

Thematic Workshop – Theme 1

Maximizing European Funding Opportunities to 2020

EU Funding to 2020

- EU 2020 Strategy
 - Smart
 - Sustainable
 - Inclusive
- Cohesion Policy 2014-2020
- Other funding instruments

EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

- Negotiations on-going
 - MFF
 - At €376 bn, Cohesion Policy has the largest budget and represents over one third (36.76%) of the entire EU Budget
 - Legislative Package
 - **Menu of 11 Thematic Objectives in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy**

SMART

- research & innovation
- information and communication technologies (ICT)
- competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)

SUSTAINABLE

- shift towards a low-carbon economy
 - (a) promoting the production and distribution of renewable energy sources;
 - (b) promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in SMEs;
 - (c) supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in public infrastructures and in the housing sector;
 - (d) developing smart distribution systems at low voltage levels;
 - (e) promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas;
- climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
- environmental protection & resource efficiency
- sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

SUSTAINABLE cont'd

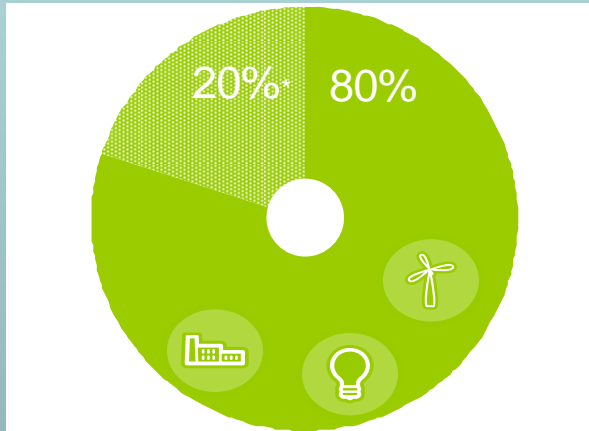
- sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
 - (a) supporting a multimodal Single European Transport Area by investing in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) network;
 - (b) enhancing regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure;
 - (c) developing environment-friendly and low-carbon transport systems and promoting sustainable urban mobility;
 - (d) developing comprehensive, high quality and interoperable railway system;

INCLUSIVE

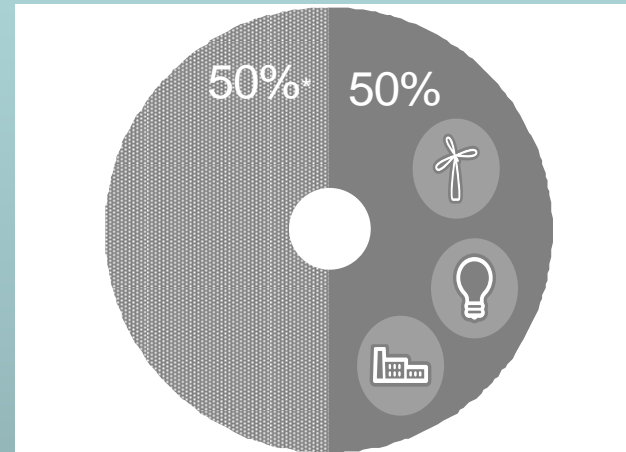
- employment & supporting labour mobility
- social inclusion & combating poverty
- education, skills & lifelong learning
- institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

ERDF

- **Concentration of investments on:**
energy efficiency & renewable energy, research & innovation, ICT, competitiveness of SMEs



More developed & transition regions



Less developed regions

- **Territorial cohesion:**
 - Focus on **sustainable urban development** (at least 5% of the ERDF) & innovative actions for **sustainable urban development** (max. 0.2% of annual funding)
 - Creation of an **Urban development platform**
 - **Technical Assistance** :further maximum 4% of ERDF earmarked for TA

Other Funding Instruments?

- Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)
 - Common infrastructure Fund to deploy smart interconnected transport, energy & digital networks
- ***Transport networks***
- €31.7 billion is to be provided for upgrades in order to transform the existing patchwork of European roads, railways, airports and canals into a unified trans-European transport network (TEN-T) with a focus on safer, more efficient and less polluting modes.

Questions

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Discussion