Cohesion policy 2014-2020: Continuity and Change

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% of ERDF allocated to thematic objectives 1 to 4 at MS level

- Member States where 100% of ERDF OPs have been adopted
- TO 4 - low carbon economy
- TO 3 - SMEs
- TO 2 - ICT
- TO 1 - RTD & innovation

% minimum allocated to TOs 1 to 4 (Art. 4 ERDF Reg.)
3- Focus on results

- Needs and objectives
- Intervention logic
- Allocation of resources
- Performance framework
- Reserve and sanctions
- Results
- Indicators
- Budget
- Milestones and targets
- Incentives
4- Alignment with European Semester
5 Administrative and institutional capacity

Addressing key bottlenecks...

...establishing framework conditions
6 – Urban/rural links

* Cities with an urban centre of 50,000 inhabitants or more
** Towns and suburbs have the majority of their population in an urban cluster of 5,000 inhabitants or more and do not have an urban centre of at least 50,000 inhabitants

Source: European Commission (JRC, EFGS, DG REGIO).
7- Territorial – *Place-based policies*

- **PA and programmes based on integrated approaches for territorial development** (CSF, Art. 15.1(a)(ii))

- **A set of dedicated tools**
  - Community-led local Development (CLLD)
  - Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)
  - Sustainable urban development
What’s New?

- Regulation: FI extended to ALL thematic objectives and all ESIF funds
- Additional support: FI Compass – advisory service 'off-the-shelf' instruments

TARGETS

At least an overall doubling of the use of FI (EUR 12bn to ± 30bn)

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9- Delivery mechanisms – simplification and proportionality

- Harmonisation of rules between ESI Funds (e.g. eligibility, durability, CLLD)
- **Greater flexibility** in setting up programmes (e.g. multi-fund programmes or projects, ITI, financial transfer between categories of regions, joint technical assistance)
- **Increased proportionality** in relation to reporting, evaluation, management and control
- **Reducing the administrative burden for beneficiaries** (e.g. simplified costs options, e-cohesion)
10 – Management and control

• Management and control system
  ➢ Stronger accountability at MS level
  ➢ Designation process

• Introduction of accounting year/acceptance of accounts mechanisms

• 90% reimbursement and balance

• Net financial corrections

• New assurance model
Challenges for the future

- Architecture
- Alignment with Europe 2020
- Focus on results
- Economic governance
- Administrative capacity
- Urban/rural
- Reinforcement of territorial dimension
- Financial instruments
- Delivery mechanisms
- Management and control
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION