

Stairway to Excellence

Synergies under the new ESIF Framework

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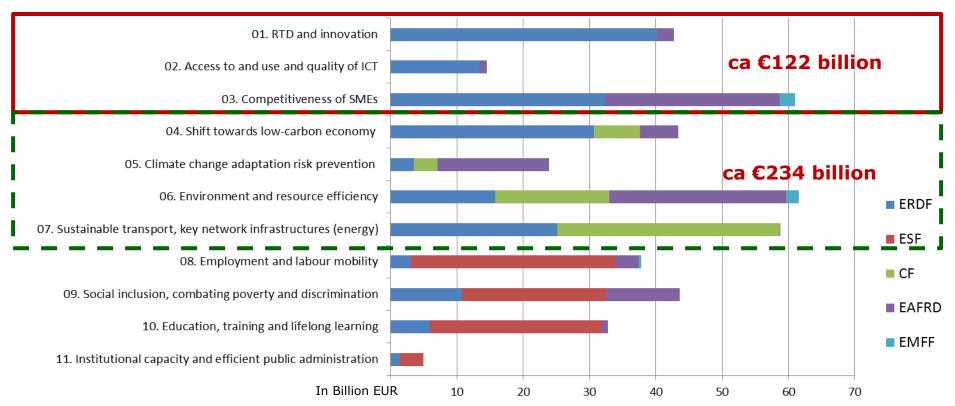
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ESIF programming 2014-20

- EUR 454 billion of ESIF + EUR 183 billion of national co-financing
- 456 national/regional OPs and 79 INTERREG cooperation programmes
- Concentration on 11 thematic objectives

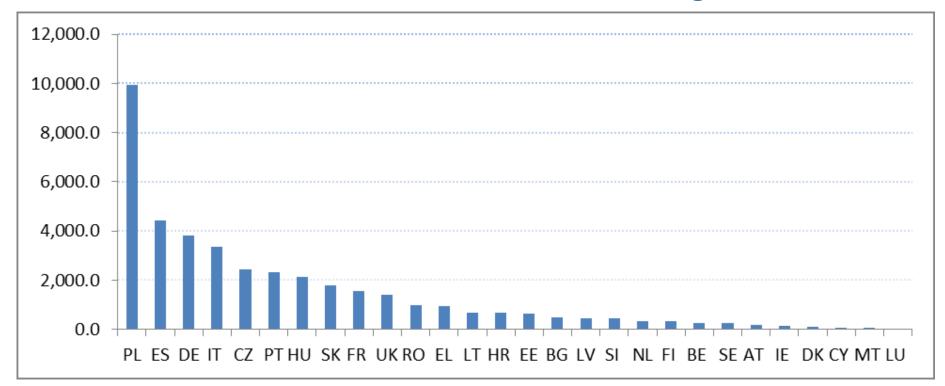


Source: Final ESIF partnership agreements as of December 2015 REGIO open data available at: https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/



How much does it cost or how much do we invest?

- Total EU budget for RIS3: EUR 43.7 billion of ESIF
- Plus national EUR 22 billion
- EUR 10 billion in financial instruments / the rest in grants





Legal base for combination of H2020 (and other instruments) and ESIF (1/2)

- Article 65(11)CPR &Art.37 RfPHorizon2020
 - Combination of funding from different EU funding instruments in different expenditure / cost items encouraged

Article 70(2)CPR

ERDF: 15% at the level of the priority axis may be spent outside OP territory (but in EU) for the benefit of the programme area

Art 96(3)d CPR

OP describes arrangements for inter-reg. & trans-nat. actions with beneficiaries located in at least 1 other MS



Legal base for combination of H2020 (and other instruments) and ESIF (2/2)

Alignment of similar cost options

Possible for easier combining of funds: lump sums, flat rates, standard scales of unit costs under ESIF may use the H2020 rules applicable for similar types of operations and beneficiaries (Art 67(5)b, 68 CPR & H2020 rules for participation)

Common Strategic
 Framework –
 annex 1 to CPR

Synergies and complementarity of Horizon2020 and other centrally managed EU programmes in the areas of research and innovation



What do we understand as synergies?

- Obtaining more impact on competitiveness, jobs and growth by combining ESIF and Horizon2020 ...
 e.g. use of ERDF research infrastructures in Horizon 2020 innovation projects
- Amplifying projects / initiatives under the other instruments, e.g. oversubscription on SME instrument to ESIF
- Carrying further the projects of the other instrument towards market, e.g. SME instrument "Seal of Excellence"

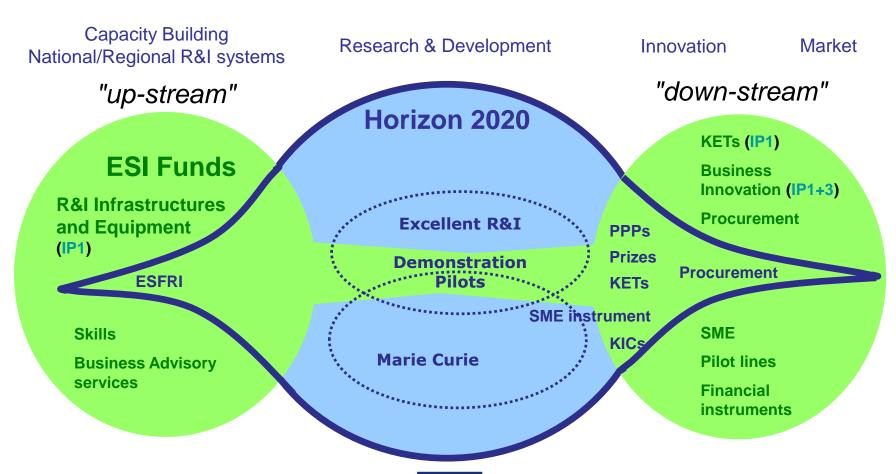


... and what NOT

- NO substituting of national or regional or private co-funding to projects or programmes by money from the other instruments
- NO diversion of funding away from the purpose of the respective instrument / operational programme (e.g. smart specialisation strategy)
- NO simple "run for the money": maximising the acquisition of additional funding from H2020 for MS or region is not a good objective, as the impact is short-lived



How to achieve synergies – "Stairway to Excellence"





National events "Stairway to Excellence" – synergy obstacles identified (1/2)

- Lack of collaborative governance / cooperation between ministries
- Lack of continuity in secured funding / long term planning / national commitment
- Lack of public private collaboration affecting the creation of economic value
- Lack of coordination between H2020, ESIF, and national/regional authorities / rules
- Lack of information circulation between stakeholders /academia, enterprises, public authorities



National events "Stairway to Excellence" – synergy obstacles identified (2/2)

- Lack of flexibility (adapting to new challenges, themes, topics)
- The career system does not motivate researchers from public organizations to participate in Horizon 2020
- Huge administrative burden and complicated bureaucracy to get ESIF funding
- Low rate of participation in international research collaboration
- Lack of mutual basic understanding of rules ERDF H2020



What is necessary to reinforce synergies?

- Flexibility in policies
 - But with reliable framework allowing planning security
- Better communication between national ministries
- Mutual knowledge about rules
- Compact, clear, basic guidance
- Capacity building in human resources (research and administration)
- Simplification of rules (national procedures and rules are even more restrictive than EU)
- Public administration should better know the stakeholder's concerns
- Central coordination point to disseminate the knowledge about funding possibilities
- Selecting best projects for European funding



Examples of good practices for synergies (1/2)

- International Cooperation: Research Infrastructure projects ELI (the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania) and ESS (Sweden and Denmark) of the ESFRI Roadmap are supported by both Horizon 2020 and ESIF
- The Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) project is a new Research Infrastructure of pan-European interest and part of the European ESFRI Roadmap. The facility is currently based on three sites (the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania), with an investment exceeding €850 million. ERDF contributed more than €375 million to the construction from the 2007–2013 Operational Programmes and additional funding will be allocated from the Operational Programmes of the current programming period. FP7 contributed to the preparatory phase. Currently, the establishment of ELI as an ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) is prepared and negotiated with the help of funds from Horizon 2020.
- More information: http://www.eli-laser.eu
- Brochure on synergy cases: https://ec.europa.eu/research/pdf/publications/ki-01-16-339-en-n.pdf



Examples of good practices for synergies (2/2)

• The Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU) is a new €3.7 billion Public-Private Partnership between the EU (Horizon 2020) and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC)

Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking opens up avenues for synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF.

The BBI JU is driven by the Vision and Strategic Innovation and Research Agenda developed by the industry, mobilising €975 million EU funds and €2.7 billion private investments (an effort with a great potential for leveraging additional private and public funds including ESIF)

The aim is to develop new bio-refining technologies to sustainably transform renewable natural resources into bio-based products, materials and fuels through new value chains. This nascent sector is expected to grow rapidly and create new markets and jobs in Europe.

http://www.bbi-europe.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Guidelines BBI H2020.pdf



WP 2018-2019 (20) Strategic Programming

- Gathering strategic information
- Analysing it
- Developing the next Work Programme

An interactive and participatory process involving the European Commission and the Programme Committee



H2020 - Work Programme 2018 -19 (20)

H2020 - Work Programme 2018-19 (20) planning

WORK PROGRAMME (2016 – 2017)

DRAFTING WORK PROGRAMME

(from Oct 2016...)

Start drafting Work Programme

♦ START DRAFTING WP

Oct-2016

- ♦ Meetings with AG/PC/SCAR
- ♦ Horizon Group
- PC Meeting
- ♦ Meeting with DG & CAB on topics orientations
- ♦ 1st DRAFT WP (Roadmap, indicative topics & timing of actions)

Jan-2017

- ♦ Input draft Interim evaluation H2020
- ♦ 2nd DRAFT Apr-2017

♦ FINAL DRAFT Jun-2017

ADOPTION and COMMUNICATION (from June 2017...)

Adoption procedure

♦ Inter-service consultation

Jun-2017

PC vote

Jul-2017

• e-Greffe procedure

Sep-2017

◆ ADOPTION

Oct-2017

Communication

- ♦ NCP meetings
- ♦ Central Info days



July – October 2017



Smart specialization areas in Hungary

National priorities

Health and well-being of society
Advanced vehicle and other machinery manufacturing technologies
Clean and renewable energy
Sustainable environment
Healthy and local foods
Agricultural innovation



Horizon2020 topics - go to the page "R&I Calls for Proposals H2020"

- Excellent Science
- European Research Council (ERC)
- Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
- Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Research Infrastructures
- Industrial Leadership
- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT)
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Nanotechnologies
- Advanced materials
- Biotechnology
- Advanced manufacturing and processing
- Space
- Access to risk finance
- Innovation in SMEs

- Societal Challenges
- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bio-economy
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, <u>environment</u>, resource efficiency and raw materials
- Europe in a changing world inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Secure societies protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens
- Spreading excellence and widening participation
- Science with and for Society
- The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
- EURATOM Research and Training Programme 2014-2018



Identify common topics

- RIS3 area: e.g. Agri-Food, Forestry-Timber and Environmental Bioeconomy
- Call: BIO BASED INDUSTRIES PPP
- TOPIC: Valorisation of the organic content of wastewater as feedstock, contributing to the renewable circular economy (launched at 19th April)
- Information on:
 - Specific challenge
 - Scope & Budget
 - Expected impact, etc.
 - Technical aspects (online guidance on submission)
 - Submission window

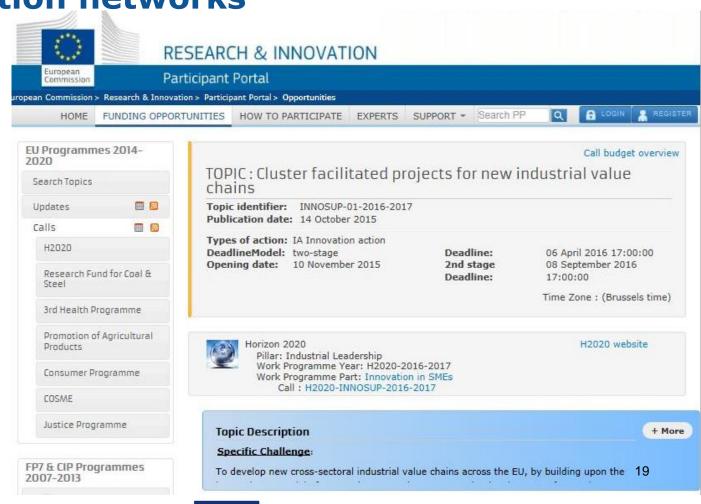
... and SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!



Horizon 2020 support for thematic smart specialisation networks

INNOSUP-01-2016-2017 call

Cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains





INTERREG Europe support

Many of the just started new INTERREG Europe projects aim to cooperate and learn around related RIS³ priority themes:

BRIDGES:

Improve the RIS3
implementation, governance and
delivery, enhance industry-led
bio-economy centres of
competence as RIS3
implementation units.
Lead partner: Kainuun Etu Itd (FI)

RESET - RESearch centers of Excellence in the Textile sector: Change ESIF implementation for RTD&I to foster the sustainability of the textile and clothing sector of the partner regions.

Lead partner: Municipality of Prato

Smart Chemistry
Specialisation Strategy:
improve implementation of RIS3
with focus on chemical related
topics via learning between
authorities from seven regions.
Lead partner: Ministry of Sciences and
Economic Affairs Saxony-Anhalt (DE)

HoCare

Delivery of innovative solutions for **Home Care** by strengthening cooperation in regional innovation chains using a quadruple-helix approach.

Lead partner: **RERA a.s. - Regional Development Agency of South Bohemia (CZ)**

NICHE

Building innovative food value chains in regions where **food is a high-potential sector** for smart growth. Translate adoption of R&I solutions by food sector companies into new products and services. Lead partner: **Reg. Dev. Agency of the West Region (RO)**

NMP-REG: improve regional policies for delivering Nano-technologies & new materials research results to the regional manufacturing sector.

Lead partner: Agency for the development of the Empolese Valdelsa (IT)



More information

Horizon 2020 Participant Portal

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/de
sktop/en/opportunities/index.html

European Funds Portal (official page in HU)

https://www.palyazat.gov.hu/

INTERREG Europe

http://www.interregeurope.eu/news-andevents/news/39/first-call-projects-approved/