Performance and Intervention rationale

*Issues:*

- Programme content: Intervention rationale
- Performance framework + Indicators + Mid Term review
## ERDF/CF Specific Objectives

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<th>Policy Objective (5)</th>
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<td>4 SO: RTD; Digitisation; SMEs: Skills for RIS3</td>
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<td>7 SO: Energy efficiency; renewables; smart grids; climate adaptation; water management; circular economy; biodiversity.</td>
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<td>4 SO: Digital infrastructure; TEN-Transport; Connections to TEN-T; Multimodal urban transport.</td>
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<td>4 SO: Labour market; Education &amp; Training; Social Inclusion; Health care.</td>
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<td>Europe closer to citizens</td>
<td>2 SO: Integrated strategies: urban and rural/coastal.</td>
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**ERDF/CF 2021-27: Programme thematic structure => V. important simplifications**

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<th>2014-2020 vs.</th>
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| 11 Thematic objectives  
+ Multi thematic | 5 Policy objectives |
| 41 Investment priorities | 21 Specific objectives  
(Building Blocks) |
| +2 500 Specific objectives | |
Streamlined logic of intervention

Specific Objective: R&I capacities

**Result**: SMEs introducing process or product innovation (in the programme)

**Output**: Enterprises supported by financial instruments (in the programme)

**Input**: Indicative breakdown by types of intervention (in the programme)

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**What do we want to change for beneficiaries and how to measure it?**

**Which outputs will the beneficiaries deliver?**

**How much money will be delivered to which actions?**
Programme contents and rationale

• Section 1: Programme strategy: main development challenges and policy responses (Article 17.3: Disparities, market failures, Table1 – list of Priorities and Specific Objectives)

• Section 2: Priorities
  • 2.1 Title of priority
  • 2.1.1 Section for each Specific Objective
    • Related types of action
    • Operations of strategic importance
    • Main target groups
    • Specific territories
    • Interregional / transnational actions
    • Planned use of financial instruments
    • Indicators (outputs and results)
    • Types of intervention (categorisation)
Cohesion Policy Funds 14-20: EU share by TO

- Research & Innovation: 16%
- ICT: 11%
- SMEs: 8%
- LCE: 8%
- Climate Change: 3%
- Environment: 8%
- Transport + Energy: 9%
- Labour market: 2%
- Social Inclusion: 2%
- Educational & Training: 7%
- Efficient Public Administration: 11%
- Multi-thematic: 17%
Cohesion Policy Funds 21-27 (based on 14-20)

- PO1 - SMARTER (R+I/ICT/SME) 4%
- PO2 - GREENER (Climate/Environment/Energy) 26%
- PO3 - CONNECTED 29%
- PO4 - SOCIAL 16%
- PO5 - LOCAL 25%
If categorisation is not provided at SO but at PO (priority) level only

**Clear information losses if no structured thematic data per SO:**

- No structured data on form of finance per SO;
- No context to understand indicator data;
- ... despite such data being used by programmes in any case.
- **Less** granual input data than in 2014-2020

A clear backwards step in transparency and shared management.

**Cohesion policy becomes a black box**
Measures of performance 2021-27

- **Implementation**
  
  **Output indicators**: specific deliverables of the intervention
  
  → **continuation**

- **Achievements**
  
  **Result indicators**: short term effects of the intervention, with reference to direct addressees, population targeted or usage of infrastructure ('direct' results)
  
  → **change compared to 2014-20!**
Programming Framework 2021-27

Output indicators: *Milestones 2024, Targets 2029*
- All outputs selected in the programme (by SO)
- Milestones set for mid-term review
- Baseline always 0

Result indicators: *Baselines, Targets 2029*
- All results selected in the programme (by SO)
- No milestones
- Baseline – 0 or reference value (value before the start of intervention)

All indicators
- Some targets reset (introduced) in 2025
- Regular reporting: selected and implemented values
Changing Perf. Framework (mid-term)

### 2014 – 2020
- Milestones for outputs only
- Common and specific outputs
- Mid term review is about awarding 6% reserve / underperformance
- Direct + sole influence on 6% reserve
- Only +50% of priority covered by outputs (added effort)

### 2021 – 2027
- Milestone for outputs only
- Common and specific outputs
- **Mid term is about strategic priorities and fixing total allocation (5+2)**
- One of several elements in more qualitative review
- All output indicators covered
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• Criteria applied to select indicators
• Data used, quality assurance and calc. method(s)
• Factors that may influence achievements

• Available to Commission on request
• All outputs selected in the programme (by SO)
• Very useful for programme institutional memory (rationale for programme contents and targets)