

Setting the scene for the parallel workshops on ESF, ERDF, EAFRD

High Level Event - Contribution of EU funds to the integration of Roma
Bucharest, Romania
12-13 October, 2010





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Geographical eligibility for Structural Funds support 2007-13

-  **Convergence objective**
(Regions > 75% in EU-25)
-  **Convergence objective**
statistically affected regions
-  **Regional Competitiveness
and Employment Objective**
*Phasing-in regions,
'naturally' above 75%*
-  **Regional Competitiveness
and Employment Objective**



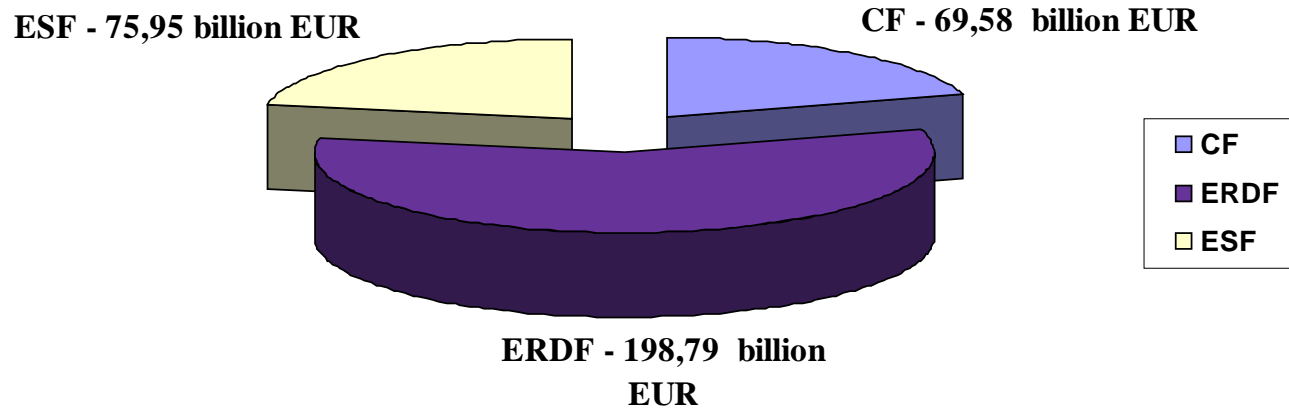


Concentration on the poorest regions => Financial impact

- **81.5% for Convergence regions (35% of the EU population) for catching-up on economic growth and employment**
- **16% for Competitiveness and Employment regions (65% of the EU population) to reinforce the regions' competitiveness and attractiveness and to create jobs**
- **2.5% for territorial co-operation (cross border, trans national, interregional)**

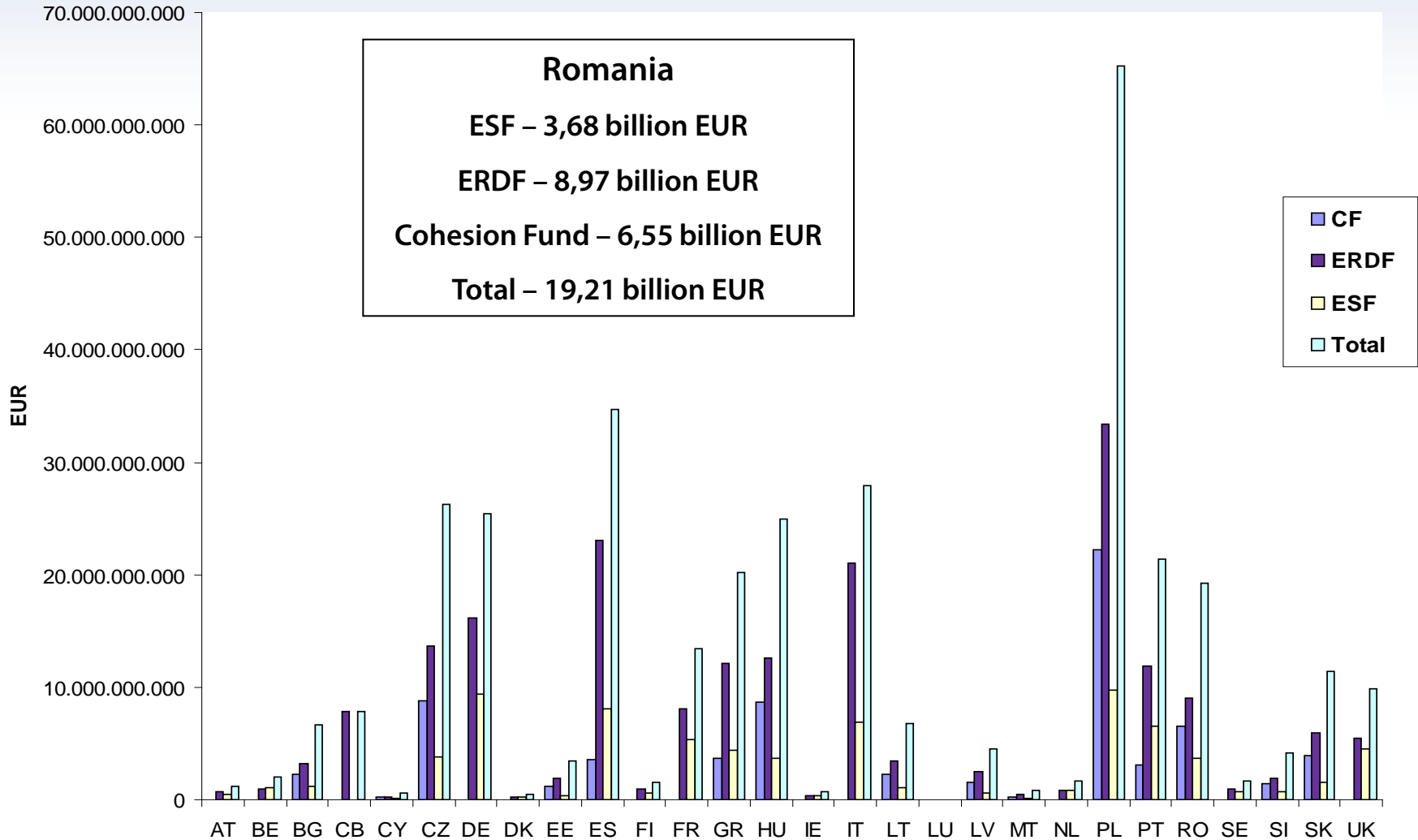
Cohesion policy 2007-2013

Total budget 2007-2013 = 344,32 billion EUR





Cohesion policy 2007-2013 Breakdown by countries

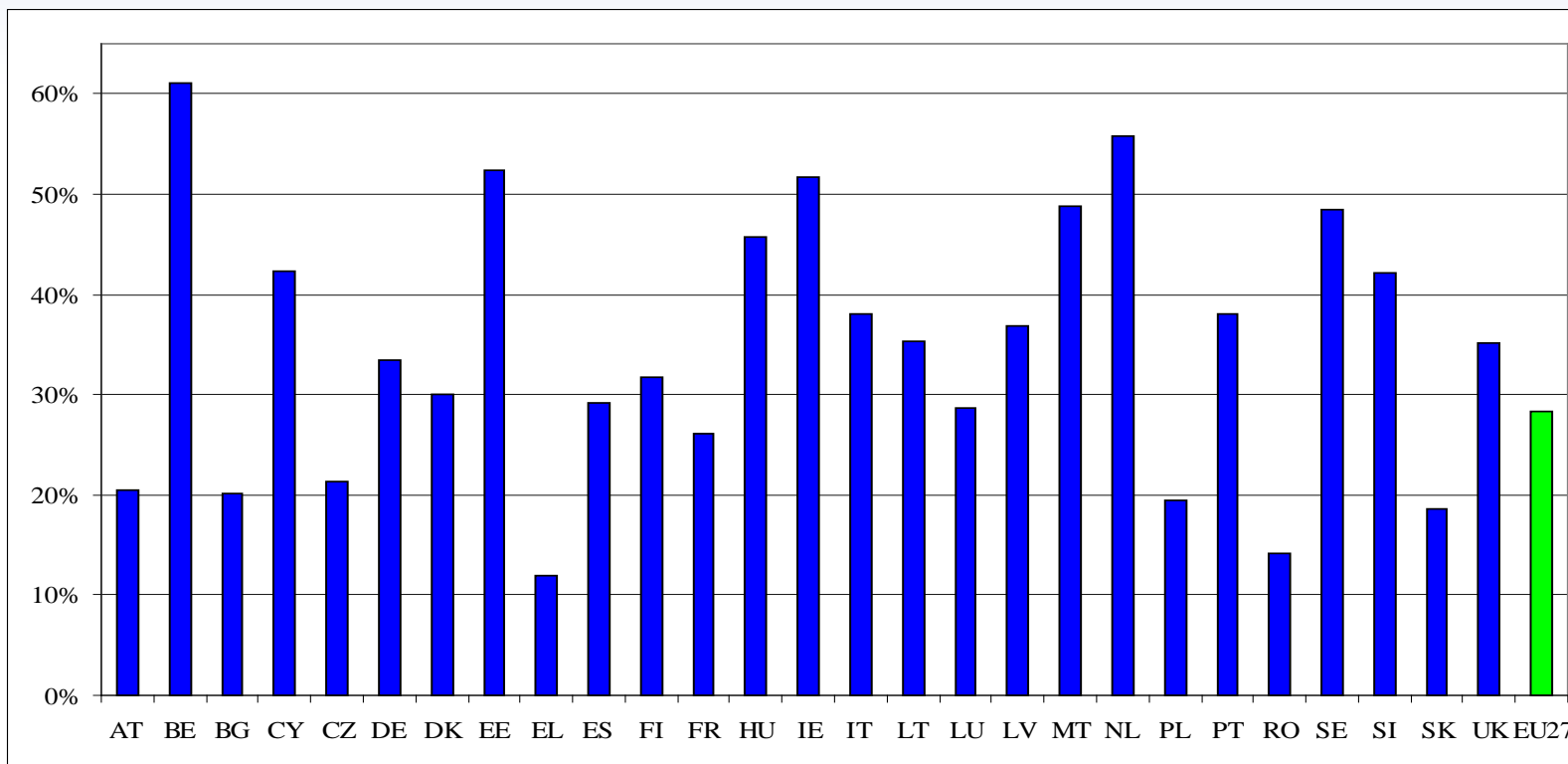




Allocation to selected projects Strategic Report 2010

Romania - 14,1%

2,7 billion EUR



EUR 93 billion allocated to projects in EU. Average selection = 27.1%

So how does it work?

- **“Shared” responsibility between the European Commission and Member State authorities**
- **Member States manage the programmes, select the projects, monitor and assess them involving economic and social partners as well as civil society bodies (environment, equal opportunities, sport etc.) in the programming and the management of the programmes**
- **Beneficiaries: municipalities, NGOs, economic and social bodies**
- **The Commission is involved in programme monitoring, financial management and verifies the management and control systems**



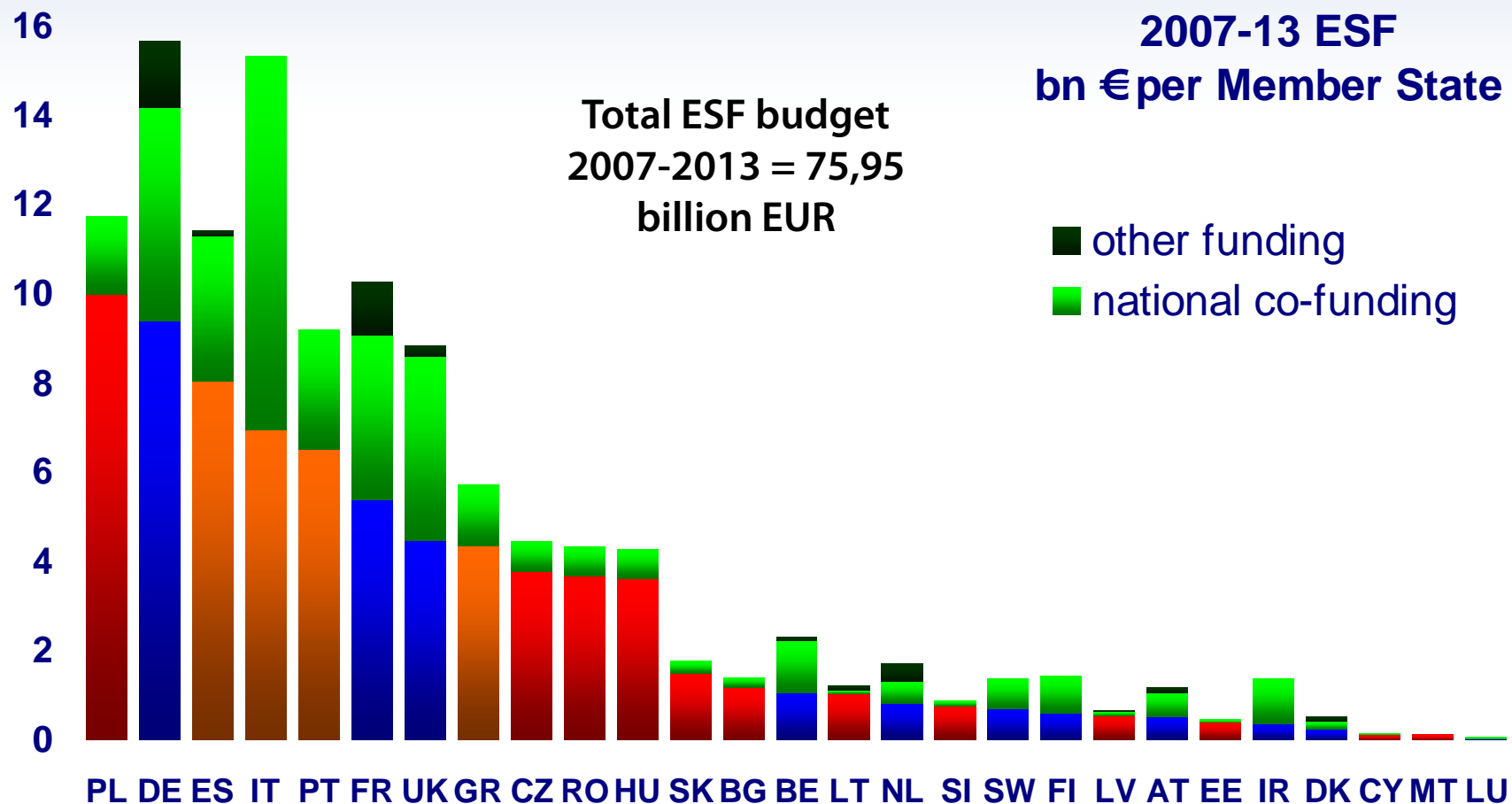
Simplified costs – facilitating implementation

- Real costs principle: (Euro-by-Euro –expenditure has to be proven by invoices)
- Simplified costs (*Art.7,4 ERDF Regulation, Art. 11,3b ESF Regulation*)
 - Flat rate for direct costs
 - Standard scale unit costs
 - Lumps sum
- ▶ facilitates implementation, easier invoicing, less Administrative workload of keeping documentation



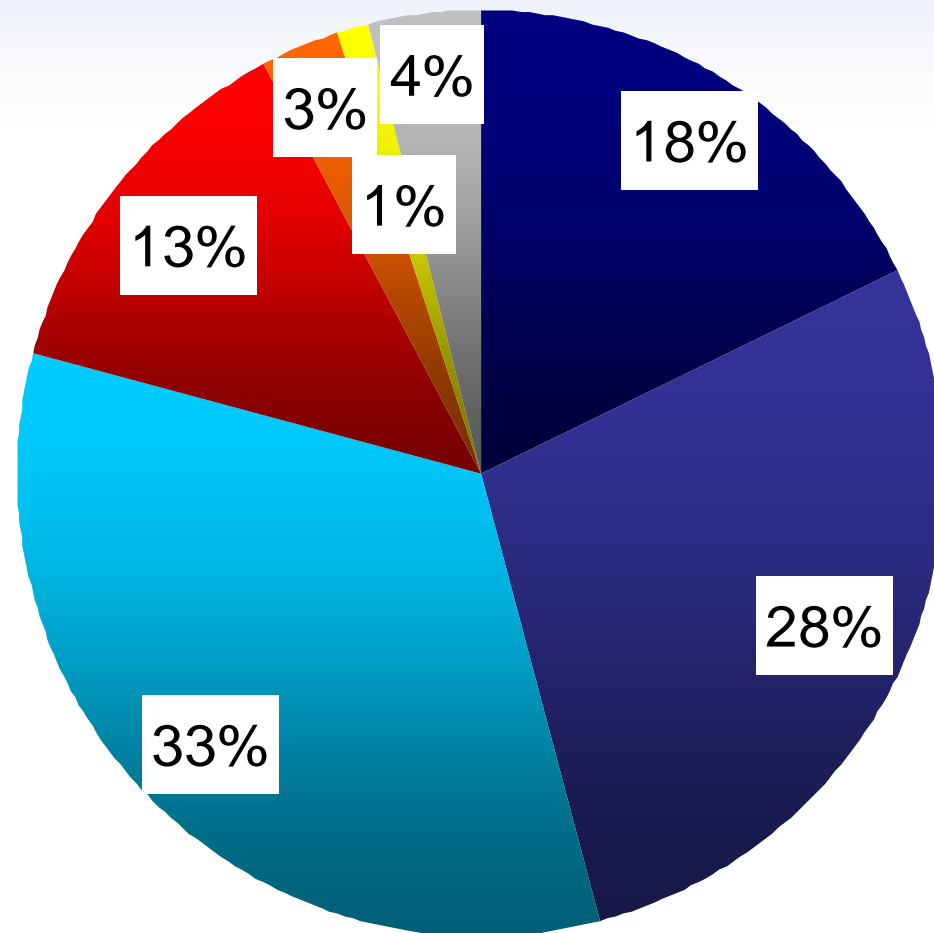
The role of the European Social Fund (ESF)

Use of ESF per Member State



The role of the ESF What supports ESF ?

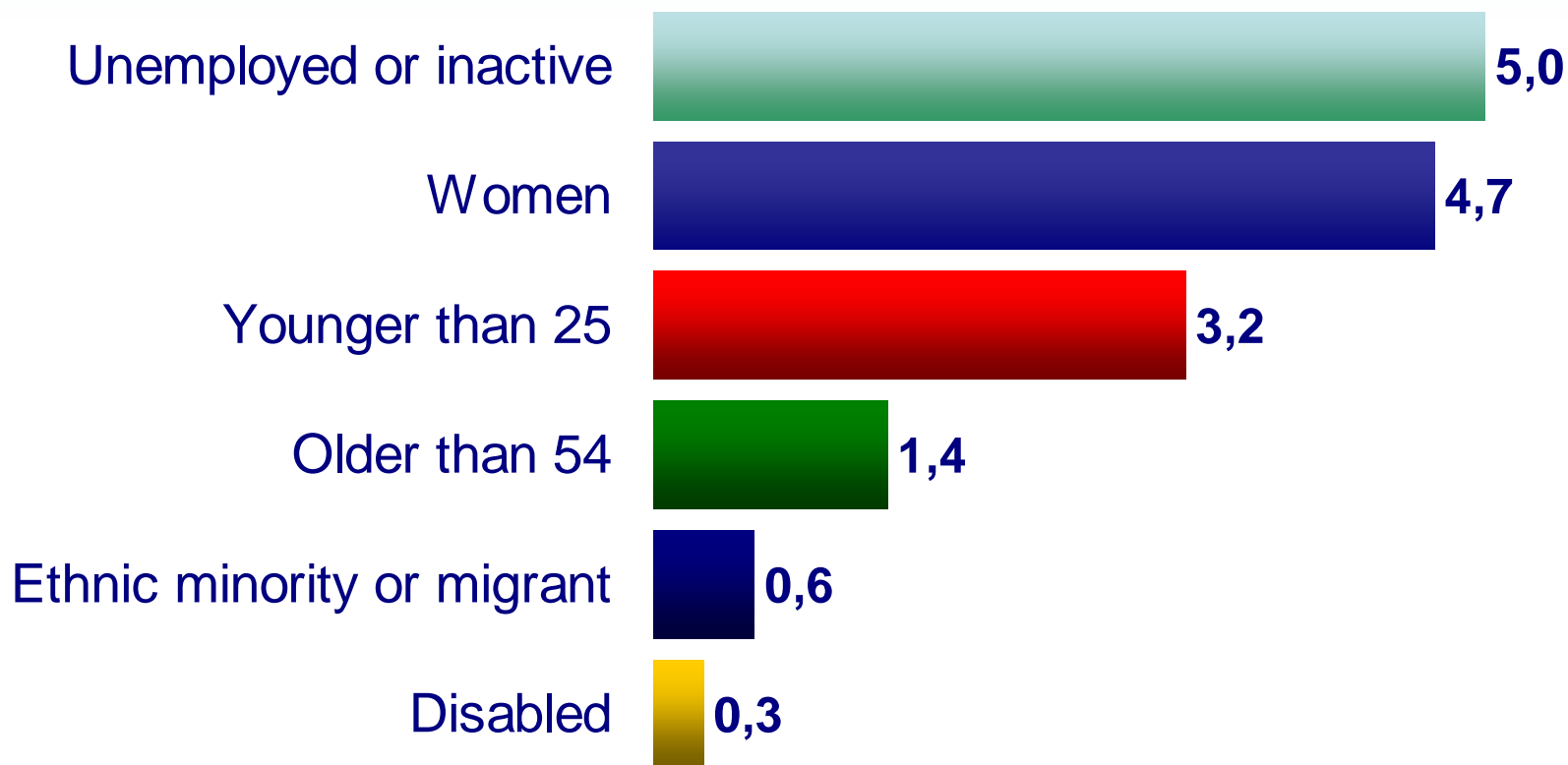
- adaptability of workers & enterprises
- access to employment
- human capital
- social inclusion
- institutional capacity
- partnerships
- Other



The role of the ESF ESF supports ...



9 million people trained per year of which ...



The role of the ESF

ESF support to Roma

Total available ESF budget for Romania 2007-2013 = 3,68 billion EUR

Some examples:

- Priority Axis 6 – "Promoting social inclusion" - 0,6 billion EUR
- Priority Axis 2 - "Linking lifelong learning and the labour market" - 1,05 billion EUR
- Priority Axis 1 – "Education and Training in support for growth and development of knowledge based society" - 1 billion EUR
- Priority Axis 3 will also provide support to the Roma communities - 0,5 billion EUR



European Regional Policy

Objectives

- Reinforce social, economic and territorial cohesion
- To reduce economic and social disparities among regions (regional differences have doubled after 2004)
- To strengthen competitiveness and innovation, create and safeguard sustainable jobs and ensure sustainable development

Budget 2007-2013

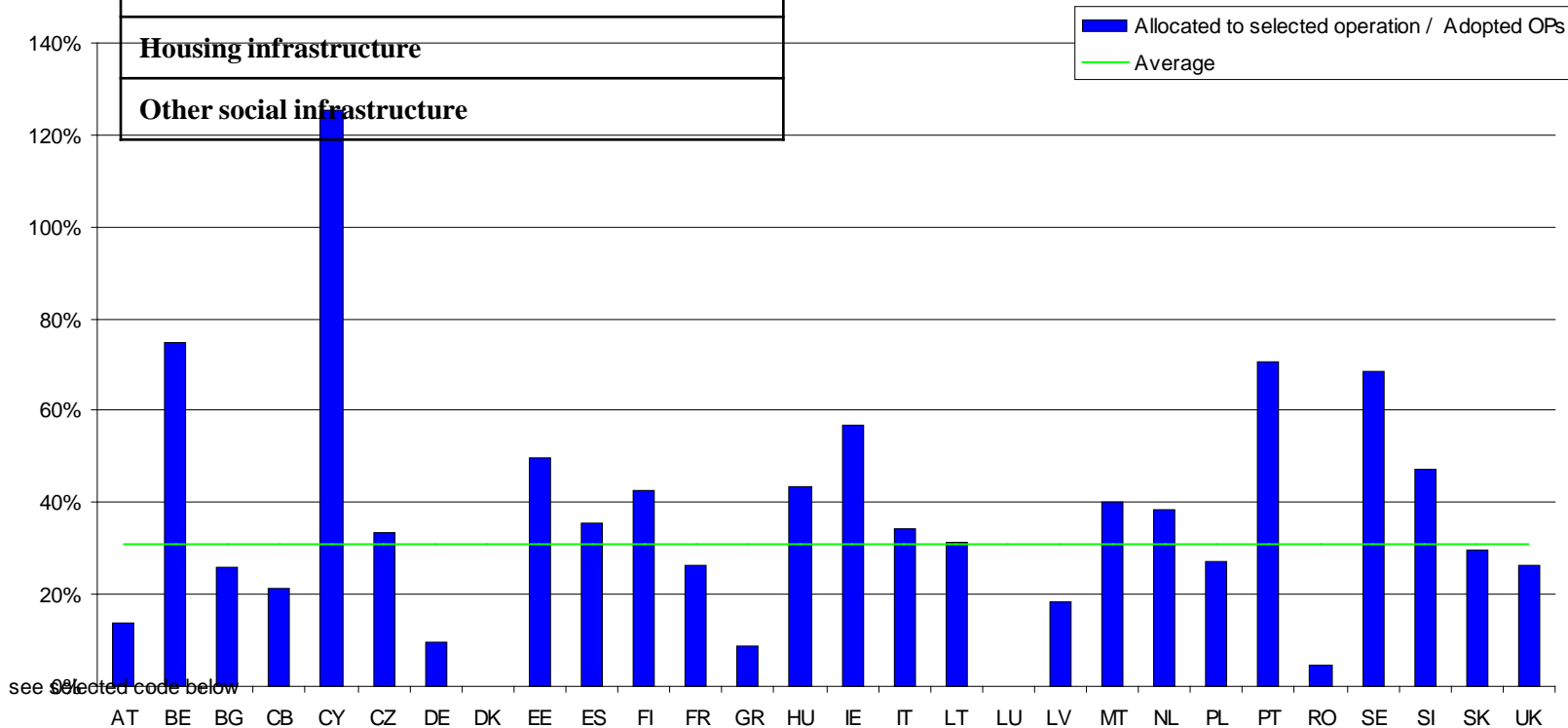
- 198,79 billion EUR



The role of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Potential ERDF investments for Roma inclusion

Integrated projects for urban and rural regeneration
Support for self-employment and business start-up
Education infrastructure
Health infrastructure
Childcare infrastructure
Housing infrastructure
Other social infrastructure

Potential for allocation for Roma inclusion initiatives !



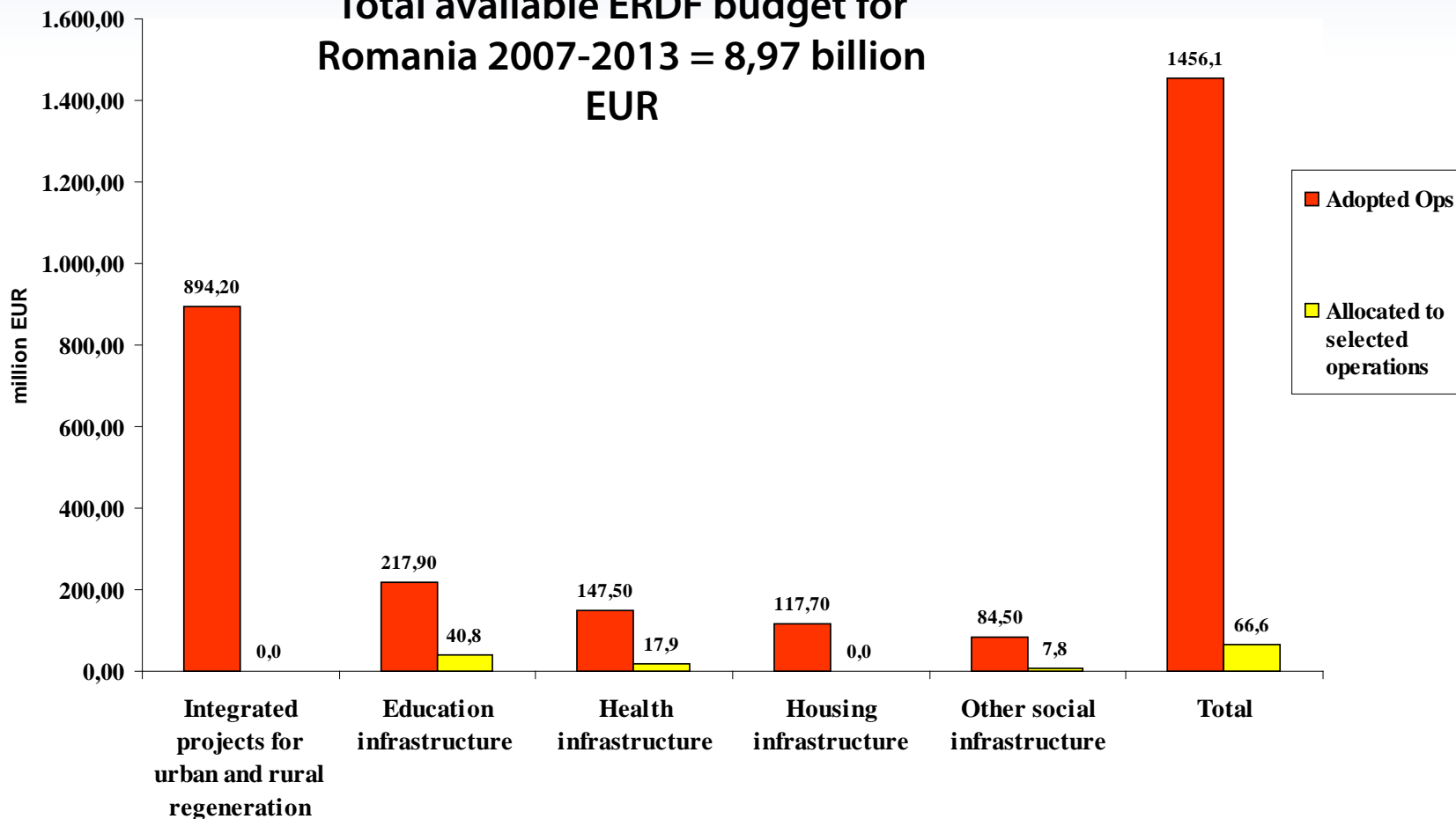
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The role of the ERDF

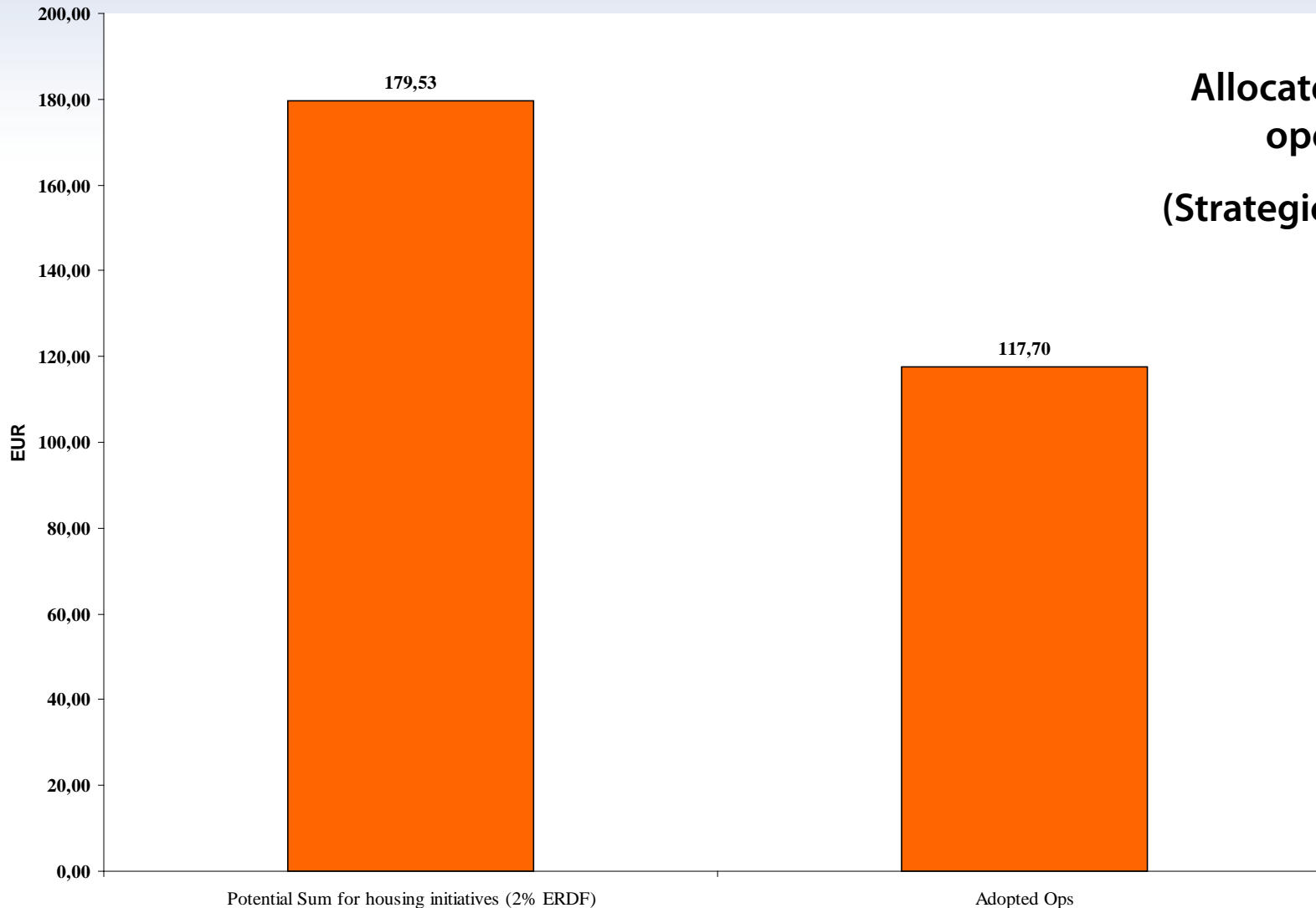
Potential ERDF investments for Roma inclusion - Romania (Strategic Report 2010)

Total available ERDF budget for Romania 2007-2013 = 8,97 billion EUR





The role of the ERDF Housing interventions– Romania



**Allocated to selected
operations – 0 %
(Strategic report 2010)**



The role of the ERDF 1080/2006 ERDF amendment - Art 7(2)

Adopted in May 2010

Main changes:

- Eligible for all Member States of the EU (EU-27)
- Rural areas are included – Roma settlements in rural areas could be targeted
- Replacement and renovation of the houses are eligible – desegregation is possible
- Integrated approach – actions should include education, employment, housing, health



Roma Pilot project

‘Pan-European coordination of Roma integration methods

- 5 million Euro – commissioned by the European Parliament
- **Objectives**
 - Improving the access of Roma children to quality early childhood education, and enhancing child development for Roma children aged 0-6;
 - Facilitating self-employment through access to finance for marginalised communities;
 - Combating discrimination against Roma people by raising public awareness through appropriate information campaigns;
 - Improving evaluation methods and data collection of Roma integration projects/programmes.
- **4 objectives - 4 strands – winners of the open Call for Proposals in 2009**
 - Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) – Roma Education Fund
 - Self-employment and microcredit – Polgar Foundation
 - Information and awareness raising – SPOLU International
 - Tools and methods for evaluation and data collection as a basis for evidence based policy making – UNDP, World Bank
- **Romania**
 - Early Childhood Education and Care actions by Roma Education Fund
 - Awareness raising campaign under the title ' Challenging racism through sports in Romania' by SPOLU International Foundation



The role of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

- The main objectives of the rural development policy refer to increasing the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry, to encouraging and promoting environmental improvements and to supporting initiatives improving the quality of life in rural areas.
- It contributes to alleviating rural poverty and building a stronger rural economy



Measures under Rural Development Policy – possible contribution to the inclusion of Roma

- Human capital development (training, information)
- Basic services and physical infrastructure in rural areas (investments in childcare and healthcare domains)
- Support to semi-subsistence farming (measure targeted at the very small farms)
- Measures facilitating access to some of the support schemes (advisory services, preparing and implementing a local development strategy, support the access to credit, etc.)
- Leader approach and networking (institutional building, mobilisation of the endogenous development potential)

Total available EAFRD budget 2007-2013 = 96,24 billion EUR

**Total available EAFRD budget for Romania 2007-2013 =
appr. 8,12 billion EUR**



Integrated approach – combining ESF, ERDF, EAFRD

- Multi-sectoral approach to Roma inclusion
 - education, employment, housing, health, etc.
- Effective response through integrated actions – combination of ESF, ERDF and EAFRD at all levels (national, local)
- Necessary actions:
 - Taking advantage of cross-financing and coordination between OPs and Managing Authorities
 - Simplified tenders for the implementation of the integrated approach
 - Technical support for the implementing organisations (municipalities, NGOs, etc.)



High Level Events - Contribution of EU funds to the inclusion of Roma

Parallel workshops

Objectives:

- *how to implement successful and sustainable projects in partnership with national initiatives,*
- *addressing the implementation challenges*
- *how to facilitate access to EU funds at local level through better information, capacity building and financing*



High Level Event - Contribution of EU funds to the inclusion of Roma ESF workshop

Chair:

Viktorija Šmatko, Director, ESF, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Speakers:

Anca-Cristina Zevedei, Director General, MA POS HRD

Joost de Laat, World Bank

Florin Moisă, Executive President, Resource Centre for Roma Communities

Comments by non-governmental organisations:

Ionut Sibian, Foundation for Civil Society development

Liliana Vasilescu, Director, Romanian Social Development Fund

Ioana Enache, Roma Center “Amare Rromentza”



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Rudolf Niessler, Director, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Speakers:

Gabriel Friptu, Director General, Managing Authority, Regional Operational Programme

Aura Raducu, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Eva Sobotka, Networking & Human Rights Coordinator, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Andor Urmos, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Comments by non-governmental organisations:

Gelu Duminičă, Executive Director, "Impreuna" Agency for Community Development

Vasile Galbea, Roma Centre for social intervention & studies Director, Romanian Social Development Fund

Cristi Mihalache, Roma Education Fund



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Chair:

Antonis Constantinou, Director, Rural Development Programme, DG Agriculture & Rural Development, European Commission

Speakers:

Irini Papadimitriou, Head of Unit, Rural Development Programmes, DG Agriculture & Rural Development, European Commission

Cornelia Mihai, Director General, MA NPRD

Comments by non-governmental organisations:

Grosu Sandel, President, Alliance for Roma Unity, Brăila

Nicu Ion Stoica, Executive Director, Roma Access Tomis Association



Thank you for your attention!