EU COHESION POLICY 2014-2020

Thematically focusing in Transnational Cooperation

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EU COHESION POLICY: LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

- **MFF**: 29/06/2011

- **Cohesion Policy Package**: 06/10/2011
  - 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**

  **Modification of EGTC Regulation.**
THE COMMON STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

- Objectives and targets of EU 2020
- Key territorial challenges
- Key actions

THE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT/AGREEMENT

- National Reform Programme, national targets
- Disparities and development needs

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME – INTERVENTION LOGIC

- EU 2020 headline targets, GDP, employment rate
- Result indicators
- Output indicators
- Specific objectives corresponding to investment priorities
- Actions
Main features in Legislative Package

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

- **Overall reform Principles (Thematically focus)**
  - Thematic concentration
  - Results orientation
  - Strategic approach: Europe 2020 alignment

- **Cooperation activities in all Funds covered by Common Strategic Framework and Partnership contracts**
Thematic concentration
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
...and investment priorities (IP)

- Each thematic objective is translated into “investment priorities” (in Fund-specific regulations)

- For ETC: Art.5 of the draft ERDF Regulation + Art.6 of the draft ETC Regulation

- Council / EP discussions: 5 Tos or 4 just to 80%
Result orientation
Performance framework

- Focuses on the achievement of programme objectives

- 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 financial indicators, output indicators and where appropriate, result indicators

- Milestones may also be established for key implementation steps
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

For ETC:

- Alignment to EU 2020 (smart, sustainable and inclusive Growth)

- MacroRegional or Sea Basin Strategies
Macro Regional Strategies

DEFINITION (CPR Trilogue EP+Council)

‘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.
ETC – Special reference to macro-regional and Sea-basin Strategies

- Baltic Sea, Danube ans Atlantic strategies underway, interest for strategies in other parts of Europe.

- MRs and SBs provide framework for aligning policies and funding with a view to increase impact, beyond ambit of cohesion policy.

- Permanent Review of existing strategies. Council Conclusions by Danish Presidency for Baltic Strategy. New reports and conclusions under preparation for Atlantic - Irish Presidency (1st Semester 2013),

- General support for financial neutrality (no new EU legislation, institutions and funding).

- Geographical Synergies between transnational cooperation programmes and macro-regional or sea-basin strategies to be reinforced.
Other Key features (in ETC Regulation)

Clarification of responsibilities
Clarification of third country involvement
Clarification of possible role of EGTC in ETC programmes
Clarification of concept of lead beneficiary: Art. 2, 14
Clarification on use of the Euro: Art. 26
Strengthening of joint approach at OP and project level
- eligibility rules
- control and audit arrangements
- project selection criteria
Financial Proposal

Overall allocation for Cohesion Policy: 386 bn.

Financial Overall for ETC: 11.7 bn (increase from current budget, MFF 8.9 bn still pending – EP supports ETC)

3 categories
- 73 % for CBC (EUR 8.6 bn)
- 21 % for Transnational (EUR 2.4 bn)
- 6 % for Interregional (EUR 0.7 bn)
Negotiations in Council/EP

Danish, Cyprus and Irish Presidency have reached Compromises in several CAG on blocks. "Nothing is agreed till everything is agreed", Work on ETC in progress.

**European Parliament** – REGI Committee, (Ms. Manner-ETC Reg.) Reports in July, mandate for trilogues Comm/Council/EP,

FINAL Negotiation on **MFF** pending... (following Summit Feb'13)
TIMELINE

Commission, proposals October 2011: Position papers to MS (specific chapter on Cooperation).

2012-2013: Adoption of new legislative package and agreement on new budget post 2013.

2014: Entry into force and adoption of programmes. (TN Central Europe as well)
Objective: Partnership Agreements end 2013 / Operational Programmes mid-2014.
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