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On 19 April 2010 the Commission presented a synthesis report which wraps up the main findings of the ERDF evaluation. The report shows that € 123 billion invested through the ERDF between 2000 and 2006, has had a significant impact on the regions across the EU.

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The present report synthesises the results of the ex post evaluation of interventions co-financed by the Cohesion Fund and the former Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-accession (ISPA) for the period 2000-2006 in 16 countries. (July 2012, 92 pages)

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