

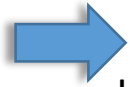
General overview on synergies issue in regional operational programmes

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The Partnership Agreement



defines the **strategy of intervention** of the EU funds within the framework of the Cohesion Policy, the CAP and the CFP in Poland in the years 2014–2020; indicates the tools for **proper coordination and complementarity of support**; strong link between the intervention financed from EFSI with the objectives of the **Europe 2020 Strategy**

the total allocation for 16 ROPs amounts to EUR 31.3 bln from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF).

The budget for measures addressed to **R&D&I and SMEs** is estimated at approx. **EUR 6 billion** from the ERDF, including:

- **TO1** – allocation from 4,4% to 13,3% of the total ROPs allocation;
- **TO3** – allocation from 8,3% to 17,0% of the total ROPs allocation.



Elements indispensable in the context of synergy:

Complementarity, complexity, flexibility, adequacy, coherence

Statistics:

- PA : synergy – 23, complementarity/complementary – 144, complexity/complex – 92,
- ROP Pomorskie: synergy – 3, complementarity/complementary – 24, complexity/complex – many 😊 (more than 50)
- CPR: synergy - 18

Levels of ensuring synergy:

- EC and European institutions (EIB, EIF)
- Member state
- Managing authorities
- Beneficiaries/final recipients



Scope of intervention:

National level		Regional level	
<u>OP Smart Growth</u>		<u>OP Eastern Poland</u>	<u>ROPs</u>
Support for universities and research units:			
TO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strategic R&D infrastructure •Strategic research programmes •International Research Agendas •Increasing the human potential in R&D sector 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •R&D infrastructure agreed in the Territorial Contract
Support for enterprises and for improving the business environment:			
TO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •R&D projects of enterprises •Sectoral R&D programmes •R&D infrastructure of enterprises •Pro-innovation services for enterprises •Open innovation – support for techn. transfer 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •R&D projects of enterprises •R&D infrastructure of enterprises •Pro-innovation services for enterprises •Innovation vouchers
TO3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Funding of the SME innovative activity using venture capital (VC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Start-up platforms for the new ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Services offered to early-stage enterprises •Investment sites
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support for promotion and internationalisation of innovative enterprises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Supporting the internationalisation of SMEs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support for promotion and internationalisation of SMEs •New business models in SMEs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support for R&D results implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support for supra-regional cooperation ties •Competition design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support for R&D results implementation •Support for productive investments •Increasing the use of ICT in SMEs •Repayable funding for enterprises



Main areas of synergies in TO1:

Regional Smart Specialisations (RSSs)

- TO 1 – obligation/prerequisite, TO3 – strong preferences
- most of National Smart Specialisations and RSSs are common
- nevertheless, the MAs applies different methodologies of **identification** and **verification of compliance** of investments with the NSSs and RSSs

Support for universities and research units in ROPs - R&D infrastructure enlisted in the road map or agreed in the **Territorial Contracts (TCs)**.

Participation of the **enterprises** a main requirement when claiming for support

Regional research agendas – beneficiaries are consortia whose members include entrepreneurs and research units led by a research unit. Agendas created with participation of the marshal responsible for development policy in the region

R&D agenda as an obligation when applying for support for infrastructure



Main areas of synergies in TO3:

- support is targeted mainly for implementation of product, process, marketing and organisational innovations, in particular the results of R&D projects developed under TO 1 – **the importance of scheduling the call for proposals!**
- demand driven approach (BEIs)
- regionalisation of CT3 – regions closer to SMEs, support more SMEs needs oriented,

Other faces of synergy:

- possibility of financing enterprises at different stages of their development
- territorial approach – ITIs
- result oriented approach



What needs to be improved at the level of MAs of ROPs?

Selection criteria should strongly favor the projects **to be implemented in cooperation** and providing a „**string**” of innovative process (TO1->TO3).

Cooperation in order to ensure a coordinated intervention – e.g. lack of clear demarcation between national and regional level may result in potential competition between the OP SG, OP EP and the ROPs; EFSI and other EU and national instruments.

Smart specialisation– there are various approaches for verifying the compliance of the project with the smart specialisation. In general, the assessment is based on the description of the project or on the PKD code of the entrepreneur applying for support.

Thank you.

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