Efficient and effective use of Cohesion Policy funds in achieving a circular economy

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### Regional and Urban Policy

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* This figure does not include EUR 1.5b of Urban Innov. Actions and EC technical assistance.

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**Cohesion Policy 2014-2020**
Cohesion Policy supports 2014-2020

Environment & Resource Efficiency
- E.g. boosting green growth
  - EUR 35 billion

Waste Management
- EUR 5.5 billion

Research & Innovation
- E.g. developing innovative approaches
  - EUR 41.1 billion

Capacity building and policy framework

Regional Development

Investment opportunities

Low-Carbon Economy
- E.g. stimulating energy efficiency
  - EUR 39.7 billion

SMEs
- E.g. promoting resource efficiency
  - EUR 33.2 billion

Circular Economy
- #CircularEconomy
Far beyond funding: enabling conditions

- Integrated regional and urban development

- Preconditions for funding
  1. Implementation report on progress towards meeting the recycling targets
  2. Waste management plan(s)
  3. Waste prevention programmes
  4. Necessary measures to achieve the recycling targets

- Capacity-building and support
  - Smart Specialisation Platform
  - European Network of Environmental Authorities and Managing Authorities (ENEA-MA)
  - PEER2PEER tool
  - JASPERS assistance
  - ...
Complementarities and synergies with EFSI

- Legal bases allow for contributions to support each other's objectives (complementarity element)

- Their combination is also possible: at project level, financial instrument level and through investment platforms

- Implementation process has to respect applicable rules (ESIF Common Provisions Regulation + EFSI Regulation)

- State aid rules apply on a case-by-case basis
Cohesion Policy funds and EFSI: useful links

- Brochure on ESIF and EFSI complementarities:  
  i_esif_compl_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/thefunds/fin_inst/pdf/efs
i_esif_compl_en.pdf)
- fi-compass:  [https://www.fi-compass.eu/](https://www.fi-compass.eu/)
- Investment Plan for Europe:  [http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/jobs-
Project example: Boosting resource efficiency in SMEs

- Converting environmental pressures into competitive advantages

- Helped over 10,000 businesses, with impressive results:
  - Average cost savings of €25,107 per business per year
  - 7,420 regional jobs created and safeguarded
  - Saved 681,000t CO₂ eq., 4.7M m³ water, 3Mt materials, 388,000t waste

- North-West England,
  €7.3 M from ERDF (2007-2013)

- 2013 RegioStars Award winner

http://enworks.com/
RegioStars Awards

CATEGORY 2: Sustainable growth

Circular Economy

Cohesion policy investments in the circular economy have been significant over the last two decades and will continue to be important in 2014-2020 and will also make a significant contribution in the future, supporting the Commission's Circular Economy Package adopted in December 2015.

The prize will be awarded to Cohesion Policy projects and initiatives that successfully supported the transition towards a circular economy, including:

- waste management in respect of the "waste hierarchy"
- bio-economy
- eco-design or product conception
- stimulate industrial symbiosis

Apply online before April 15th!

Questions or comments?

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