



FUTURE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK **a step forward in Cooperation**

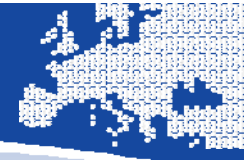
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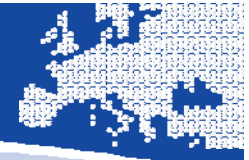
Debate on Future Cohesion Policy (ETC Very positive support)

- High Level Group discussions called by the Commission with MS on ETC in 2010-2011.
- 5th Cohesion report November 2010
- Ex-Post evaluation 2000-2006 programmes.
- Input received in public consultation on 5th cohesion report, EP reports, Council Conclusions.
- INTERACT Seminars on the Future.
- Reports from EP (Pieper and Sanchez-Schmidt)
- Conclusions from the Council (Spanish and Hungarian Presidencies 2010-2011).
- COMM proposals: Financial Perspectives 29/06/2011 and Legislative package 06/10/2011.

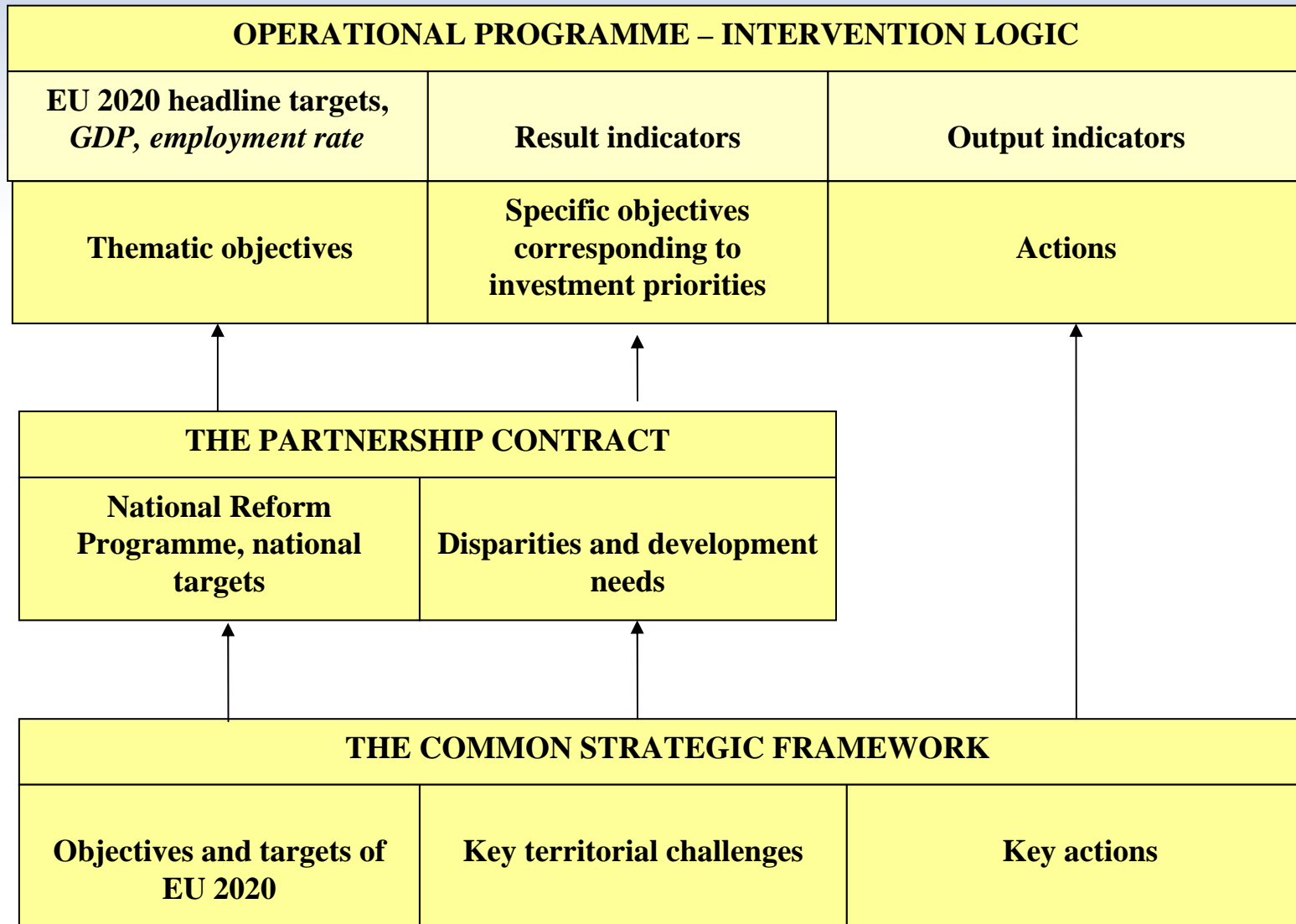


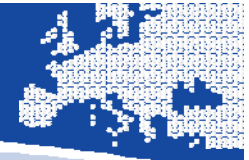
Legislative package

- **General Regulation**
 - Common provisions for cohesion policy, the rural development policy and the maritime and fisheries policies
 - Common provisions for cohesion policy only (ERDF, ESF, CF)
- **Regulations for ERDF, ESF, CF**
- **ETC Regulation**
- **Modification of EGTC Regulation**



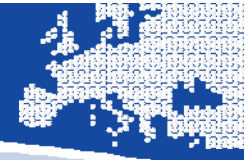
General approach





Main features for ETC in Legislative package

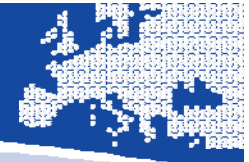
- **Goals for Cohesion Policy (main Objectives):**
 - Investment for Growth and Jobs
 - ETC
- **Continuation of 3 strands A,B,C and geographical coverage**
- **Overall reform Principles**
 - Europe 2020 alignment
 - Thematic concentration
 - Results orientation
 - Simplification and Proportionality (Management and control systems / Accreditation Process)
- **Cooperation activities of all Funds covered by
Common Strategic Framework and Partnership contracts**



European Territorial Cooperation

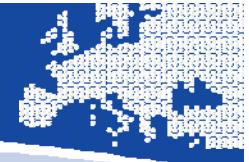
Special reference for Macro-regional Strategies

- Baltic Sea and Danube strategies underway, interest for strategies in other parts of Europe.
- Provide framework for aligning policies and funding with a view to increase impact, beyond ambit of cohesion policy
- Review of existing strategies needed before deciding on future approach (2013). Recent Council Conclusions by Polish Presidency in review of progress in Baltic Strategy (new Council Conclusions expected under Danish Presidency)
- General support for Financial neutrality (no new EU legislation, institutions and funding)
- Geographical Synergies between transnational cooperation programmes and macro-regional strategies to be reinforced.



Macro-regional and sea-basin strategies

- Common Strategic Framework to establish priority areas for cooperation activities for each of the CSF Funds, where appropriate taking account of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies
- Partnership Contract to set out main priority areas for cooperation, taking account where appropriate of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies
- Programmes (both under Investment for Growth and Jobs and ETC) to set out the contribution of the planned interventions towards macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, where appropriate
- Strategic report on progress in implementation in 2017 and 2019 reports



Macro-regional and sea-basin strategies under ETC

- Investment priority for the development and implementation of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies in transnational programmes
 - Development of a macro-regional or sea-basin strategy (e.g. preparatory studies, expert support for coordinating process and drafting of strategy document)
 - Implementation of an existing strategy e.g. through the financing of projects directly deriving from it
 - Implementation of an existing strategy e.g. through supporting coordination of strategy process



Financial Proposal

- Financial Overall for ETC: 11.7 bn (increase from current budget)
- 3 categories
 - 73 % for CBC (EUR 8.6 bn)
 - 21 % for Transnational (EUR 2.4 bn)
 - 6 % for Interregional (EUR 0,7 bn) *
- Population will be the criteria for breakdown by Member State
- 75 % co-financing rate on PRIORITY AXIS level (50 % for outermost regions' specific allocation)

* (EUR 50 mio. to be set aside from IR allocation for outermost regions cooperation)



TIMELINE

- **February 2012: Communication from the Commission on draft Common Strategic Framework**
- **June 2012: Proposal to the Council and European Parliament – Common Strategic Framework**
- ***2012-2013: Adoption of new legislative package and agreement on new budget post 2013***
- **2014: Entry into force and adoption of programmes**