



# ESI Funds 2014-2020: the role of cities and urban development in the new programmes

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# Urban development and the ESIF programming period 2014-2020



## Reinforced urban dimension 2014 - 2020

- *Need for investments in urban areas*  
⇒ **Specific urban investment priorities**
- *Need for metropolitan governance*  
⇒ **Integrated Territorial Investments**
- *Need for integrated interventions at neighbourhood and local level*  
⇒ **Urban integrated development**  
⇒ **Community-led local development**
- *Need for innovative approaches*  
⇒ **Innovative urban actions**
- *Need for exchange of experience and cooperation*  
⇒ **Urban development network + URBACT III**



# Sustainable urban development

*article 7 of the ERDF regulation*

- 1. support **through strategies setting out integrated actions**
- 1a. undertaken through **Integrated Territorial Investments** or through a **specific operational programme**, or a **specific [multi-thematic] priority axis** [CPR Article 87(1)(c)].
- 2. **principles for the selection of urban areas** and an indicative allocation for national level in Partnership Agreement
- 2a. **Delegation to “Urban Authorities;** shall be responsible for tasks relating at least to the selection of operations



# Territorial tools

1. Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI)
2. Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)

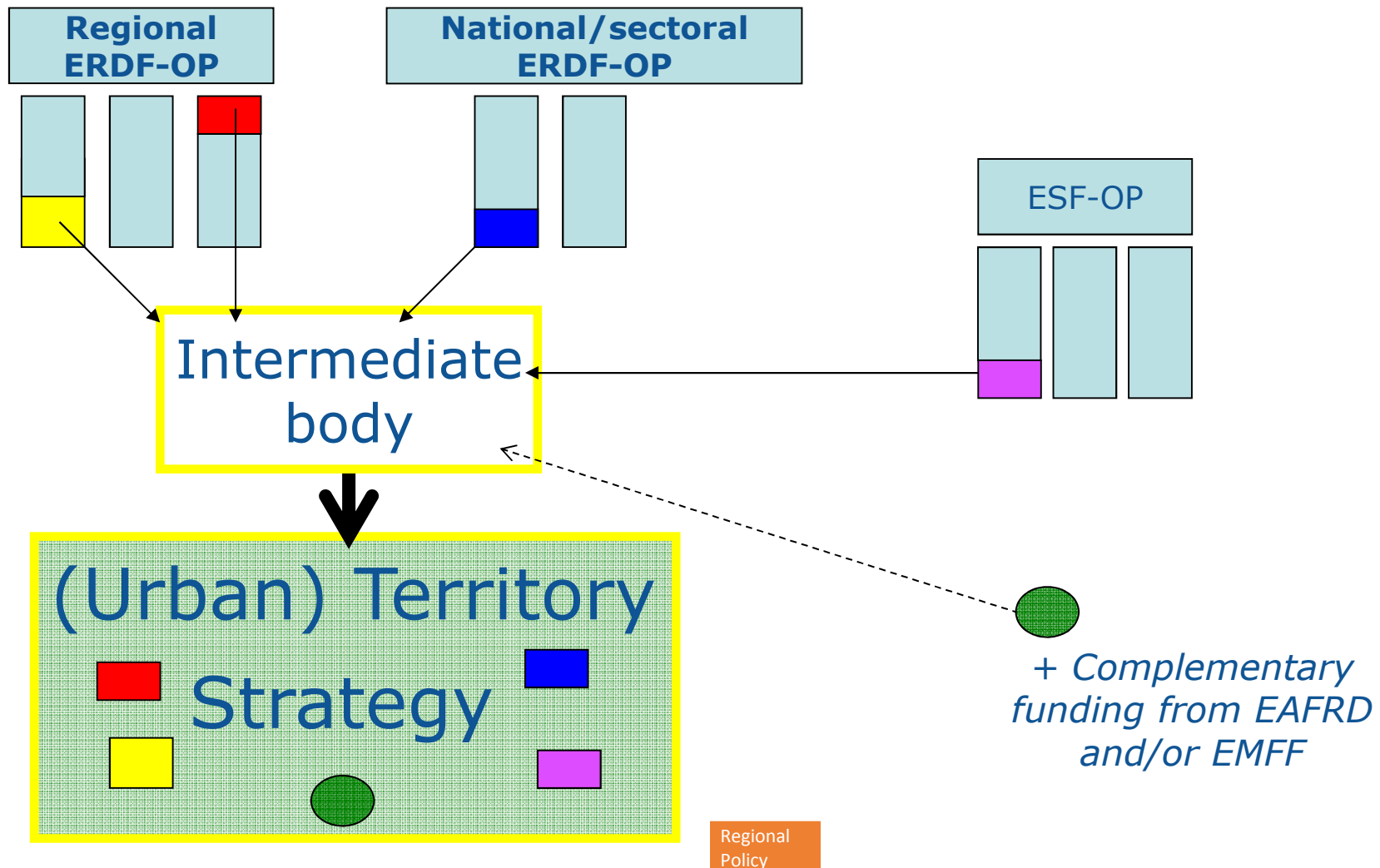


# Integrated Territorial Investment

*(ex. art. 99 of the Common Provisions for ERDF & ESF)*

- **Implementation tool** for **area-based strategies** requiring integrated investments under **more than one priority axis** or **operational programme**
- Focused on **urban areas** or other **functional territories**
- Can be **implemented by a Managing Authority**, a **local administration** (e.g. city) or **other entity**
- **Operational Programme should identify** planned ITIs and set out **indicative financial allocations**

## ITI: possible implementation arrangement





## Community-Led Local Development

*article 28 §1 of Common Provisions*

- a) focused on **specific sub-regional territories**;
- b) **community-led**, by local action groups composed of representatives of **public and private local socio-economic interests**, no majority partner
- c) Carried out through **integrated** and **multi-sectoral area-based** local development strategies;
- d) considering **local needs and potential**, include networking and (where relevant) cooperation.

*ERDF article 5 investment priority 9 (d): investments undertaken in the context of Community-led local development strategies*



## ITI & CLLD - *inside* the strategic framework

### **Partnership Agreement**

- Overall priorities, territorial challenges & approaches

#### **CF**

- *Idem*

#### **ERDF**

- Fund specific investment priorities related to Europe 2020 thematic objectives

#### **ESF**

- *Idem*

#### **EAFRD**

- *Idem*

#### **EMFF**

- *Idem*

**CLLD**

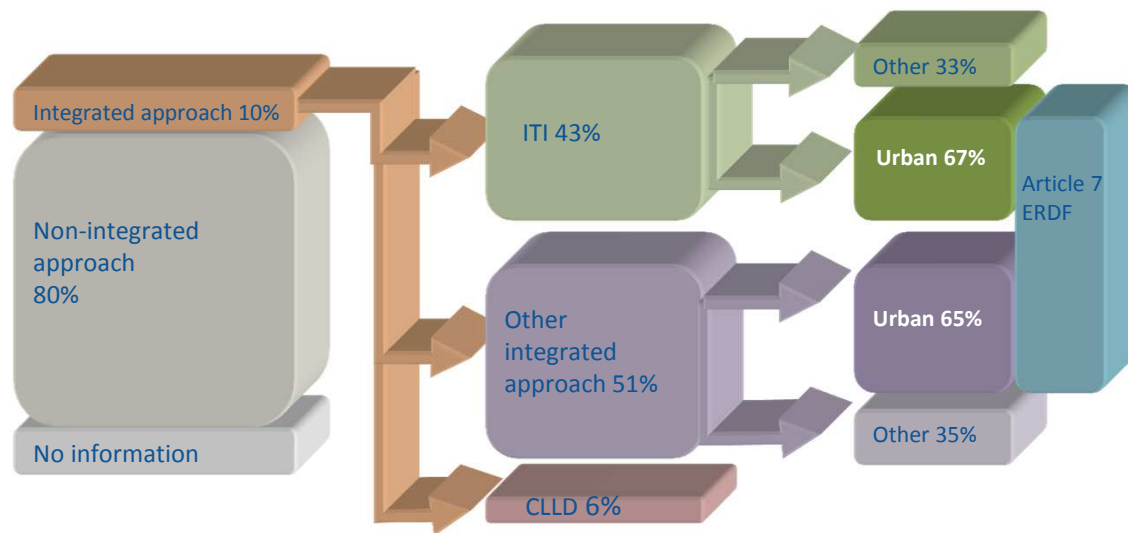
**ITI**



# Uptake of territorial instruments in Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

- Integrated approaches (ITI, other, CLLD) accounts for ca. 10% (EUR 31 bn) of all CP allocation
  - ERDF (ca 14%)
  - ESF (ca 5%)
  - CF (ca 3%)
- ITI is used by 20 MS
  - in urban areas by 19 MS
  - in other areas by 14 MS
- CLLD
  - 1.95 bn used by 15 MS, 10 MS use both funds ERDF & ESF
  - Specific PAX for CLLD
  - Specific OP

# Breakdown of CP allocations to integrated territorial approach





# Urban Innovative Actions

- **EUR 371 000 000** for 7 years (current prices)
- Identify and test **new solutions** – aim is to generate knowledge which can then be mainstreamed (research element is crucial)
- Focus will be on those **urban challenges that will grow in importance** in the coming years
- Innovative Actions can take the form of studies or pilot projects



## Urban Innovative Actions (2)

- Several calls over the 2014-2020 period
- Topics to be decided in consultation with Member States
- Applicants can be:
  - **Urban authority for an urban area comprising at least 50 000 inhabitants**
  - **Association or grouping of urban authorities with a combined population of at least 50 000 inhabitants**
- Amount granted shall not exceed €5 000 000
- Maximum duration for each action is three years



# **URBACT III**

***ERDF EUR 74 mn, in total EUR 96 m***

***Focus on:***

- 1. Improving Capacity for Policy Delivery;**
- 2. Policy Design;**
- 3. Policy Implementation; and**
- 4. Building and Sharing Knowledge.**

***Types of interventions:***

- 1. transnational exchange,**
- 2. capacity-building and capitalisation & dissemination.**

***Programme expected to be launched spring 2015***



## Strong demand for an EU urban agenda

- increase the **quality, efficiency** and **effectiveness of policies** through
  - ***better coordination*** of policies, actors and governance levels; *and*
  - ***better understanding*** of urban development contexts in the conception and implementation of policies
- strengthen ***cities' engagement and ownership*** of EU and national policymaking and implementation, especially Europe 2020
- support ***cities' capacity for transition and structural change*** to ensure viable urban economies and a socially, environmentally and territorially sustainable development of urban areas
- *Framework for action; Flexibility; No new legislation; Subsidiarity*



## Public consultation on an EU urban agenda Preliminary analysis

- > 220 stakeholders have responded
- Broad agreement on the need for an EU urban agenda
  - improve coordination of policies – through existing + new tools
  - improve implementation of agreed strategies, i.e., Europe 2020
  - participate actively in EU policy making (cities, all urban stakeholders)
  - predominant approach is bottom up but top down approach also needed
  - establish stronger links with citizens
  - address pressing societal challenges, e.g., carbon neutral economy
  - improve networking between cities, provide "platform of political and civic engagement".



## Next steps

- Report the results by the end of the year
- Input to the new Commission and the new European Parliament
- Feed the reflection on the future development of the Europe 2020 strategy



Need strong engagement from stakeholders to carry the process forward!



# Thank you!

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