



Cohesion policy support for air quality and complementarities with other funds

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"The Po Basin together for the quality of air", 11 July 2019

Example: Linear Park in Limassol



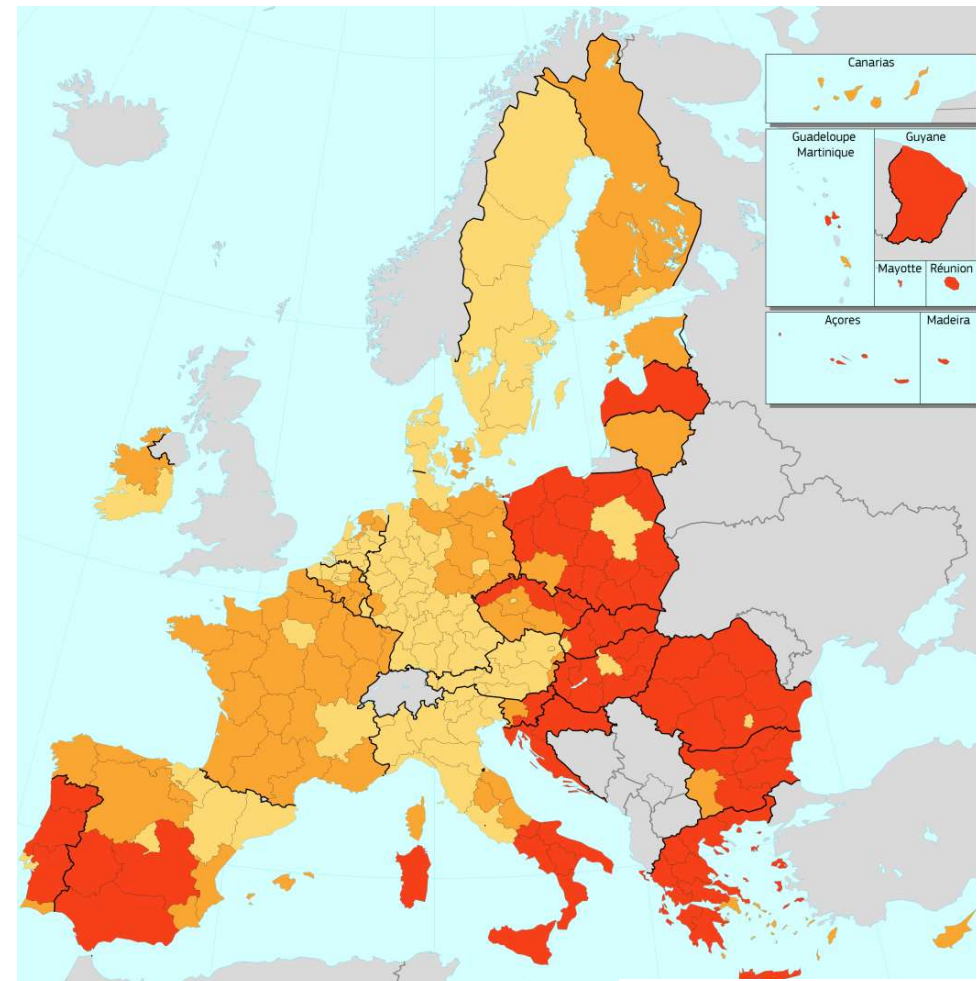
- Banks of River Garyllis transformed into linear park (5.5 km)
 - Regeneration of neglected area
 - Creation of cycling infrastructure for commuting, recreational cycling, and tourists
 - Connects northern residential areas, university, city centre, seaside, ...
- EUR 14 million, ERDF
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Cohesion policy 2021-2027

Integrated framework for regional and urban development

With direct and indirect investments relevant for air quality:

- Air quality measures
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Sustainable transport
- Eco-innovation
- Uptake of new technologies
- Environmentally-friendly production processes
- Industrial transition
- ...



Index, EU-27 = 100
■ < 75% (less developed regions)
■ 75% - 100% (transition regions)
■ >= 100% (more developed regions)



Policy objectives

1. **A smarter Europe** (innovative & smart economic transformation)
2. **A greener, low-carbon Europe** (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
3. **A more connected Europe** (mobility and ICT connectivity)
4. **A more social Europe** (the European Pillar of Social Rights)
5. **A Europe closer to citizens** (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives)

Horizontal issues: administrative capacity building, cooperation outside the programme area

ERDF: PO 1-5
Cohesion Fund: PO 2-3 (excl. broadband)

Main novelties for synergies with other EU funds

Strategic level:

- Strategic planning process links Cohesion Policy to European Semester
- Complementarity of ERDF with Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Single Market Programme, etc.

Financial level:

- More links and bridges between different programmes
- More Simplified Cost Options: Unit costs, fixed rates, lump sums, including replicating those in directly managed programmes for similar types of projects

Management level:

- Use of same bodies to implement different funds to facilitate synchronisation and links at governance level (in particular Horizon “co-funds”)

Proposed bridges and links between EU funds

Open to receive voluntary transfers from any CPR Funds to:

- Any Fund covered by the CPR, any Fund under the shared management or any instrument under direct or indirect management.
- 10 proposed EU programmes explicitly mention the receipt of transfers (Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Single Market Programme, InvestEU, Creative Europe, Erasmus+, Space Programme, Rights & Values Programme, Reform Support Programme, Connecting Europe Facility)

Cumulative funding :

- Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Single Market Programme, **LIFE**, Creative Europe, Space Programme, CEF, Euratom, Erasmus+, Customs Programme, Justice Programme, AMF, ISF and BMVI

Seal of Excellence or equivalent:

- Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Single Market Programme, **LIFE**, Creative Europe, Space Programme, Defence Programme, CEF2, Rights & Values Programme, Justice Programme, Erasmus+, AMF, ISF and BMVI

Synergies in the implementation phase

Financial level:

- **Sequential funding:** draw on results of previous EU funding for new projects (better information on projects, e.g. via www.innoradar.eu, mapping of infrastructures, MoUs ...)
- **Alternative funding** (Seal of Excellence): under ERDF rules with less red tape and more possibility to align ERDF funding to other programmes' conditions
- **Transfer** of up to 5% to directly / indirectly managed EU funds, implemented under rules of the receiving fund
- **Cumulative funding:** joint - possibly pro rata - funding for projects, with each part under own fund's rules

Management level:

- Managing Authorities may identify Horizon (DEP, SMP...) implementing bodies (incl. “co-funds”) as intermediate bodies for implementing ERDF funds under ERDF rules

2019 European Semester and next steps

- More effective link between the European Semester and EU funding for 2021-2027
- Country reports provide the analytical basis for a successful programming of Cohesion policy funds in 2021-2027 (Commission's starting negotiating position)
- Annex D on investment guidance for cohesion policy funding 2021-2027 is a thematic summary of investment actions under POs 1-5
- Launch events (March and April) in every MS marked the start of a dialogue between Commission and MS
- MS to submit roadmaps by June 2019

Urban Agenda for the EU

- European Commission working with cities, Member States and stakeholders to strengthen urban dimension in EU policies
- 'Air quality' is a priority theme
- Results:
 - Action plan published
 - Input to Air quality Fitness Check
 - Code of good practices for cities' Air Quality Action Plans
 - General business model to fund air quality measures (+ pilot tested in Milan)
 - Health Impact Assessment tool
 - Communication toolbox to raise awareness on air quality



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Urban Innovative Actions

- EUR 371 million, to experiment novel ideas (Art. 8 ERDF Regulation)
- 5 projects already awarded for air quality (October 2018):
 - **Métropole Aix-Marseille Provence** (open source data-exchange platform)
 - **Breda** (off-grid energy for outdoor events)
 - **Helsinki** (data, co-design and participative budgeting)
 - **Ostrava** (municipal greenery)
 - **Portici** (pollutant mapping)
- Last call (September 2019) will again include air quality



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Questions or comments?

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