Cohesion policy support for the clean energy transition – Commission proposals for 2021-2027

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352 billion EUR (ERDF, CF, ESF) concentrated in less developed regions, aiming to:

- Reduce disparities between Europe's regions strengthening economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth via 11 thematic objectives

Delivered through:

- Place-based programmes and territorial cooperation
- Shared management
- Funding preconditions
- Smart specialisation
- Technical assistance, capacity-building
- Urban Agenda for the EU
Funding leads to benefits for people, regions and businesses.

Selection rate in December 2018: 67%

More info? see our interactive ‘data story’
Testing new approaches

- Pilot actions on smart specialisation
- Initiative to support coal regions in transition
- Urban partnerships and urban innovative actions
COHESION POLICY
2021-2027
### Modern investment
- Focus on transition to smart, low-carbon economy
- Stronger conditions & link to European Semester
- Comprehensive performance data (in near real time), open data

### Simple, flexible, dynamic
- 7 funds, 1 regulation (50% shorter)
- 80 key administrative simplifications
- Faster implementation (return to n+2)
- Responsive to emerging needs (migration, economy)

### For all regions
- Balanced and fair "Berlin method"
- 75% to poorest regions, where most needed
- Tackling emerging needs and economic transition across the EU
Thematic menu

11 objectives are simplified and consolidated into 5:

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)
Policy objective 2: A greener, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)

(i) promoting energy efficiency measures;
(ii) promoting renewable energy;
(iii) developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level;
(iv) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;
(v) promoting sustainable water management;
(vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy;
(vii) enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution;

Not eligible for ERDF/Cohesion Fund support, e.g.:
- decommissioning/construction of nuclear power stations;
- investments to reduce GHG emissions under ETS Directive;
- disposal of waste in landfill;
- facilities for the treatment of residual waste;
- production, processing, distribution etc. of fossil fuels, with the exception of investment related to clean vehicles;
| 2.1 Promoting energy efficiency measures | Strategic policy framework to support energy efficiency renovation of residential and non-residential buildings | 1. A national long term renovation strategy.  
2. Energy efficiency improvement measures to achieve required energy savings. |
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| 2.2 Promoting renewable energy through investment in generation capacity | Effective promotion of the use of renewable energy across sectors and across the EU | Measures are in place which ensure:  
1. Compliance with the 2020 national renewables binding target and with this baseline up to 2030 in accordance with the recast of the Directive 2009/28/EC  
2. An increase in the share of renewables in the heating and cooling sector by 1 percentage point per year up to 2030 |
| 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience | Effective disaster risk management framework. | A national or regional disaster risk management plan, consistent with the existing climate adaptation strategies is in place... |
| 2.5 Promoting water efficiency | Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors | A national investment plan is in place... |
| 2.6 Developing the (Transition to) circular economy, through investment in the waste sector and resource efficiency | Updated planning for waste management | Waste management plan(s) are in place in accordance with Article 28 of Directive 2008/98/EC as amended by Directive EU 2018/xxxxx and covering the entire territory of the Member State... |
| 2.6 Promoting green infrastructure in the urban environment and reducing pollution | Prioritised action framework for the necessary conservation measures involving Union co-financing | A priority action framework pursuant to Article 8 of Directive 92/43/EEC is in place... |
Long-term perspective: sustainability transitions

Key policy challenge:
Linking regional policy with sustainability transitions

Source: UNEP
Conclusions

- Energy and climate continue to be a key priority for Cohesion policy

- Cohesion policy with increasing role in supporting sustainability transitions

- Capitalisation on the lessons learnt from implementation

- Support for programme managers

- Analytical work on innovation, transitions and deployment
THANK YOU!

European Semester country reports 2019:

List of Programmes and Managing authorities:

Open data platform:
https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu

Project examples:
https://ec.europa.eu/budget/euprojects/
http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46
Back-up slides
ERDF+CF allocations in EUR billion for energy efficiency, EU-13, 2014-2020
Funding suited to the local needs

ERDF and CF allocations to energy and low-carbon R&I 2014-2020 in EUR billion
ERDF/CF support: examples

million EUR

- High eff. CHP & DH
- Biomass

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