



Cohesion policy support for district heating and cooling

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Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

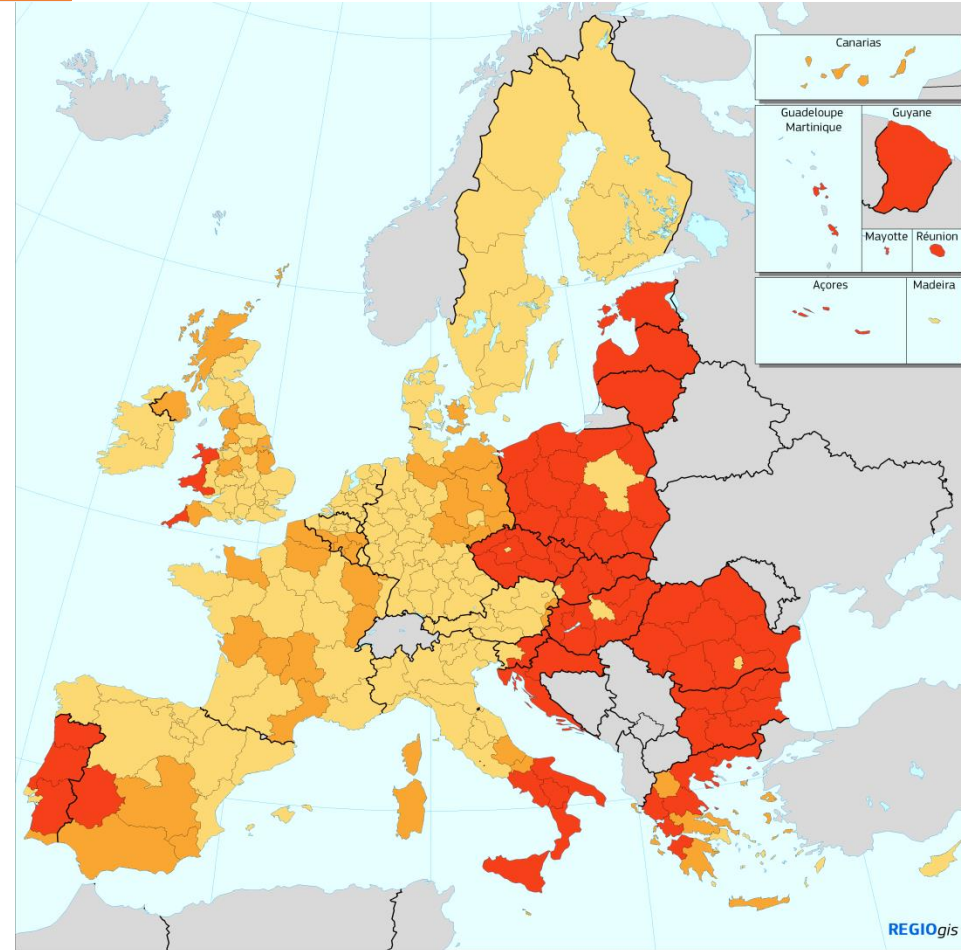


Three funds:

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- European Social Fund (ESF)
- Cohesion Fund (CF)

€352 billion over 2014-2020 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



Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF) eligibility 2014-2020

Category

- Less developed regions (GDP/head < 75% of EU-27 average)
- Transition regions (GDP/head between $\geq 75\%$ and $< 90\%$ of EU-27 average)
- More developed regions (GDP/head $\geq 90\%$ of EU-27 average)

Under shared management



Legal
Framework

Partnership
Agreements

Operational
Programmes

Management of
programmes/
Selection of
projects

Monitoring/
Annual
reporting

List of Programmes:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes/

Managing authorities

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Key features: Cohesion policy 2014-2020



- Result orientation and performance framework
- Thematic concentration of funds: 11 thematic objectives linked to the Europe 2020 Strategy
- Pre-conditions for funding (ex-ante conditionalities)
- Increased use of financial instruments and synergies
- Horizontal mainstreaming of climate/environment
- Partnership principle
- Enhanced urban dimension
- Increased emphasis on capacity building

Thematic Objectives & concentration



Smart Growth

1. Research & innovation
2. Information and communication technologies (ICT)
3. Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Sustainable Growth

4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy
5. Climate change adaptation & risk management and prevention
6. Environmental protection & resource efficiency
7. Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

Inclusive Growth

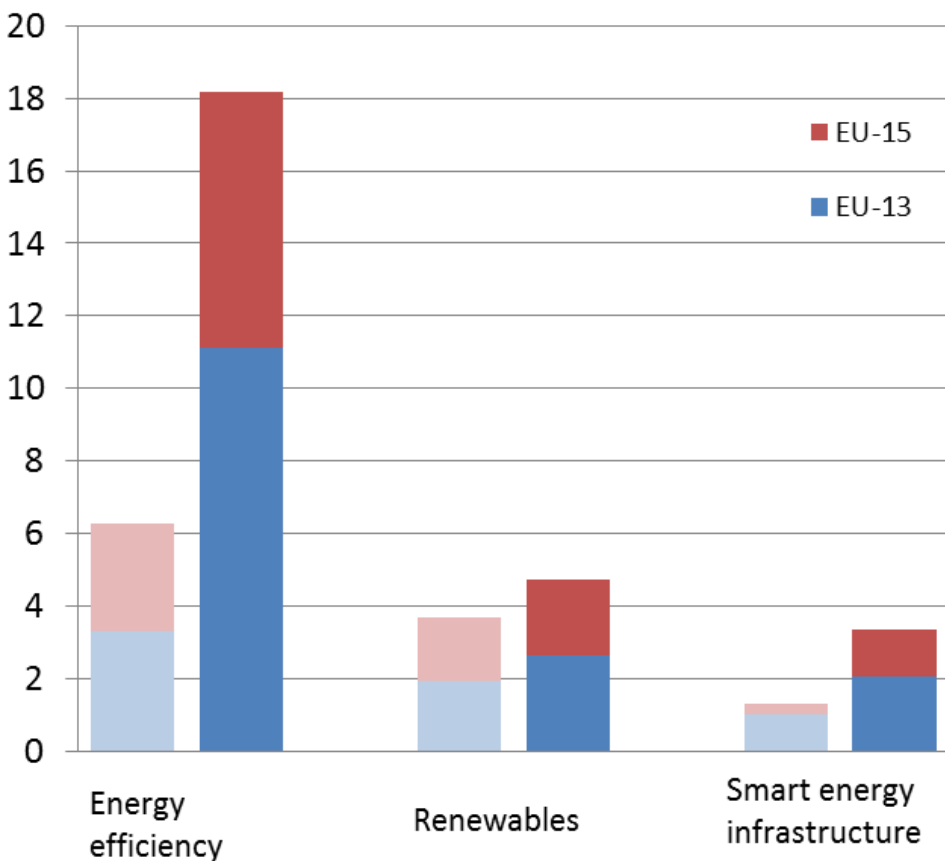
8. Employment & support for labour mobility
9. Social inclusion & combating poverty
10. Education, skills & lifelong learning
11. Institutional capacity building & efficient public administration

Translated into Fund-specific investment priorities

Funding leading to benefits for people, regions and businesses



ERDF+CF allocations in EUR billion, all EU MSs
Comparison 2007-2013 vs 2014-2020



875 000 households will live in buildings that have been renovated to reduce energy use.



Around **7 670 MW** of additional capacity of renewable energy production.



3.3 million additional energy users connected to smart grids.



Public buildings will use **5.2 TWh/year less energy** than they do now.



Energy efficiency will be supported in over **57 000 companies**, mainly SMEs.

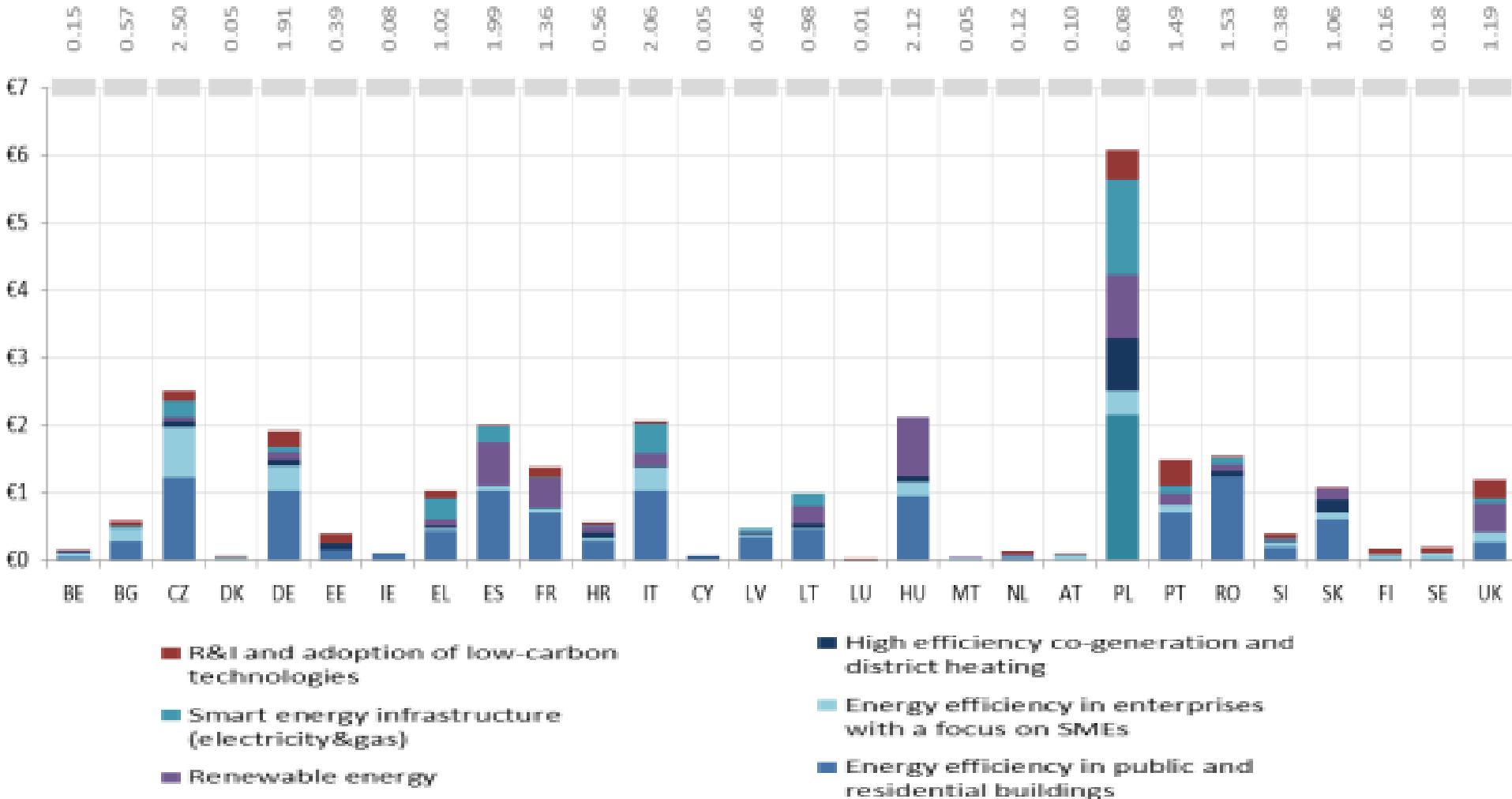
Planned allocations from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF) as of May 2016

Regional Policy

Funding suited to the local needs

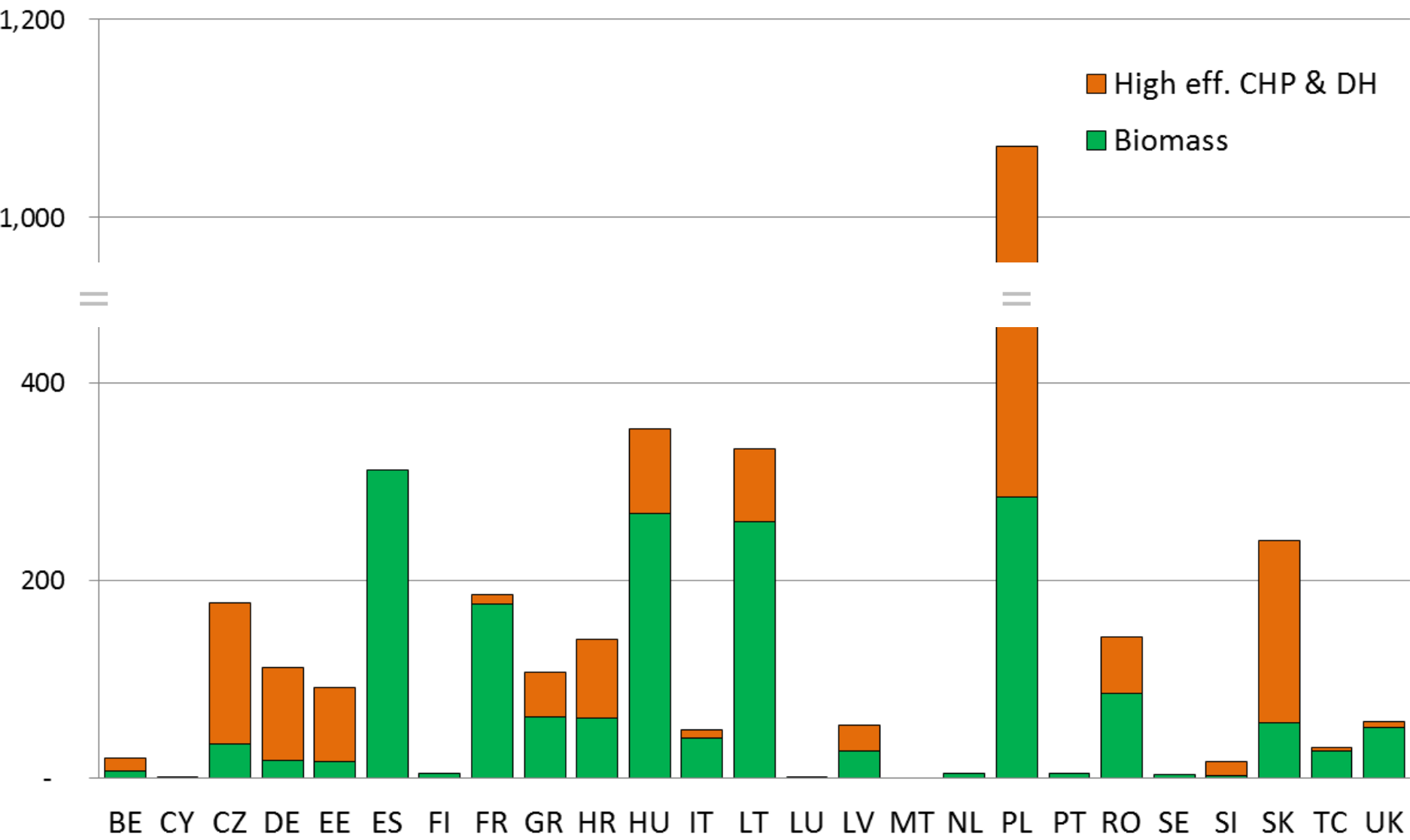


ERDF and CF allocations to energy and low-carbon R&I 2014-2020 in EUR billion



ERDF/CF support: examples

million EUR



Work on other initiatives and other support available



- Cohesion policy important element of several other initiatives
- Various support tools made available:
 - Advisory platform for financial instruments: fi-compass; Off-the-shelf financial instruments.
 - Administrative capacity support, including TAIEX REGIO PEER 2 PEER and support on public procurement and state aid
 - Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform on Energy
 - Networks, guidance documents, RegioStars Awards and European Week of Regions and Cities ('Open Days'), workshops
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The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS DATA' platform. The page features a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'EXPLORE EU DATA', 'EXPLORE BY THEME', 'EXPLORE BY COUNTRY', and 'EXPLORE BY FUND'. The main heading is 'European Structural Investment Funds - explore our data'. Below this are three filter buttons: 'EU LEVEL' (blue), 'THEME' (red), and 'COUNTRY' (green). A 'FUND' button is also present. The page is divided into three columns: 'ABOUT THIS TOOL' (describing access to financing information), 'HOW TO USE THIS TOOL' (explaining data exploration options), and 'HELPFUL LINKS' (listing ESIF funds like Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, etc.). A large banner image shows a coastal town with the text 'The European Structural Investment Fund budget 2014-2020 is ... EUR 454 Billion' and a 'EU finances Overview' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Catalogue' section for searching datasets and a 'Follow Us' section with social media links for #ESIF and various EU policy areas. The footer includes 'Last updated: 11/17/2015' and navigation links for 'About', 'Legal Notice', 'Cookies', 'Contact', and 'Search'.

New open data platform:

<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu>

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/evaluations/data-for-research/

Project examples:

<https://ec.europa.eu/budget/euprojects/>

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/EN/projects/

<http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=46>

Conclusions

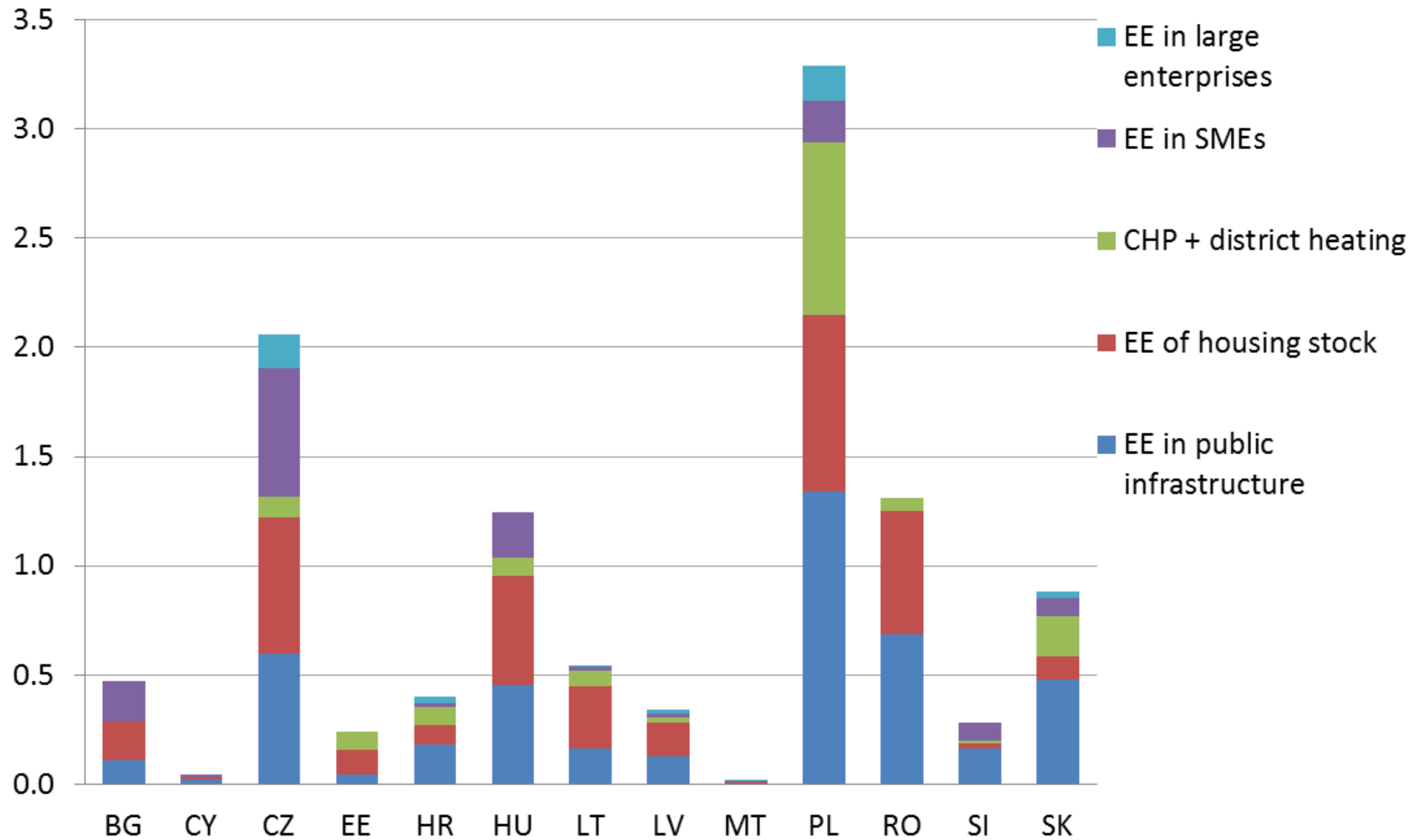


- The **reformed Cohesion policy** – important driver for low-carbon investments for the 2014-2020 period
- Clear political commitment – the development and implementation of **high-quality projects** now crucial for success
- Mobilisation of private finance with the help of Cohesion policy funds needed – the **use of financial instruments** essential
- **Ex-ante conditionalities** – important novelty to ensure effective and efficient investments
- **Monitoring, result orientation** – key new elements
- **Good governance, continued partnership and coordination** – essential at all levels

Thank you for your attention!



ERDF+CF allocations in EUR billion for energy efficiency, EU-13, 2014-2020



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