



COHESION POLICY DELIVERING BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

MAIN RESULTS 2007-2013



€346.5 BILLION

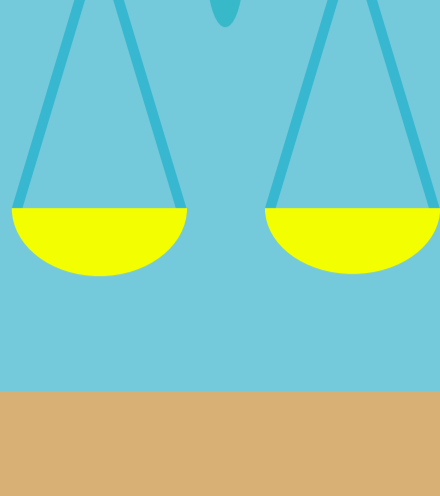
invested in 2007-2013

Investment contributes to:

reducing disparities between regions



promoting balanced and sustainable development



increasing economic, social and territorial cohesion



An independent expert evaluation of 2007-2013 found that:

Cohesion policy has delivered results – in each and every region and in all EU countries.

Investments made a real difference

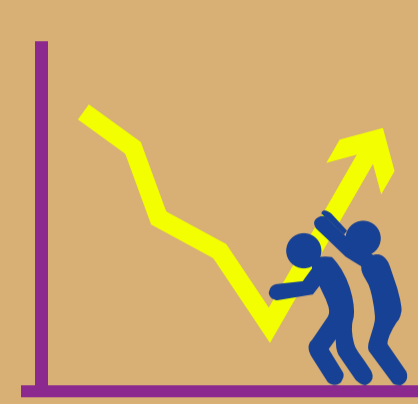
during the financial and economic crisis when **public funding** was constrained



including for SMEs when private financing was hard to find



creating **jobs**, addressing regional **disparities** and increasing **GDP**



Positive impact on macro-economic level

€1 of Cohesion Policy investment in the period 2007-2013 will generate €2.74 of additional GDP by 2023

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€346.5 BILLION invested in 2007-2013

Estimated return of nearly **€1 trillion** of additional GDP by 2023

Lasting impact in all member states:

over 4% in Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

1 million jobs created in Europe

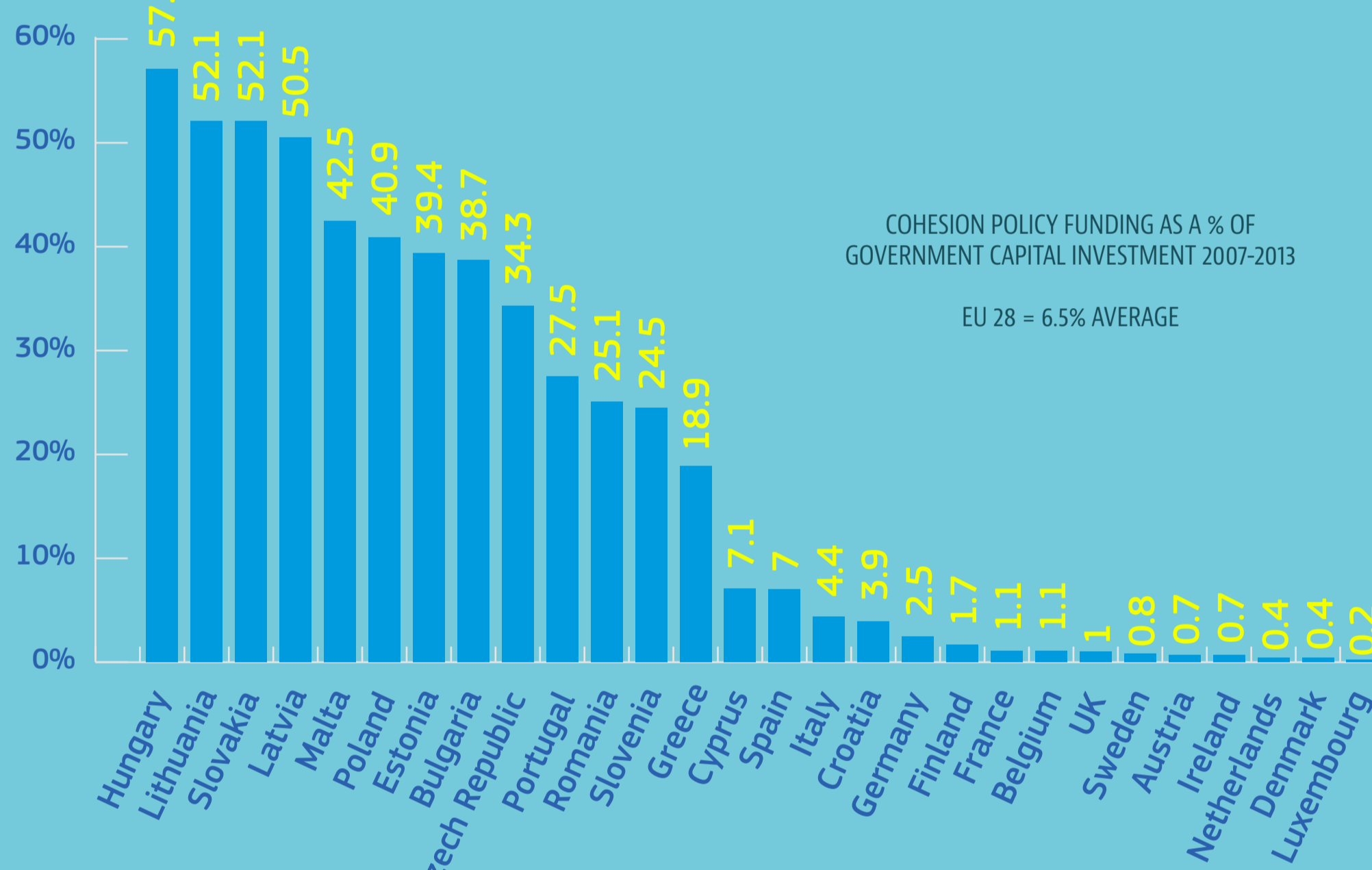


1/3 of net job creation during that period



Important support to public investment

Cohesion Policy provided up to **57%** of government capital investment in some countries



Improving citizens' lives

Business support

Helped many small businesses survive the economic crisis, providing support to:

- **121 400** start-ups
- and an estimated total of **400 000** SMEs



Transport

Removed transport **bottlenecks**, **reduced travel times** and supported the development of **sustainable public transport**



Preserving the environment

Reduced consumption of fossil fuels helped to **fight global warming** and **lowered energy bills**



Quality of life

6 million people connected to new/improved supply of **clean drinking water**

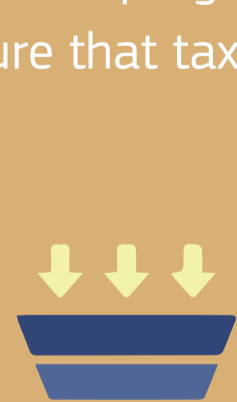


7 million people connected to new/upgraded **wastewater treatment** facilities

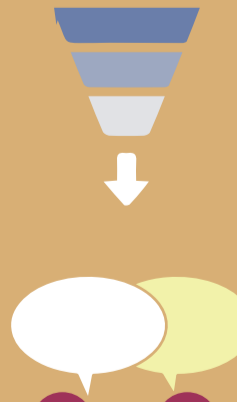


Areas for improvement were identified:

Some programmes were not focused enough on the results to be achieved 2014-2020 programmes have **stronger result-orientation** to ensure that taxpayers' money is **spent efficiently**.



Investment concentrated on key themes, important for citizens' lives.



Projects applying for EU funds will have to **explain clearly, upfront**, how they aim to reach their targets.



Stronger monitoring will track progress towards targets and **evaluation** will assess impact of the programmes.

More information:

<http://europa.eu/lpj83Bu>

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