



European
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EU Cohesion Policy 2014 – 2020

Proposals from the
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EU Cohesion Policy invests in ...

Training

Support
for SMEs

Energy
efficiency



Renewable
energy

Transport

Cooperation
between regions



Research
and innovation

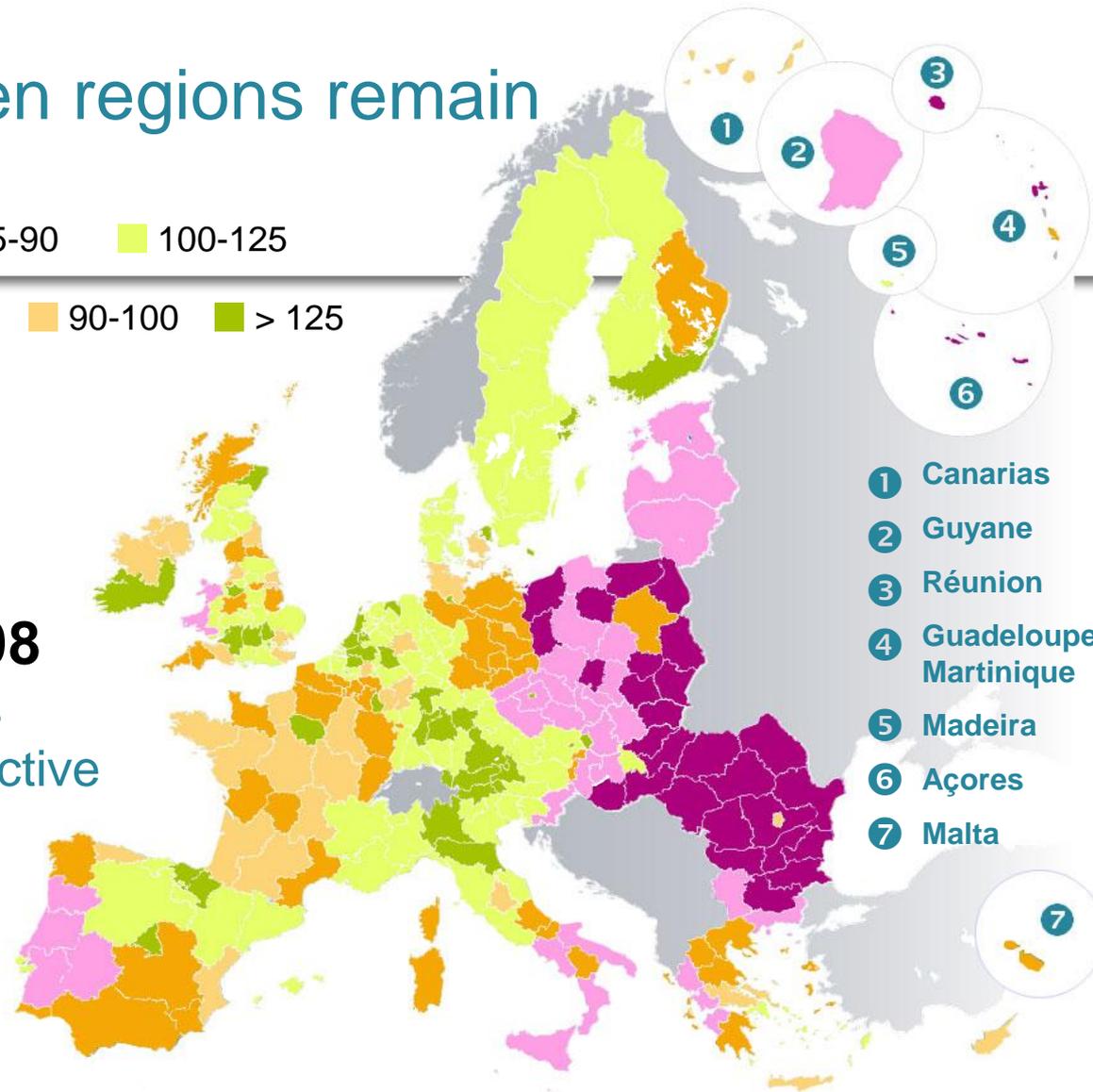
Yet gaps between regions remain

GDP/capita* ■ < 50 ■ 75-90 ■ 100-125

*index EU27=100 ■ 50-75 ■ 90-100 ■ > 125

**Average
2006 – 2007 – 2008**

▶ Closing these gaps remains a key objective



Regional GDP figures: 2006-07-08
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Objectives

**Deliver the Europe 2020 strategy objectives
of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**

Focus on results

Maximise the impact of EU funding

Reinforcing effectiveness and performance

Focus on results

- Common & programme-specific indicators, reporting, monitoring & evaluation

Performance framework for all programmes

- Clear and measurable milestones and targets

Performance reserve

- 5 % of national allocations (by Member State, fund and category of region)

Ex-ante conditionality

- Ensuring conditions for effective investment are in place

Macro-economic conditionality

- Alignment with new economic governance

More coherent use of available EU funds



- Comprehensive investment strategy: aligned with Europe 2020 objectives
- Coherence with National Reform Programmes
- Coordination: cohesion policy, rural development, maritime & fisheries funds
- Objectives and indicators to measure progress towards Europe 2020 targets
- Effectiveness: introduction of a performance framework
- Efficiency: reinforcement of administrative capacity, cutting red tape

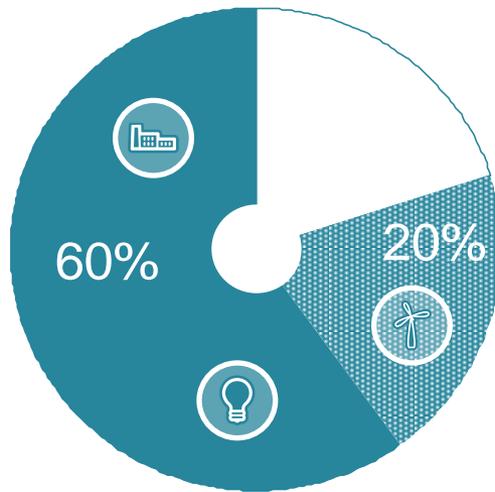
A menu of thematic objectives

- Research & innovation
- Information and communication technologies (ICT)
- Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Shift towards a low-carbon economy
- Climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
- Environmental protection & resource efficiency
- Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
- Employment & supporting labour mobility
- Social inclusion & combating poverty
- Education, skills & lifelong learning
- Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

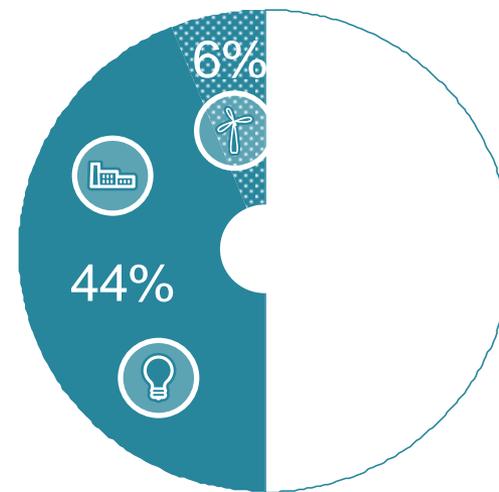
Concentrating resources to maximise impact

Concentration of ERDF investments

 Energy efficiency & renewable energy  Research & innovation  Competitiveness of SMEs



More developed & transitional regions



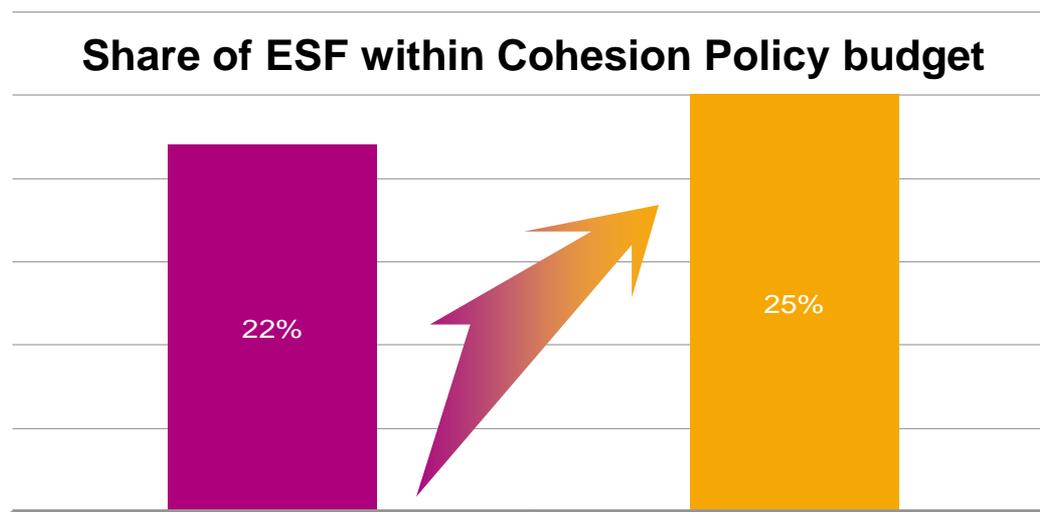
Less developed regions

Flexibility – different regions have different needs
Special arrangements for ex-convergence regions

European Social Fund (ESF)

■ 2007-2013

■ 2014-2020



Of total Structural Fund support (ERDF & ESF), ESF will represent:

- 25 % in less developed regions
- 40 % in transition regions
- 52 % in more developed regions

European Social Fund (ESF)

Fully in line with the Europe 2020 strategy

- Promoting employment & supporting labour mobility
- Investing in education, skills & life-long learning
- Promoting social inclusion & combating poverty
- Enhancing institutional capacity & efficient public administration

Reinforced social dimension

- 20 % of ESF allocations for social inclusion
- Greater emphasis on fighting youth unemployment
- Mainstreaming & specific support for gender equality & non-discrimination

Cohesion Fund

Supports Member States with GNI/capita < 90 % of EU27 average

Investing in environment

- Climate change adaptation and risk prevention
- Water and waste sectors
- Biodiversity including through green infrastructures
- Urban environment
- Low carbon economy

Investing in transport

- Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T)
- Low-carbon transport systems and urban transport

Simplification

Common rules - funds covered by Common Strategic Framework

- Cohesion Policy, rural development and maritime & fisheries policy

Option of multi-fund programmes

- ERDF, ESF and Cohesion Fund

Streamlined delivery system

- Harmonised rules on eligibility and durability
- Greater use of simplified costs
- Linking payments with results
- e-Cohesion: “one stop shop” for beneficiaries
- Proportional approach to control

Reinforcing Territorial Cohesion

Increased focus on sustainable urban development

- At least 5 % of ERDF resources
- Based on strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle economic, environmental, climate and social challenges

Local development

- Possibility to support community -led local development

Innovative actions for sustainable urban development

- Studies and pilot projects to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development

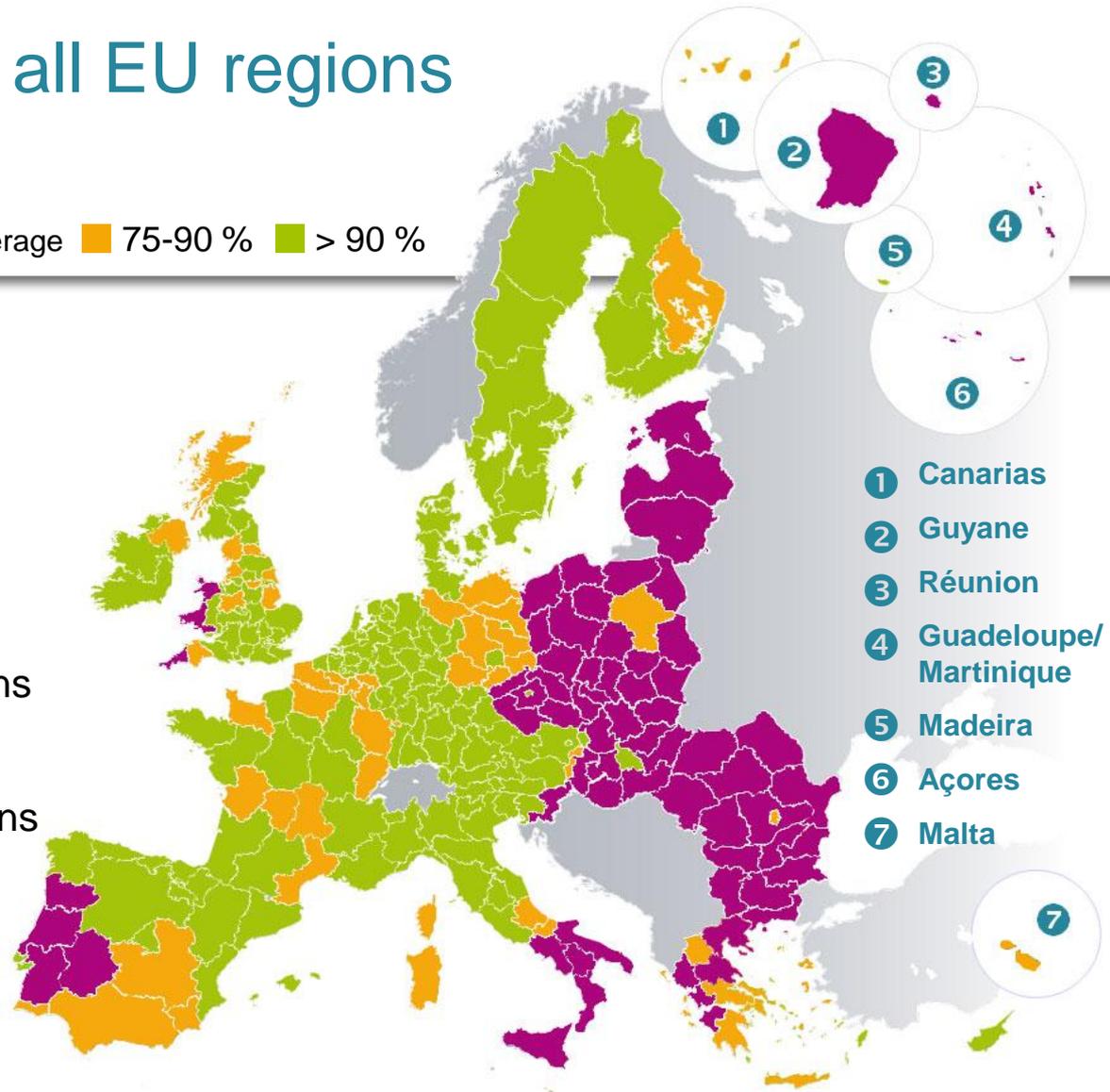
A fair system for all EU regions (eligibility simulation)

GDP/capita* ■ < 75 % of EU average ■ 75-90 % ■ > 90 %

*index EU27=100

3 categories of regions

- Less developed regions
- Transition regions
- More developed regions



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Timeline



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