



Regional Policy and Health Inequalities

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Thematic development and impact

Structure

- **Part 1: Contribution of investment in health to regional development**
- **Part 2: Suggested planning and programming cycle 2007-13**
- **Part 3: Objective-tools relations and principles**





Part 1: Contribution of investment in health to regional development

Regional development and Lisbon strategy - some basic threats to labour markets



- ageing population
- out migration
- decline of human capital
- bad health status

Health and regional development – some basic questions



- chicken or egg?
- necessary or sufficient condition?
- public good?
- external effects?
- over/under-provision

Investing in health = growth and jobs = economic and social cohesion?



- **increased productivity**
- **less sickness leave**
- **higher employment rates**
- **increased average of effective retirement age**
- **more sustainable public health budgets**
- **more attractive for investment**

Inequalities – some facts and figures



- **Life expectancy for men: On average a Latvian lives 12 years shorter than his Swedish neighbour**
- **17 times more cases of tuberculosis in Lithuania than in Sweden**
- **In Baltic states HIV/AIDS is growing faster than in Africa**
- **In Hungary there are three times more deaths caused by lung cancer than in Sweden**



**Part 2: Suggested
planning and
programming cycle
2007-13**

**Three EU objectives
(336 bn; then 308 bn)**

**- Convergence (79 %; then 82 % of the
cohesion budget)**

**- Regional competitiveness and
employment (17 %; then 16 %)**





- national level
- regional level

- Territorial co-operation (4 %; then 2 %)

Cohesion policy

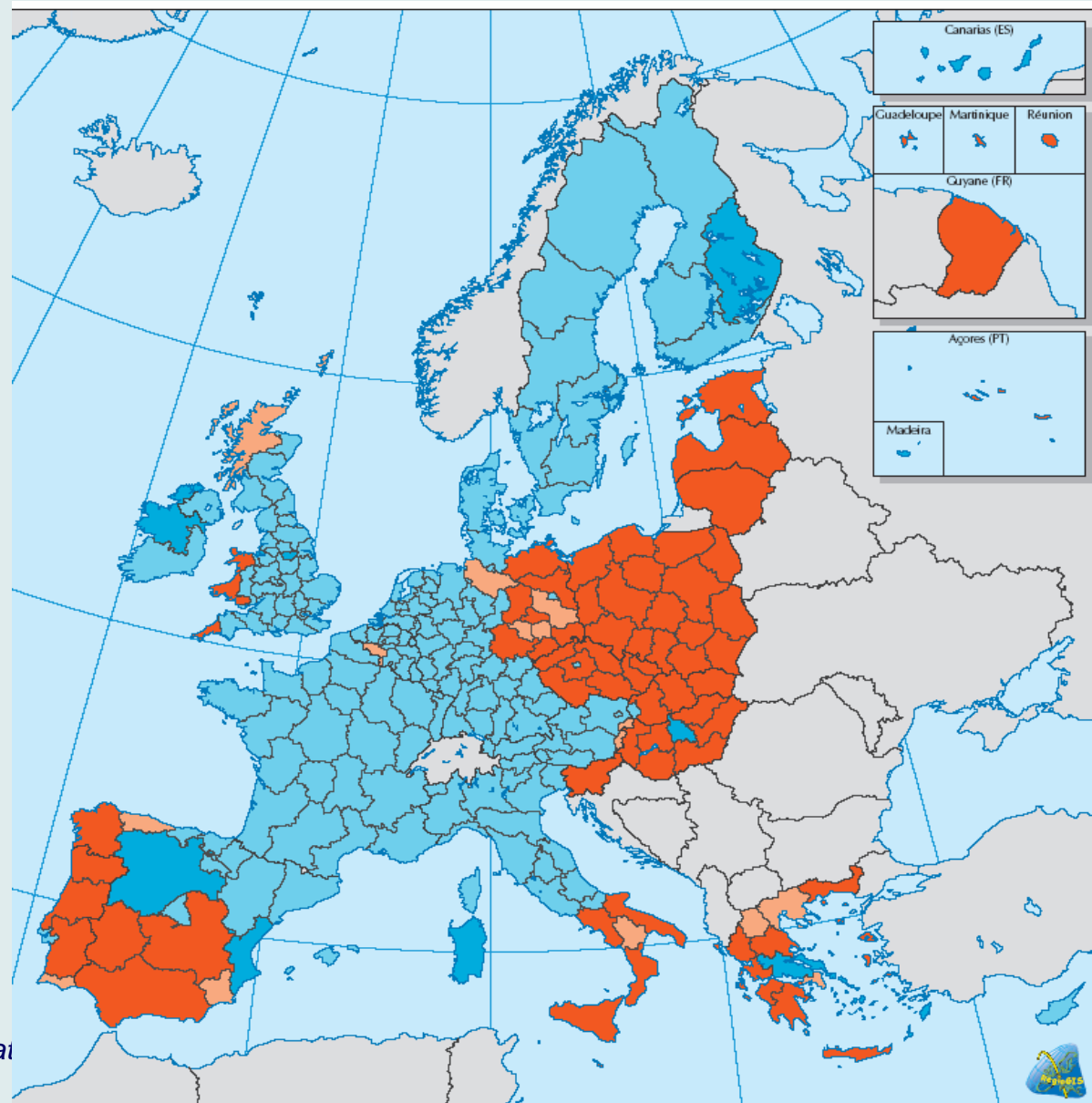
Geographical Eligibility 2007-2013

Draft April 2005, GDP/head \varnothing 2000-2001-2002

-  **Convergence objective**
Regions > 75% in EU25)
-  **Convergence objective**
statistically affected regions
-  **Objective Regional
Competitiveness and
Employment**
*Phasing-in regions,
"naturally" above 75%*
-  **Objective Regional
Competitiveness and
Employment**

Index EU 25
= 100

Quelle: Eurostat



**Role of health related ERDF
activities in the programs 2007-13
as suggested by the Commission in
July 2004**



- **Convergence objective:** Health, including investments to develop and improve health provision which contribute to regional development and quality of life in regions
- **European territorial cooperation:** developing collaboration, capacity and joint use of infrastructure in the health sector

**Role of health related ERDF
activities in the programs 2007-13
- Draft presidency compromise
December 2005**



- **Convergence objective:**
Investments in health and social infrastructure which contribute to regional and local development and increasing the quality of life
- **European territorial cooperation:**
unchanged

Planning and programming cycle

- **Community strategic guidelines, Commission communication July 2005**
- **National strategic reference frameworks**
- **Operational programs**
- **Program management and project selection**
- **Strategic follow-up and annual debate**



Community strategic guidelines (1)

- **seek synergies between cohesion policy and the Lisbon agenda**
- **focus on Community priorities**
- **define a framework for interventions**
- **to be complemented by national and regional priorities**

Community strategic guidelines (2)

- **regulations define purpose and scope of assistance**
- **strategic guidelines will identify areas - within that scope - particularly important for the (2005 renewed) Lisbon strategy**
- **to be adopted by the Council**

Cohesion policy

Community strategic guidelines (3): 'Cohesion Policy in Support of Growth and Jobs'

- **make regions more attractive for investment and work**
- **knowledge and innovation for growth**
- **more and better jobs**
- **territorial dimension**

Community strategic guidelines (4): Strategic elements for health

- **part of the guideline 'more and better jobs'**
- **preventing health risks**
- **health infrastructure and efficient health services in regions lagging behind**

Community strategic guidelines (5): Preventing health risks

- **generic health information campaigns**
- **transfer of knowledge and technology**
- **necessary skills for health services**
- **products and equipment to prevent risks and minimise their potential damage**

**Community strategic guidelines (6):
Health infrastructure and efficient
health services in regions lagging
behind**

- **for regions eligible under
the Convergence objective**
- **when economic
development is being
affected**

Community strategic guidelines (7): Health infrastructure and efficient health services in regions lagging behind

- **filling the gaps in health infrastructure**
- **promoting efficient provision of health services**
- **optimal level of services provision**
- **appropriate technology, such as telemedicine and the cost-saving potential of e-health services**

National strategic reference frameworks (1)

- **develop the links between Community priorities and the national/regional priorities**
- **to be prepared by Member states using their respective SF partnership structures**
- **shall be send to the Commission as soon as possible after adoption of the Community strategic guidelines**

National strategic reference frameworks (2)

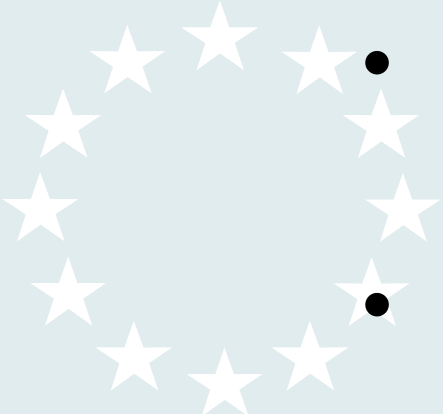
- **specify strategy chosen**
- **ensure consistency with Community strategic guidelines**
- **define the thematic and territorial priorities**
- **select the regions for 'competitiveness and employment' objective**

National strategic reference frameworks (3)

- **list of operational programs**
- **indicative annual allocation by Fund**
- **balance between regional and thematic action**
- **Commission adopts frameworks**

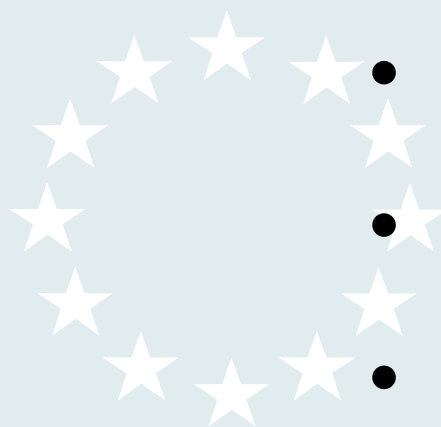
National strategic reference frameworks (4): The example of Poland

OP infrastructure and environment:

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- **health safety and effectiveness of the health care system**
 - **health infrastructure**
 - **medical rescue system**
 - **modern medical services**

National strategic reference frameworks (5): The example of Poland

OP human capital:



- **prevention**
- **health promotion**
- **improvement of health status**

Part 3: Objective-tools relations and principles



Objectives and tools

- **economic and social cohesion**
- **reducing regional disparities**
- **convergence, competitiveness and employment, territorial cooperation**
- **sector policies**





Hence, it follows...

- **do not understand SF as a mere financing, but as a strategic development instrument**
- **integrate health priorities and operations into the overall program**
- **provide evidence and justify**



...and...

- **look for efficient solutions (e.g. synergies between new infrastructures and innovative/IT-based workflows)**
- **estimate and justify financing gaps**
- **consider modern forms of financing (incl. PPP) and contracting**

Principles (1)

- **complementarity**
- **consistency**
- **compliance**



Principles (2)

- **programming**
- **partnership**
- **subsidiarity**
- **proportionality**



Principles (3)

- **shared management**
- **additionality**
- **equality between genders**



End of the show

Thank you very much for
your attention!



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