Cohesion policy,
European Structural and Investment Funds,
Public Transport

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European Structural and Investment Funds: 350 b€ for regional development and fostering cohesion

Focused on 11 Thematic objectives reflecting the three pillars of the Europe 2020 Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

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

- **Thematic Objective 7: "Sustainable transport":** Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures by
  - Supporting a multimodal Single European Transport Area by investing in TEN-T;
  - Enhancing regional mobility by connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T;
  - Environment-friendly and low-carbon transport systems, ... promot[ing] sustainable regional and local mobility;
  - Interoperable railway systems.

- **Thematic Objective 4: "low-carbon economy":** Supporting a shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors by
  - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, ... including the promotion of sustainable urban mobility
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Making good use of the money

Both EU urban mobility policy and cohesion policy highlight the importance of strategic framework for and sound delivery of investments:

- ERDF support sustainable urban development through strategies for integrated action - Art 7 ERDF

- ESI-funds should be used more systematically for the funding of integrated packages of measures – Urban Mobility Package

- Technical and administrative capacity to ensure good design, implementation and integration of strategies and projects
Strategic approach (ex-ante conditionality)

"Sustainable multi-modal urban mobility" within (cross-sectorial) low-carbon strategies

"Sustainable regional/local mobility" within a comprehensive plan for developing efficient, environmentally-friendly, low-carbon transport

"Article 7 ERDF" Urban mobility within integrated strategies for urban development
Strategic approach

Each approach has its own focus and requirements (e.g. in the form of ex-ante conditionalities).

Low-carbon strategy

Nat./reg. transport plans

Urban development strategy

Recommended: Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan

- provides a comprehensive transport plan for the urban area
- delivers the transport dimension of a low-carbon strategy
- linked in an integrated strategy for urban development
Sound delivery

• What ultimately matters: sound delivery of strategies and investments on the ground (result orientation)
• Make use of Technical Assistance to enhance Administrative Capacity - 'in-kind' (JASPERS) and financial contribution; MS action required
• Deploy innovative solutions (e.g. CIVITAS, Smart Cities)
• Use opportunities for peer-to-peer exchange (Urban Development Platform; Covenant of Mayors; Platform for Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, CIVITAS Forum, ...)
• Use European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg)
Further information


Thank you for your attention

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