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Abstract

Integration is a key issue of any policy that deals with development, like EU Cohesion Policy does, and therefore it should be present at all stages of policy cycle, since policy design, to policy monitoring, including, obviously, the policy deliver phase.

Taking into account that the instruments effectiveness depends largely on their inter-connection with policy goals, it's necessary to start by clarifying the EU policies objectives (targets, outputs, outcomes and stakeholders). The present debate on EU 2020 and the mobilisation of EU policies to implement this EU strategy should help to make clear the role of each EU policy.

The international experience show us the relevance of goals (and instruments) related with labour market in any development policy. There is no successful development policy with the split between intervention on productive sector (support to firms and provide public goods to promote competitiveness) and interventions on human capital side (professional training and employment policies).

Focusing on EU Cohesion Policy experience – the EU development policy – turns out to be clear the complementarity among its present funds, and even with other EU funds outside this policy. So, in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of this policy it's crucial to make clear the role of each fund and to find a better alignment of their rules and procedures. This alignment is a pre-condition to pursue an effective co-ordination and integration on the ground.