



The reformed EU Cohesion policy: what role for Europe's energy agenda?

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Cohesion policy 2014-2020: Key features



Based on lessons learnt, the need to increase the performance and impact of the funds:

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

Implemented under a shared management

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

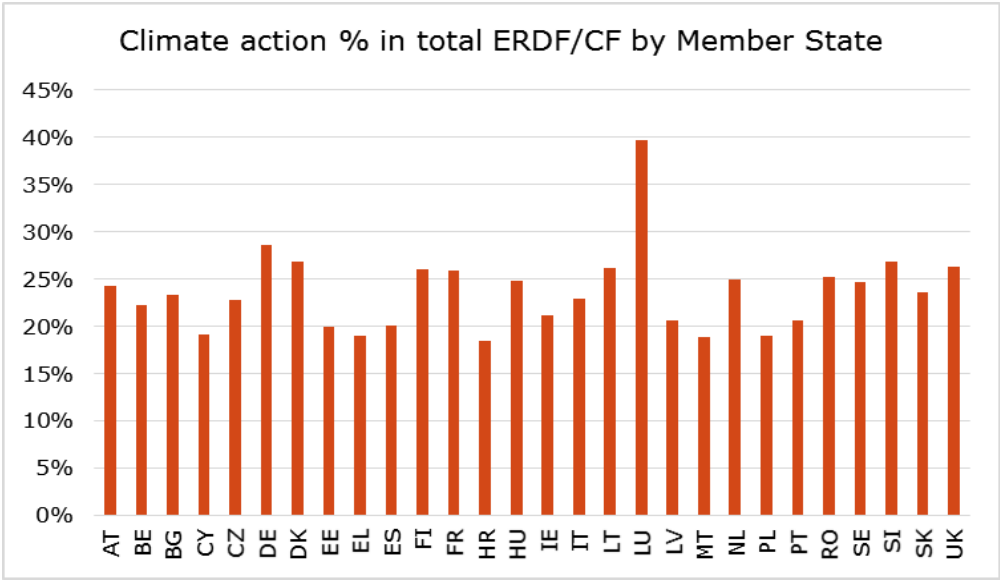
8. Employment & support for labour mobility
9. Social inclusion & combating poverty
10. Education, skills & lifelong learning
11. Institutional capacity building & efficient public administration

Translated into Fund-specific investment priorities

ESIF 2014-2020: the biggest EU climate budget



European Structural and Investment Funds – ESIF:	Climate change-related actions:	
	amount (€ billion)	share [%]
European Regional Development Fund - ERDF	37.7	19.2%
Cohesion Fund - CF	17.6	27.8%
European Social Fund - ESF	1.1	1.3%
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - EMFF	1.0	18.2%
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development - EAFRD	57.0	57.8%
TOTAL ESIF	€114.5 billion	25.21% of ESIF

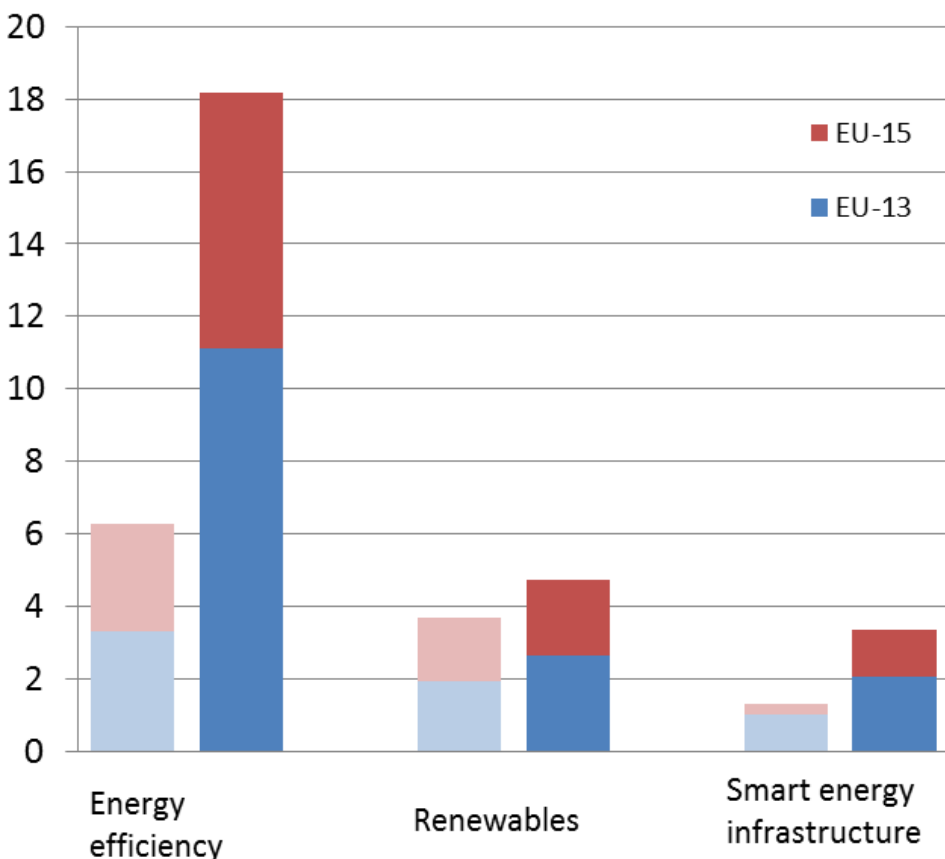


Based on OPs categories of intervention data (following the methodology in Commission Implementing Regulation No 215/2014)

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.

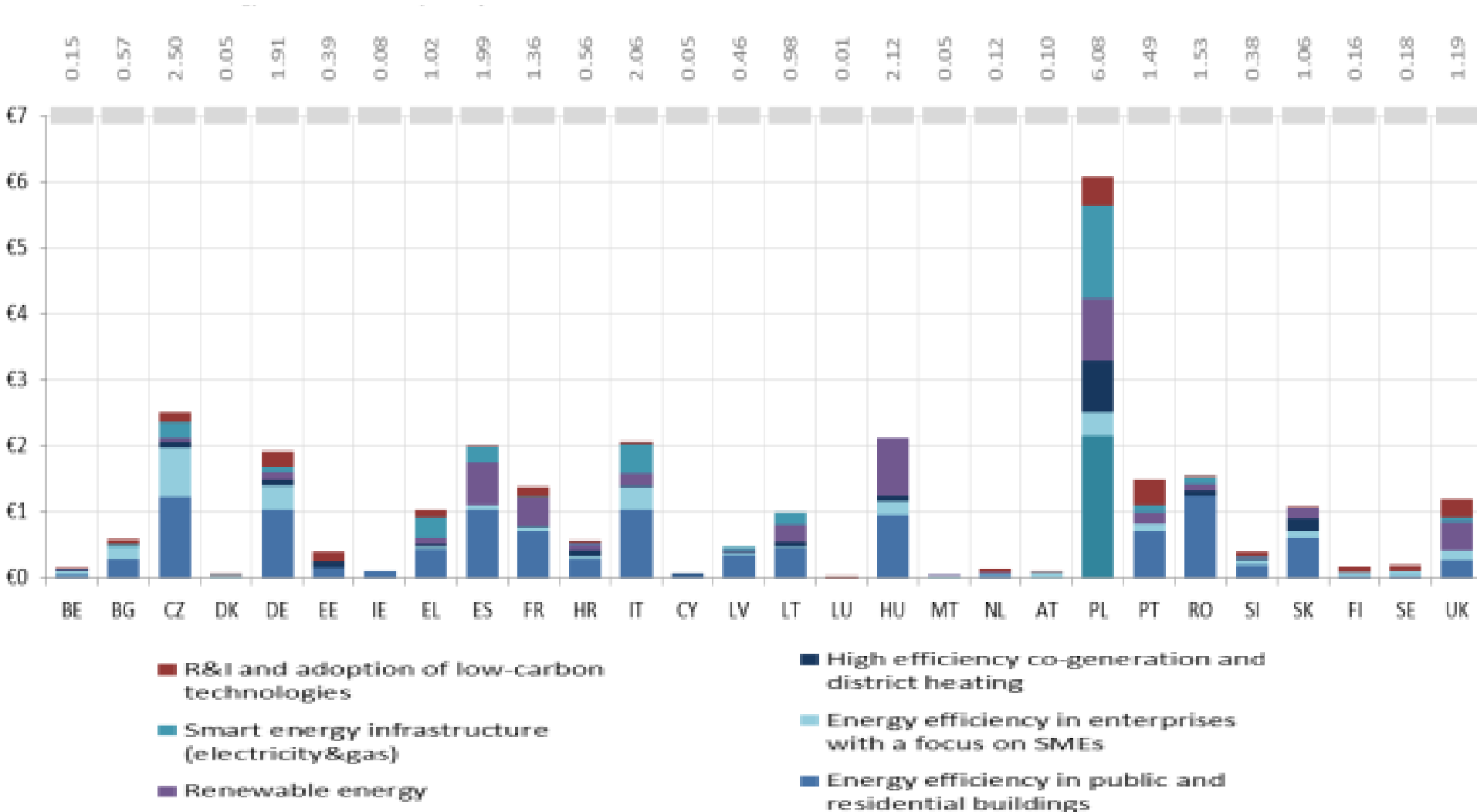


Energy efficiency will be supported in over **57 000 companies**, mainly SMEs.

Funding suited to the local needs



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



Work on other initiatives and 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
 - Open data platform
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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 low-carbon 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

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS DATA' platform. The header includes the European Commission logo and navigation links: 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), with a 'FUND' button in grey. The page is divided into three columns: 'ABOUT THIS TOOL' (explaining the platform's purpose for 2014-2020 data), 'HOW TO USE THIS TOOL' (describing filtering and download options), and 'HELPFUL LINKS' (listing ESIF funds like Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, etc.). A large banner features a coastal town and the text 'The European Structural Investment Fund budget 2014-2020 is ... EUR 454 Billion' with an 'EU finances Overview' button. The footer contains a 'Catalogue' section, 'Contact Us' (regio-webmaster@ec.europa.eu), and 'Follow Us' on Twitter with the hashtag #ESIF. The bottom of the page shows the date 'Last updated: 11/17/2015' and additional navigation links.

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List of Programmes and Managing authorities:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes/
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/managing-authorities/

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/>
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