



The urban dimension of future cohesion policy

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Territorial cohesion

*Ensuring **harmonious, sustainable and polycentric development***

- **enabling citizens and enterprises**
to make the most of the **inherent features** of different territories
to benefit from and contribute to European integration and the
functioning of the Single Market
wherever they happen to live or operate
- ⇒ **Need to reconcile competitiveness, cohesion and sustainable development at all governance levels**
- ⇒ **Across sectors and administrative borders**



Territorial Agenda of the European Union 2020 – (TA2020)

*Towards an Inclusive, Smart and Sustainable
Europe of Diverse Regions*

1. promoting polycentric and balanced territorial development,
2. encouraging integrated development in cities, rural and specific regions,
3. territorial integration in cross-border and transnational functional regions,
4. ensuring the global competitiveness of regions based on strong local economies,
5. improving territorial connectivity for individuals, communities and enterprises,
6. managing and connecting the ecological, landscape and cultural values of regions.



Cities of tomorrow

Challenges, visions, ways forward

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/citiesoftomorrow/citiesoftomorrow_final.pdf



Conclusions

We need to **invest in our cities...**

...but not just question of levels of investment

- We need adopt an **integrated territorial approach**
- within **new governance frameworks**
- with new ways of **working across sectoral boundaries**
- with a **wider set of partners**, including citizens
- focusing on **long-term shared objectives**

➤ A qualitative shift is needed to exploit the full potential of our cities



Territorial aspects in the legislative package

- *Need for an overall integrated territorial approach*
⇒ **Territorial development in strategic documents**
- *Need for metropolitan governance*
⇒ **Integrated Territorial Investments**
- *Need for integrated interventions at neighbourhood and local level*
⇒ **Urban integrated development + Community-led local development**
- *Need for innovative approaches*
⇒ **Innovative urban actions**



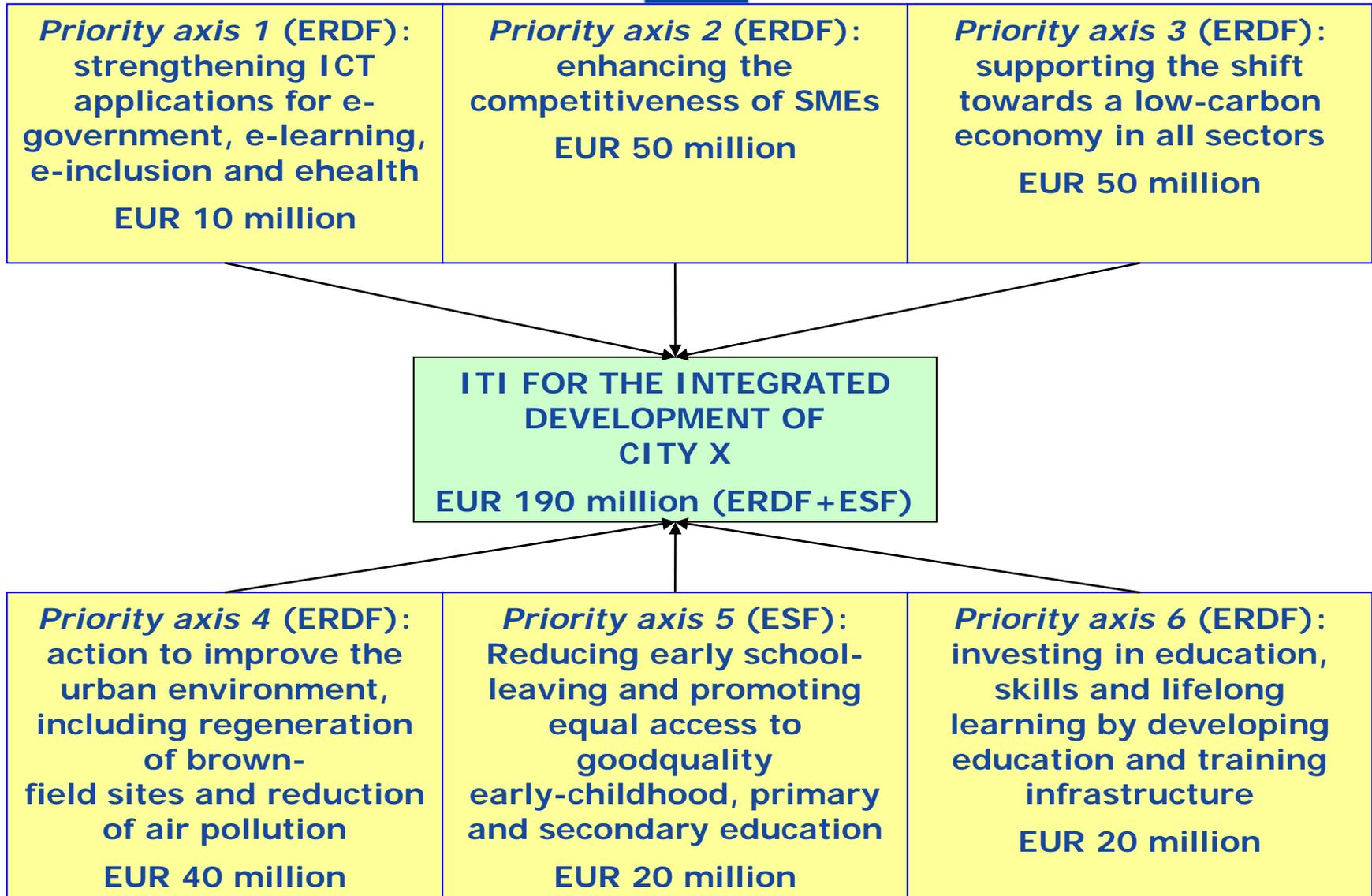
Integrated Territorial Investment

*Art 99 of the Common Provisions
Regulation (ERDF, ESF and the
Cohesion Fund)*



Integrated Territorial Investment

- For **territorial based strategies** requiring integrated investments under **more than one priority axis or operational programme**
- Can be **implemented by a Managing Authority, a local administration** (e.g. city) or other entity
- **Operational Programme should identify** planned ITIs and set out **indicative financial allocations** for each ITI





Integrated sustainable urban development

*Articles 5, 7, 8 & 9 of the ERDF
regulation*



Objectives

*Reinforcing the key role of European cities for **territorial cohesion** and for **Europe 2020***

- Enhancing the integrated approach to urban development
- Strengthening the strategic programming process for actions in urban areas



Reinforced urban dimension

Focus on sustainable urban development

- At least 5% of the ERDF dedicated to urban integrated development

Support for innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development

- up to ceiling of 0,2% of the annual funding

Creation of an urban development platform

- To promote exchange of experience ensure the quality of the implementation of sustainable urban development through Cohesion Policy



Urban investment priorities

article 5 of the ERDF regulation

- Promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas
- Improving the urban environment, including the regeneration of brownfield sites and the reduction of air pollution
- Promoting sustainable urban mobility
- Promoting social inclusion through the physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban areas
- **Concentrating ERDF support for urban areas on Europe 2020 objectives**



Integrated sustainable urban development

article 7 of the ERDF regulation

- **Integrated strategies** to tackle complex and interrelated economic, environmental and social challenges in urban areas
through
- **Integrated Territorial Investments – ITI** (Art. 99 CPR), which
 - draw funding from **several thematic priority axes** (from one or several Operational Programmes)
 - to finance **integrated territorial strategies** (functional approach)

≥5% of the ERDF resources of each MS **earmarked** for **integrated urban strategies** implemented through **ITIs** with **management** (at least partly) **delegated** to **cities**



Urban Innovative Actions

article 9 of the ERDF regulation

- **Aim:** Fostering new and innovative solutions in the field of sustainable urban development
- Support for urban pilot projects, demonstration projects and studies of European interest
- Implemented at the initiative of the Commission
- Up to 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation
- **Support for experimental urban projects to identify and spread the best solutions in Europe**

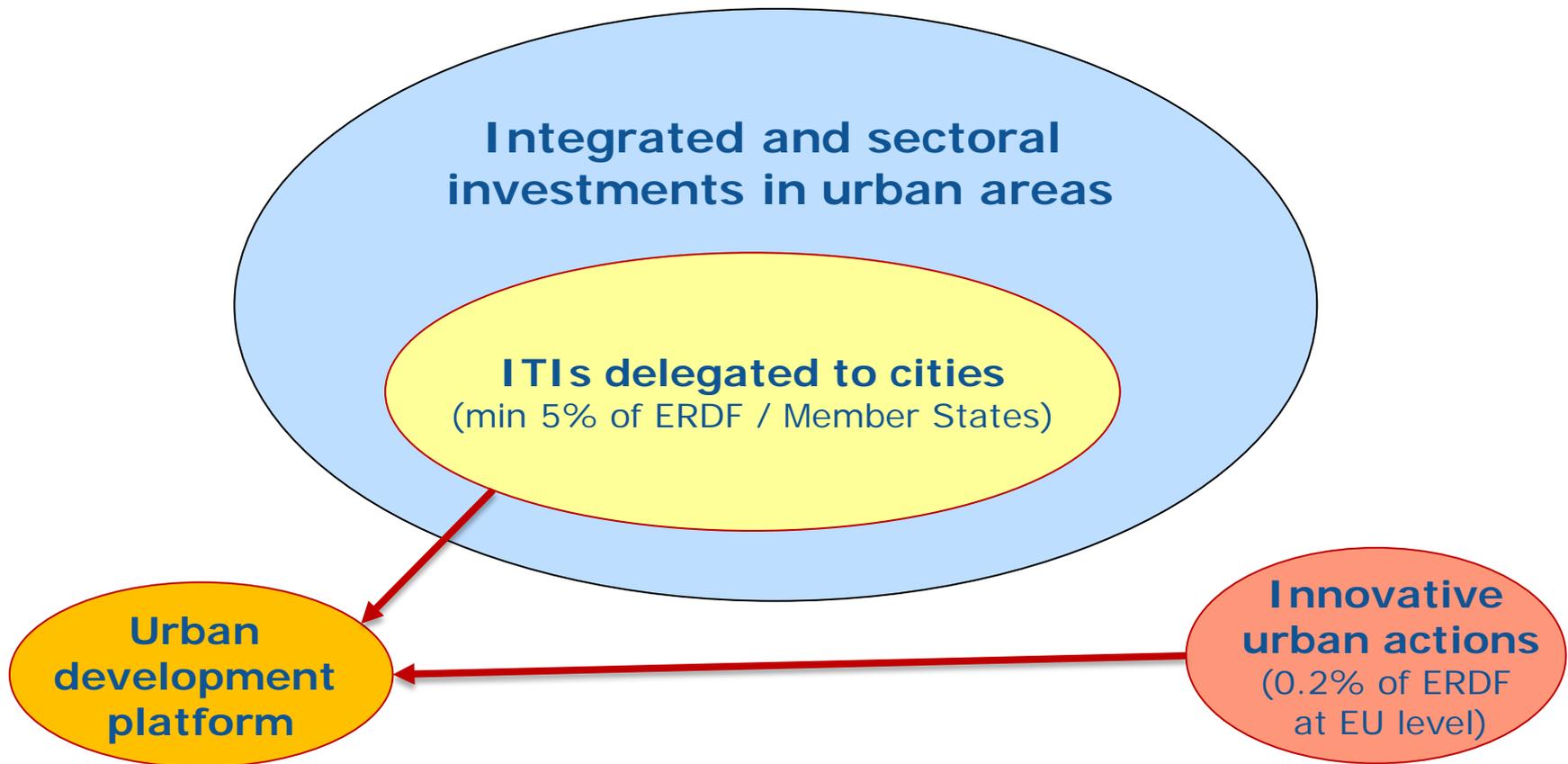


Urban Development Platform

article 8 of the ERDF regulation

- Set up by the Commission to foster the dialogue with cities at EU level - **no project funding!**
- **Purpose:** To collect experience from the new instruments and facilitate the implementation of
 - ITI delegated to cities
 - Innovative actions
- **Selection of participating cities by Commission:**
 - Based on the list of cities in the Partnership Contracts
 - Cities carrying out innovative actions

Relationship between the new instruments





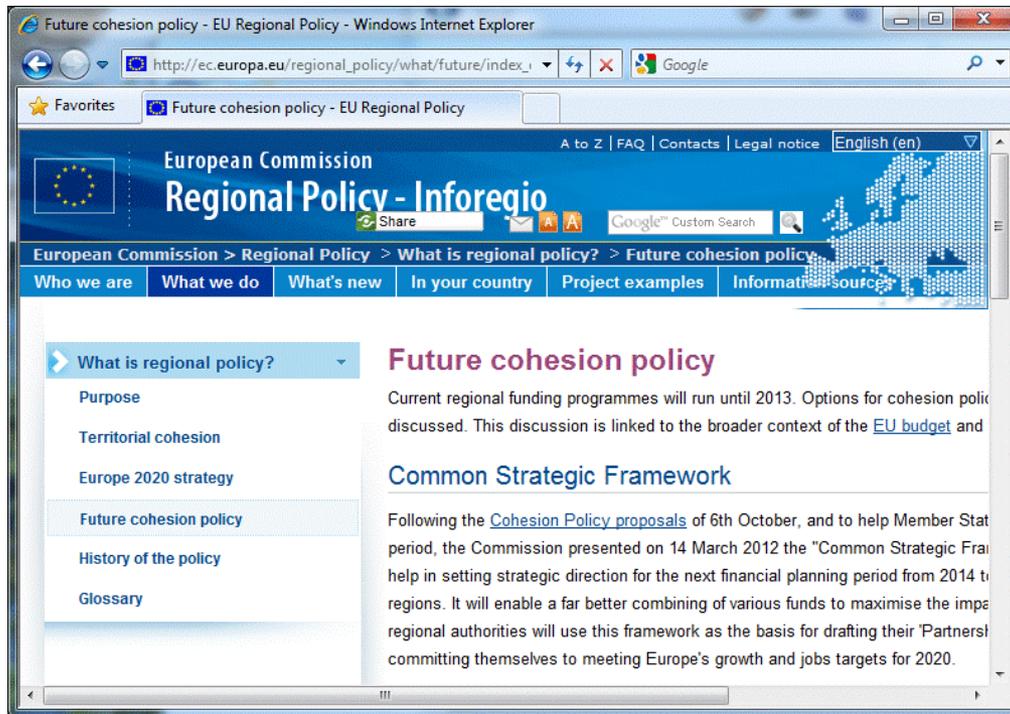
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Thank you for your attention!

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