

ERDF for energy efficiency and social housing

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Thematic development and impact

Structure

- **Cohesion policy and the revamped Lisbon agenda**
- **Cohesion policy 2007-13**
- **Prepare for future programmes**



**Part 1: Cohesion
policy and the
revamped Lisbon
agenda**



Kok report: Need for ...

- **suitable spending instrument at EU level**
- **increased ownership, including regions and social partners**
- **a more strategic approach**



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- **competitiveness, growth potential and productivity**
- **social cohesion**
- **knowledge, innovation and optimal human capital**



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(continued)

- **Union must mobilize all appropriate resources**
- **national and Community**
- **including cohesion policy**



Time to **move up a gear**

- investing in education and research
- freeing up SME and unlock potential
- getting people into work
- **efficient, secure and sustainable energy**



Cohesion policy and the Treaty

- **economic and social cohesion**
- **regional disparities**
- **backwardness (incl. islands and rural areas)**



Strategic guidelines for cohesion policy

- **the major hinge
between cohesion
policy and Lisbon**
- **growth and jobs**
- **RTD, innovation and
competitiveness**



Part 2

EU cohesion policy 2007-13







Three objectives (ca. €347 bn)

- **Convergence (82 %)**
- **Regional competitiveness and employment (16 %)**
 - **national level**
 - **regional level**
- **Territorial co-operation (2 %)**



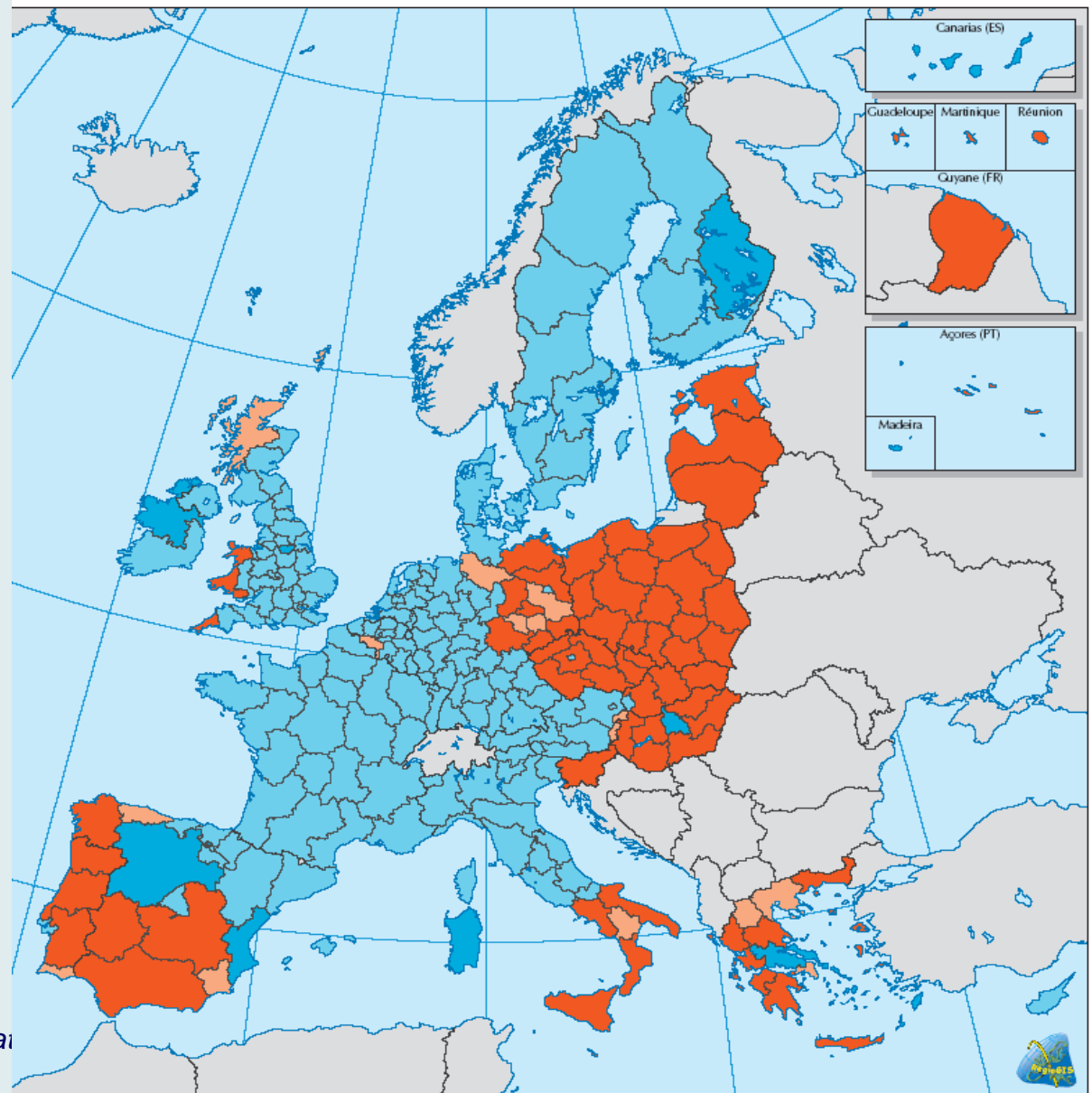
Cohesion policy

Geographical Eligibility 2007-2013

-  **Convergence objective**
(Regions below 75% of EU average)
-  **Convergence objective statistically affected: phasing-out regions**
-  **Objective Regional Competitiveness and Employment**
Phasing-in regions, "naturally" above 75%
-  **Objective Regional Competitiveness and Employment**

Index EU 25
= 100

Quelle: Eurostat



Energy and the ERDF: Convergence objective

- **security of supply**
- **internal market**
- **environmental considerations**
- **energy efficiency**
- **renewable energies**



Energy and ERDF: Objective Competitiveness

- **stimulating energy efficiency**
- **more renewable energy production**
- **development of efficient energy management systems**



Energy and the ERDF: Territorial cooperation

**reducing isolation through
cross border energy
systems and facilities**



Energy and the Cohesion Fund

**areas to be developed on
a sustainable basis and
with clear environmental
benefit in the fields of
energy efficiency and
renewable energy**



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**ERDF may also contribute to
the financing of **housing**
projects in EU10, Bulgaria
and Romania**

ERDF and **housing**, eligible if...

- **in an integrated urban development operation**
- **or priority axis for areas with physical deterioration and social exclusion**



...and...

- **maximum 3 % of ERDF allocation to OPs concerned**
- **or 2 % of the total ERDF allocation**



...and...

- **multi-family housing**
- **or buildings owned by public authorities or non-profit operators for housing of low income households or people with special needs**



Part 3

Prepare for future programmes



New programming and implementation cycle

- **Community's strategic guidelines**
- **National strategic reference frameworks**
- **Operational programmes**
 - Program management and project selection
 - Strategic follow up



Community strategic guidelines

Strategic elements for energy

- **energy efficiency and low energy intensity development models**
- **renewable and alternative technologies**
- **networks where market fails, mainly in convergence regions**



Elements to consider

- **Solvability and liquidity** issues
- **Loans** could be an option
(**JESSICA**)
- **Avoid public funds being used for speculation**
- **Avoid crowding out**



Specific implementation rules for housing

- **Part of the Commission regulation on implementing the general regulation of the Funds**
- **Currently prepared**
- **Specific criteria for intervention**
- **Specific types of intervention**



**Thank you very much
for your attention!**



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