



EU 2014-2020

An Overview on Transnational Cooperation

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Objectives of new Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

*Deliver the Europe 2020 strategy objectives
of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth*

Focus on results

Maximise the impact of EU funding



EU COHESION POLICY: LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE published 20/12/2013

Cohesion Policy Package:

General Regulation

- *Common provisions for cohesion policy, the rural development policy and the maritime and fisheries policies*
- *Common provisions for cohesion policy only (ERDF, ESF, CF)*

Regulations for ERDF, ESF, CF

ETC Regulation

ETC : Main features in Legislative Package

- ***Main Goals for Cohesion Policy (main Objectives):***
 - Investment for Growth and Jobs
 - European Territorial Cooperation

- ***Overall reform Principles for all OPs (ETC and Country-specific)***
 - *Thematic concentration*
 - *Results orientation*
 - *Strategic approach*

Thematic concentration












A menu of thematic objectives...

European
Commission

1. Research & innovation
2. Information and communication technologies (ICT)
3. Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy
5. Climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
6. Environmental protection & resource efficiency
7. Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
8. Employment & supporting labour mobility
9. Social inclusion & combating poverty
10. Education, skills & lifelong learning
11. Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations



European
Commission

-  Research and Innovation **1**
-  Combating climate change **5**
-  Employment and Mobility **8**
-  Information and Communication technologies **2**
-  Environment and resource efficiency **6**
-  Social inclusion **9**
-  Competitiveness of SMEs **3**
-  Sustainable transport **7**
-  Better education, training **10**
-  Low-carbon economy **4**
-  Better public administration **11**

Result orientation

Performance framework

- **Focuses on the achievement of programme specific objectives, result and output indicators**
- **Sets out milestones and targets for performance of programme priorities for 2016, 2018 and 2022**
- **Milestones established for 2016 shall include financial indicators and output indicators**
- **Milestones established for 2018 shall include as well result indicators**



Performance review

- **The performance framework shall constitute the basis for the performance review in 2017 and 2019**
- **Information for the performance review is drawn from the progress reports**
- **Member States are expected to react to significant shortfalls in the achievement of milestones (measures to improve performance, reprogramming)**
- **In the absence of sufficient action, Commission can suspend payments**
- **Significant failure to achieve the targets set for 2022 in the performance framework can lead to a financial correction at the end of the programming period**

Strategic Approach

Relevant for ETC :

- **Alignment to EU 2020 (smart, sustainable and inclusive Growth)**
- **MacroRegional or Sea Basin Strategies Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes to take them on board [CPR+ETC Reg.]**.



Macro Regional Strategies

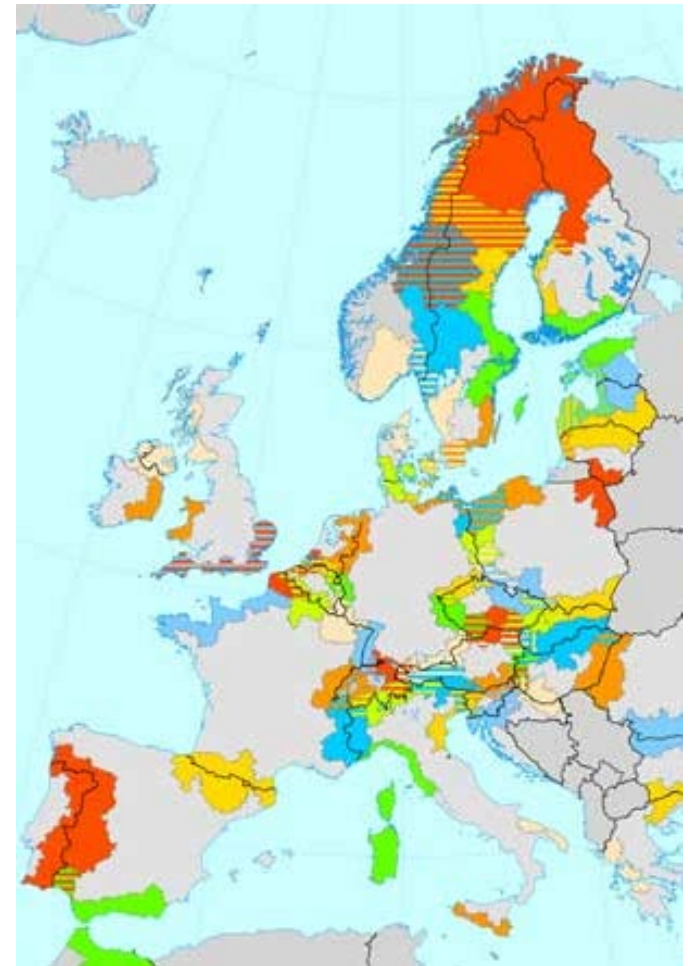
DEFINITION (CPR)

'macroregional strategy' is an integrated framework endorsed by the European Council, which may be supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds among others, to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to Member States and third countries located in the same geographical area which thereby benefit from strengthened cooperation contributing to achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion

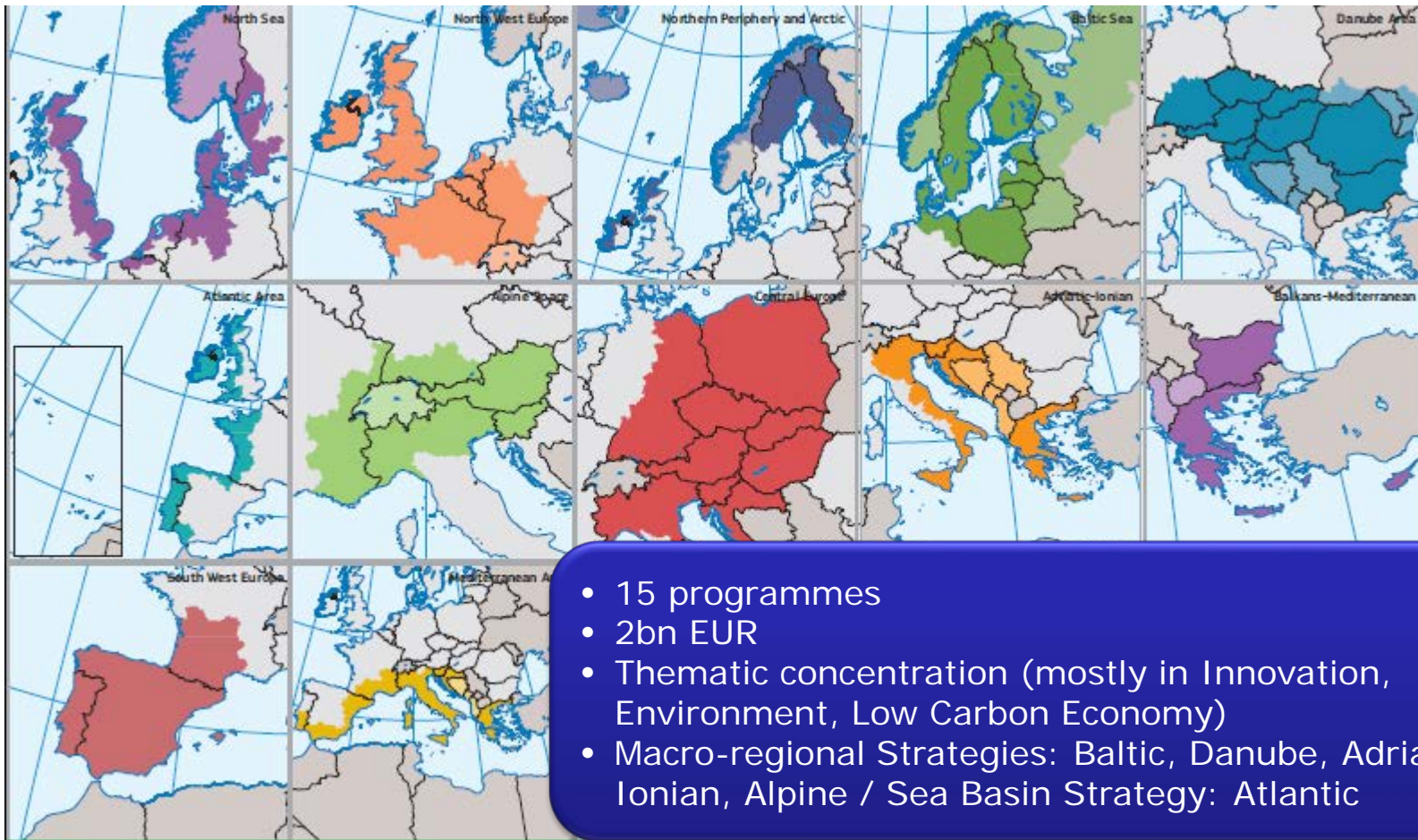
Cross-border cooperation

- *60 cross border programmes*
- *EUR 7.5bn for all programmes*
- *Adjacent regions to promote integrated regional development between two or more countries*
- *Also external borders*
- *Cooperation at local and regional level*

- *Actions, as examples*
 - Cross border clusters
 - Cross-border roads, cycle paths, bridges
 - Cross border waste systems, medical equipment, research centres, anti-flood measures
 - Joint management of natural and touristic sites
 - Common services
 - Employment issues
 - Innovation networks



Transnational cooperation



Interregional Cooperation



- *INTERACT, ESPON, URBACT ("content" programmes)*
- *INTERREG EUROPE: cooperation across all borders*
- *Policy learning to improve the performance of policies*
- *Budget of EUR 360M for 2014-2020*
- *Art. 2.3.a) The aim is to reinforce effectiveness of cohesion policy by promoting exchange of experiences and good practices between Cohesion policy programmes, in particular the regional/national ones,*



Interreg programmes: state of adoption

INTERREG VA (cross-border co-operation)

39 programmes adopted (out of 60)

INTERREG VB (transnational co-operation)

11 programmes adopted (out of 15)

- **South West Europe approved by EC Decision last 18th June, EC (2015) 4146**

INTERREG VC (inter-regional co-operation)

4 programmes adopted (out of 4)

INTERREG IPA-CBC

7 programmes adopted (out of 12)

Starting implementation

Thematic concentration

Focus on results (performance framework)

Simplification

Strategic approach: *cooperation perspective,
link with macro-regional/sea-basin strategies*



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