategy for 'Sustainable Urban Development' in each target urban area is a pre-condition
- Selection and approval of strategies is a Member State responsibility
- EU funding to support integrated actions contributing to at least two Thematic Objectives

‘Sustainable Urban Development’

Local decision making on project selection

- Urban authorities to be responsible, at least, for the tasks relating to the selection of operations
 - allowing for a final eligibility check by the Managing Authority
- Managing Authority to determine the scope of tasks to be undertaken by urban authorities, concerning the management of integrated actions
 - decision to be taken in consultation with the urban authority
 - Managing Authority must formally record its decision in writing

Integrated Territorial Investment

Croatia's chosen delivery mechanism for 'Sustainable Urban Development'

Common Provisions
Regulation –
Article 36

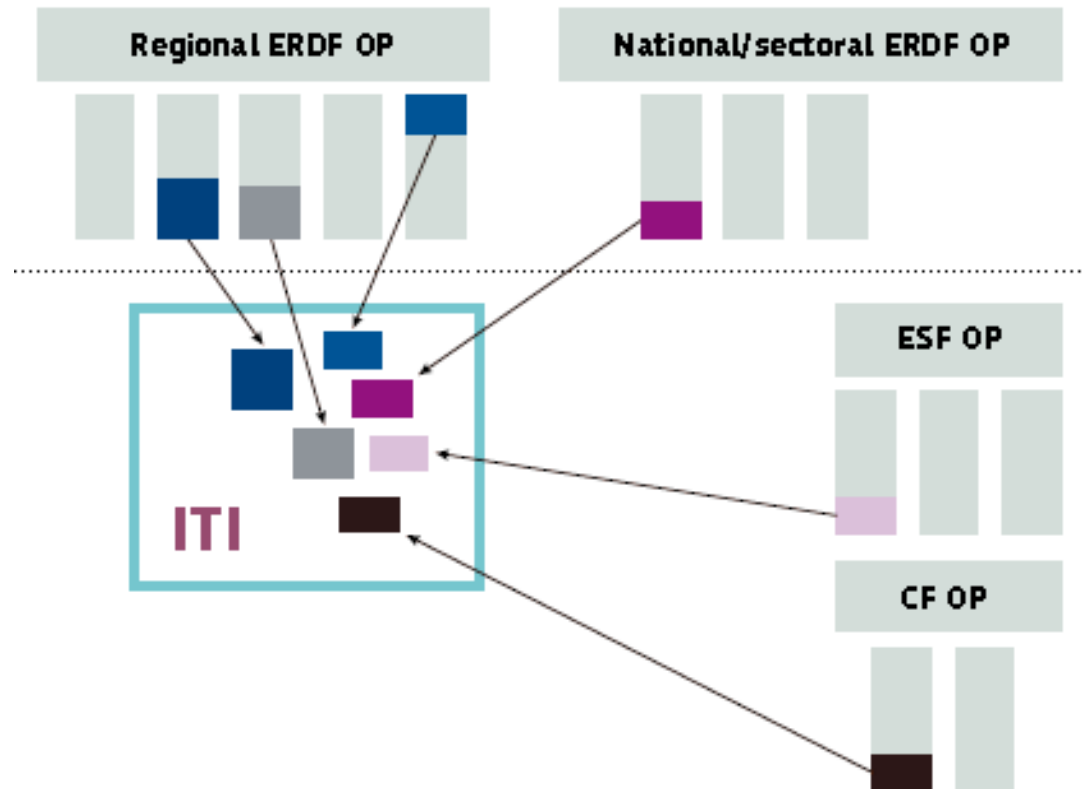


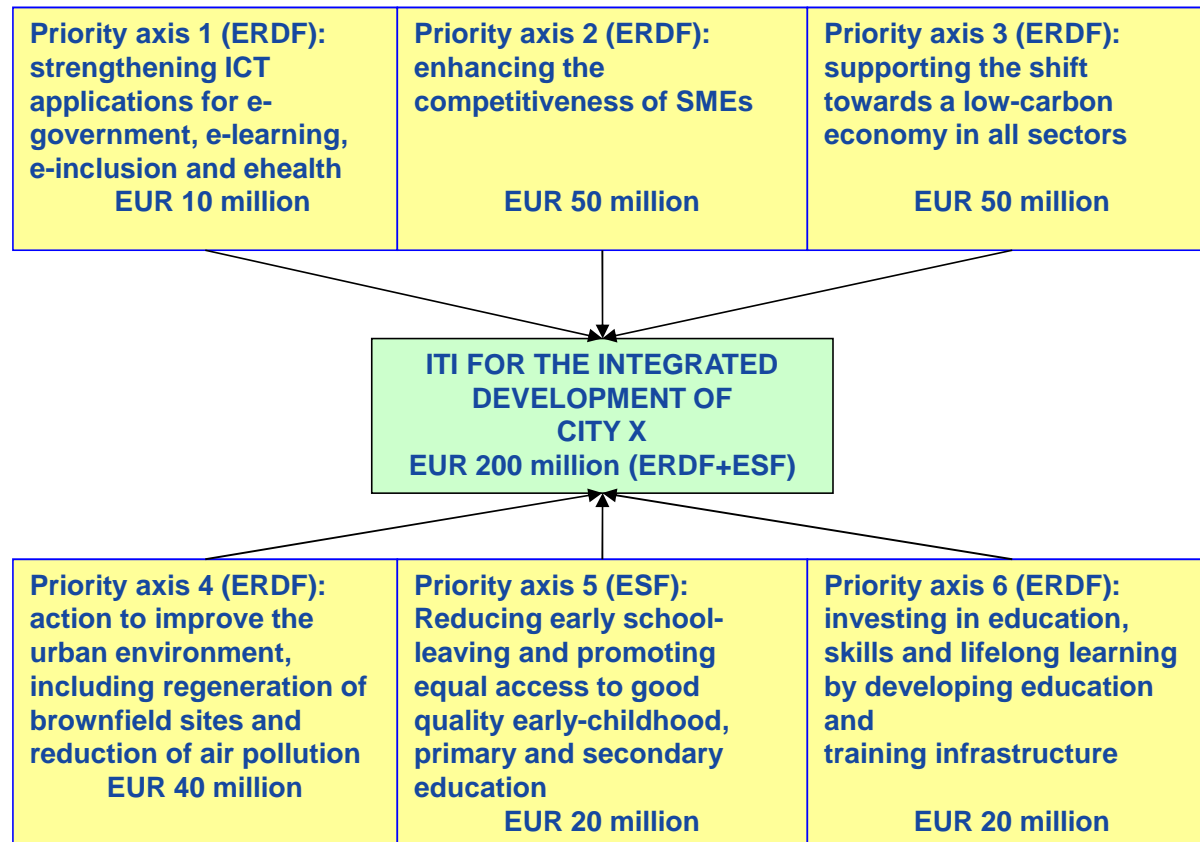
Diagram from Commission Factsheet on ITIs – May 2012

Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI)

- Optional delivery mechanism requiring integrated investment under more than one Priority Axis or more than one OP
- Those parts of the Priority Axes identified will be implemented in a joint manner
- Possible delegation of implementation tasks
 - e.g. to a local government body, or other entity
 - flexibility in depth and type of delegation
- OP(s) concerned must set out an indicative financial allocation for ITIs
 - allocation is for ITIs taken together
 - MS therefore needs to take an early view on what is likely to be the content and balance of ITIs

Example Integrated Territorial Investment

Source: EC DG REGIO - December 2011



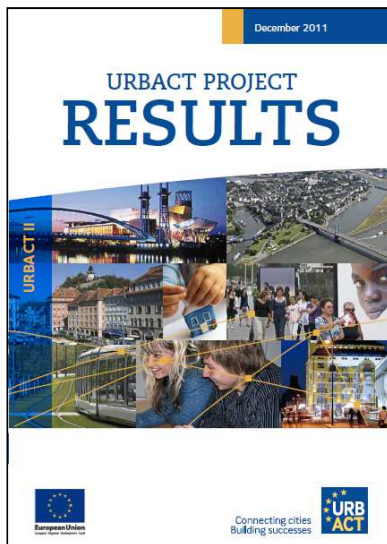
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Relationship with Sustainable Urban Development strategy

- ITI target area must be covered by a single integrated strategy
 - i.e. not just separate Municipal-level type strategies
- ITI may support only part of an urban area covered by an integrated strategy
 - any other EU and/or national Funding for the area, outside the ITI, should also be governed by the integrated strategy
- ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund within an ITI may be '*complemented*' by resources from EAFRD and EMFF
 - with respective allocations identified in the relevant Rural Development and/or Fisheries programmes

EC-funded innovative actions for Sustainable Urban Development

...building on URBACT experience



€330m EC budget governed by Delegated Act

- EU-level calls for projects - open to urban areas of over 50,000 population
- Maximum grant per urban area = €5m

EU-level urban platform

- Capacity building and networking between cities
- Membership open cities implementing integrated 'Sustainable Urban Development' interventions