3. Programming negotiations – progress and upcoming events
Programming negotiations – past experience

✓ Experience from the past:

  ▪ 2014-2020 programming process took on average 2 years (1.5 - 3.5 years)
    o The informal dialogue (following the launch events) started in late 2012
    o The Partnership Agreements were formally submitted in Jan-Mar 2014 and adopted in May-Nov 2014
    o The programmes were formally submitted in Feb-Jun 2014 and adopted in Jun 2014 – Dec 2015

✓ Lessons learned:

  ▪ We need to be faster in 2021-2027 in order not to delay implementation
  ▪ It is important to make as much progress as possible on the programming documents during the informal stage in order to allow for their fast adoption shortly after the new legislation is in place
  ▪ To ensure a faster start of the implementation, the work on the programming documents should go on in parallel with the work on the enabling conditions and simplified cost options
Programming negotiations

✓ Commission is prepared for the 2021-2027 programming exercise more than half a year earlier than for the 2014-2020 period

  ▪ The **CPR proposal** was issued already in May 2018 and includes details on programme templates
  ▪ The Commission’s position concerning the investment needs in the Member States in the form of **Annex D** of the European Semester country reports was published in February 2019
  ▪ The **launch events** marking the start of the negotiations on the new programming period took place in all MSs in the spring 2019
Programming negotiations - upcoming events

✓ During summer 2019 the Member States sent to the Commission their timetables (roadmaps) for cohesion policy programming including
  ▪ a target date for the submission of mature programming documents ready for adoption before the end of 2020 and
  ▪ an intermediate date for the submission of complete drafts

✓ Indicative calendar for programming 2021-2027 based on the roadmaps
  ▪ Informal dialogue between the Commission and the Member states from the launch events until the new legislation is adopted
  ▪ Mature drafts of programming documents expected to be submitted by the majority of Member States in the first half of 2020
  ▪ Formal submission of programming documents ready for adoption expected by the majority of Member States in the second half of 2020
Provisional calendar for 2021-2027 negotiations of the Partnership agreement (PA) and programmes (Ps)
(based on roadmaps from Member States and information available to REGIO geo desks)

- Q4 2019: MFF ADOPTION ??
- Q1 2020: CPR and fund specific legislation adoption ??
- Q2 2020: NEGOTIATIONS PHASE - DEPENDING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION
  - Informal
  - Informal/Formal
  - Formal
- Q3 2020: SUBMISSION OF MATURE DRAFT PA AND PROGRAMMES*
- Q4 2020: SUBMISSION OF OFFICIAL PA AND PROGRAMMES FOR ADOPTION*
Programming negotiations

✓ Partnership

- Programming negotiations to be in line with the Code of Conduct
- Diverse implementation of the principle in the past
- Letter sent to the Member States last week asking programming documents to be uploaded on relevant web pages