**Future of the Policy**

Concentrated on strategic challenges for the Union’s future - focus on smart, low carbon and inclusive growth

A simpler, more focussed and modernised policy – easier and faster to deliver and greater flexibility to adapt to changing needs

Closer link with European Semester, policy reforms and country-specific recommendations

Available for all regions in the EU, concentrated where most needed

Better possibilities for transnational actions and social innovation

Single audit principle and proportionality for low risk programmes

Partnership with relevant stakeholders remains central to the policy

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**Investment Needs in 2021-2027**

**Commission’s Analysis**

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  - Increase employability
  - Tailored-made assistance to job seekers
  - Targeted upskilling and reskilling
  - Social economy
  - Quality and labour market relevance of education
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  - Deinstitutionalisation reforms
  - LTC, community based health services, outpatient care

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**Allocation proposed by COM (in current prices)**

- **EUR 64.1 billion**
  - ERDF including Interreg: EUR 17,7 billion
  - ESF+: EUR 8,4 billion
  - CF: EUR 4,5 billion
  - **EU 30,6 billion**

**EUinmyregion**
Support to marginalised areas

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY INTEGRATED SERVICES IN THE MOST MARGINALISED AREAS
Being there where it is most needed. The project aims at supporting the local public authorities in 139 marginalised communities to set up integrated community teams (social assistant, community nurse and educational counsellor and/or mediator) and develop community-based integrated services (providing personalized guidance and support). Between 23,000 to 34,000 vulnerable people will benefit from this project.

Location: 139 communities     Time: 2018-2022

Total cost: EUR 23,7 million  
EU contribution: EUR 20,2 million

Support to cultural urban heritage

REHABILITATION OF ALBA IULIA’S CITADEL
The project started with the rehabilitation of the historical Citadel and led to the improvement of the infrastructure and the boost of the city's tourism sector. Between 2005 and 2014 visitor numbers to the city increased tenfold to 400 000 visitors per year. In addition, the integrated project led to the extensive renovation of surrounding urban spaces, parks and bicycle lanes, increasing the attractiveness of the city and its economy.

Location: Alba Iulia     Time: 2009-2013

Total cost: EUR 44,6 million  
EU contribution: EUR 35,8 million

Developing research and innovation infrastructure

CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH ON NEW MATERIALS, PRODUCTS AND INNOVATIVE PROCESSES
The project consisted in the development and creation of research and innovation infrastructures (labs, research centers), becoming now the Bucharest Politehnica University’s flagship advanced research & development center for multi- and inter-disciplinary technologies. The investment attracted more than 100 researchers developing innovative, applied research in fields such as bioenergy, alternative fuels, aerospace technology, automotive technologies, robotics etc.

Location: Bucharest     Time: 2012-2015

Total cost: EUR 26 million  
EU contribution: EUR 23,8 million