



2. Alignment with the European Semester / programming/negotiations

Cohesion Policy Links to Economic Governance

- **Enabling conditions** – closely linked to investments to ensure that the necessary prerequisites for the efficient and effective use of the Funds are in place at micro level. Respect of these conditions will be monitored by the Commission throughout the period.
- **Targeted investment** – programmes to address challenges identified in relevant CSRs and more broadly (in European Semester Country Reports)
- **Macroeconomic conditionalities** – linked to EDP, MIP, etc.
- “Cohesion Policy will play an increasingly important role in supporting the ongoing economic reform process in the Member States. The Commission proposes to **strengthen the link between the EU budget and the European Semester** of economic policy coordination, which takes regional specificities into account” (Communication from the Commission A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends, 2 May 2018, p.9)

Stronger articulation between policy analysis of the European Semester and cohesion policy funding

- Strong link in two directions
 - Policy analysis guides Funds' investments
 - Funds' investments deliver policy results
- Expected benefits
 - More consistency between different policies
 - Higher impact and better outreach to stakeholders
 - Transparency and accountability
- Implications for European Semester deliverables
 - Stronger focus of the 2019 EC country analysis (country reports) on regional and territorial disparities
 - Investment needs and guidance to be derived from this analysis

2019 Country reports

- More attention paid to assessing investment needs throughout the 2019 Semester cycle
- Analysis in the country report looks at investment needs in each country, including sectoral and regional dimensions
- New annex to the country reports based on the analysis
 - identifies investment needs relevant for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus and the Cohesion Fund for the 2021-2027 period
 - provides solid analytical input to the programming dialogue
- Publication of European Semester country reports on 27 February
- Building on the country reports, COM will also identify in its proposals for the country-specific recommendation priority areas for public and private investment

Investment needs identified for the EU Member States by policy objectives

Investment needs identified for EU Member States - by political objectives																													
		PL	CZ	SK	HU	HR	SI	RO	BG	IT	MT	PT	ES	EL	CY	EE	LT	LV	AT	DE	FR	FI	SE	DK	IE	BE	NL	LU	
1	a smarter Europe ('PO 1')	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	a greener, low-carbon Europe('PO 2')	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1			
3	a more connected Europe ('PO 3')	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1					1			
4	a more social Europe ('PO 4')	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	a Europe closer to citizens ('PO 5')	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1		

Investment needs identified for the EU Member States – by specific objectives and intensity – PO1, PO2, PO3

Investment needs identified for EU Member States - by specific objectives and by priority		1 high priority investment needs														2 priority investment needs					3 investment needs							
		V4							3B																			
		PL	CZ	SK	HU	HR	SI	RO	BG	IT	MT	PT	ES	EL	CY	EE	LT	LV	AT	DE	FR	FI	SE	DK	IE	BE	NL	LU
1	a smarter Europe ('PO 1')																											
1.1	enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies;	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	1	2	1	3
1.2	reaping the benefits of digitisation	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3			1	2		3
1.3	enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs;	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	1	2		3
1.4	developing skills for smart specialisation	3	1	1	1	1	2	2		3	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	3		3		3	3	3	1	2	1	3
2	a greener, low-carbon Europe('PO 2')																											
2.1	promoting energy efficiency measures;	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	1						1	
2.2	promoting renewable energy;	1	1	1	1	2	1	2		1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	3		1						1	
2.3	developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level;		1	1		1	3			1	2	2	2	1			1	1		3								
2.4	promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	3		3	1						1	
2.5	promoting sustainable water management;	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	1			3			1							
2.6	promoting the transition to a circular economy;	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	3	3	1						1	
2.7	enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure		2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1			2	1	3						3							
3	a more connected Europe ('PO 3')																											
3.1	enhancing digital connectivity;	2	3	3				3	3	1			3	1		3	3	3			2							
3.2	developing a sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent, secure and intermodal TEN-T;	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	1		1	1	1										
3.3	developing national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility;	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	1		1	1	1			2						1	
3.4	promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility;	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	2		1	2	3	3	2									1	

Investment needs identified for the EU Member States – by specific objectives and intensity – PO4, PO5

Investment needs identified for EU Member States - by specific objectives and by priority		1 high priority investment needs														2 priority investment needs						3 investment needs						
		V4										3B																
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4	a more social Europe ('PO 4')																											
ESF 4.1	improving access to employment of all jobseekers	1		1	2	1		1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	2			1	2			1	1	1	3
ESF 4.2	modernising labour market institutions and services	1	1	1		1	2		1	1		2	1	1	1			2			1							
ESF 4.3	promoting women's labour market participation	1	1	1	2					1	3	2		1		1			2	2					3			
4.1	enhancing the effectiveness of labour markets and access to quality employment	1	1	1		1	2	1		1		2	1	1				1										
ESF 4.4	improving the quality, effectiveness and labour market relevance of education and training systems	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	1		1	1	2	2	1	1	1		2	1			3	3		1	
ESF 4.5	promoting equal access to and completion of, quality and inclusive education and training	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2			1	1	2		1			3			1	
ESF 4.6	promoting lifelong learning		1	1			2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	3		1	1	3
4.2	improving access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and life long learning through developing infrastructure;	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	1	1			1							
ESF 4.7	fostering active inclusion	1	2			1		1	1	3		2	1	1		1	1	1			1	2	3			1	1	3
ESF 4.8	promoting socio-economic integration of third country nationals and of marginalised communities	2	2	2	1			1	1		3		1	1	3					2	1		3			1	1	
ESF 4.9	enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	1			1					1		
ESF 4.10	promoting social integration of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, including the most deprived and children;		2	2	1		2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1						2					3			
ESF 4.11	addressing material deprivation through food and/or basic material assistance to the most deprived	2	2	1	1	1		1	1	1		2			3	1	1	1				2			3			
4.3	increasing the socioeconomic integration of marginalised communities, migrants and disadvantaged groups	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1			1	1										
4.4	ensuring equal access to health care through developing infrastructure, including primary care;	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1		1	1	1			1							
5	a Europe closer to citizens ('PO 5')																											
5.1	fostering the integrated development in urban areas;	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	2		2	2	1	1	3	3	1						1	
5.2	fostering the integrated local development including for rural and coastal areas	3	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	3		2	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	1					1		
	in green ESF specific objectives																											

Programming negotiations 2021-2027

- Launch events in all Member States in March and April to present Country Report annex and kick-off the dialogue with Member States on the future of programming of the cohesion policy funds
- Commission ready to start informal dialogue, important to make as much progress as possible in 2019 and 2020 before the adoption of the 2021-2027 legislation
- Commission will ask Member States to prepare their programming plans (“roadmaps”) by end of June 2019
- First drafts of the programming documents expected by the end of 2019
- Objective to adopt all Partnership Agreements and programmes by end of 2020

Programming negotiations 2021-2027

- All stakeholders to be proactive from the start of the informal dialogue - Code of Conduct on partnership remains in force and applies to programming
- Technical seminar on programming with managing and coordination authorities on 14 June