



European Territorial Cooperation 2014-2020 Macro-Regional Strategies

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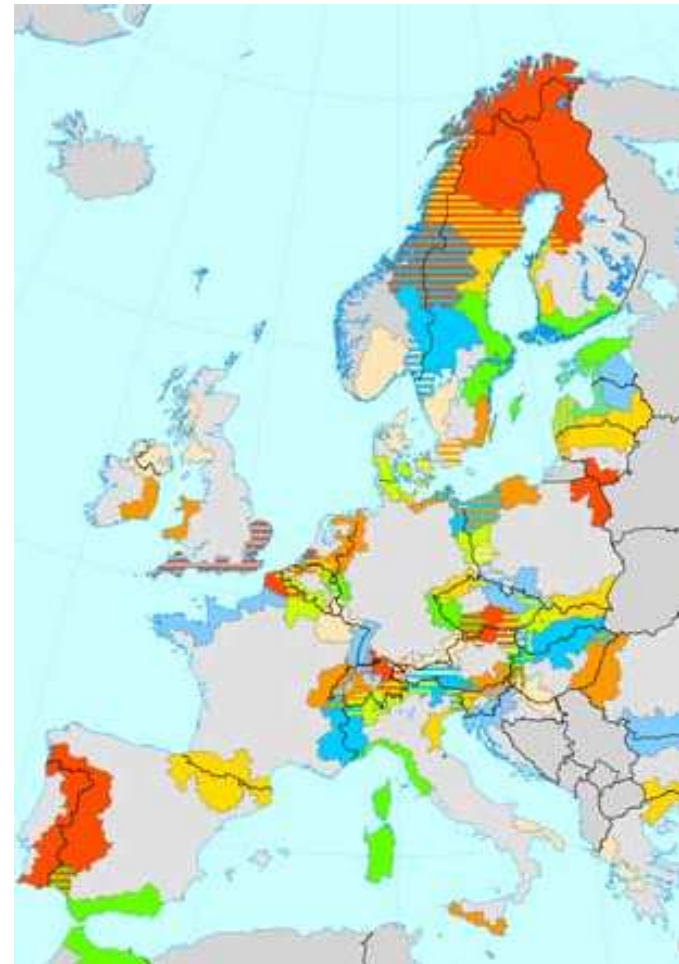
- *Supporting cooperation across borders*
- *Success story: next year 25 years old*
- *2014-2020: one of the 2 goals of Cohesion Policy. Link with country specific European Structural and Investment Programmes*
- *Budget Cohesion Policy 386 bn EUR*
- *Budget INTER: 10.2 bn EUR all programmes*
- *Thematic concentration, result orientation*
- *Strategic orientation: Macro-regional strategies*

Three strands

1. Cross-border cooperation
2. Transnational cooperation
3. Interregional cooperation

Cross-border cooperation

- *60 cross border programmes*
- *EUR 7.5bn for all programmes*
- *Adjacent regions to promote integrated regional development between two or more countries*
- *Also external borders*
- *Cooperation at local and regional level*
- *Actions, as examples*
 - Cross border clusters
 - Cross-border roads, cycle paths, bridges
 - Cross border waste systems, medical equipment, research centres, anti-flood measures
 - Joint management of natural and touristic sites
 - Common services
 - Employment issues
 - Innovation networks



Interregional Cooperation

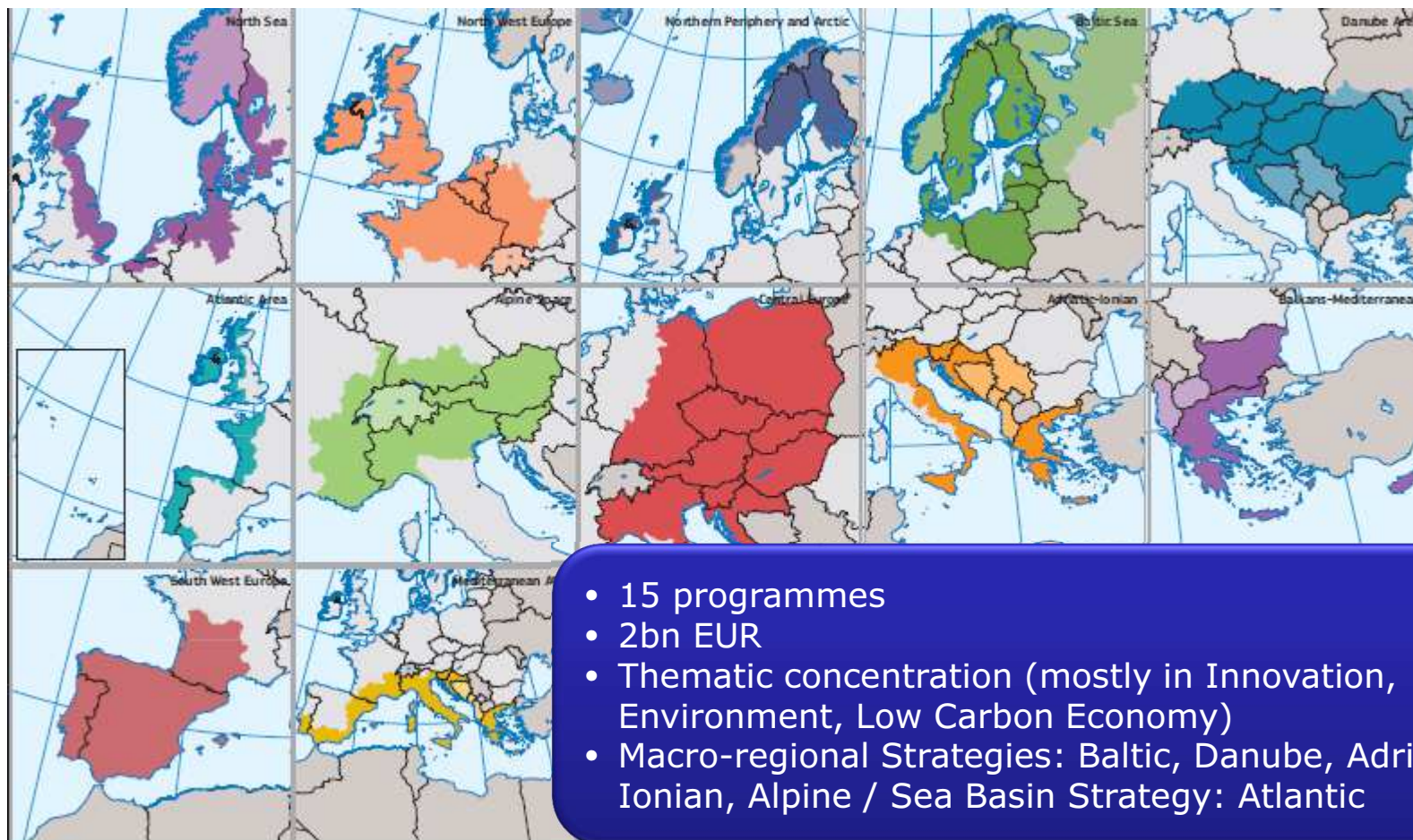


- *INTERACT, ESPON, URBACT ("content" programmes)*
- *INTERREG EUROPE: cooperation across all borders*
- *Policy learning to improve the performance of policies*
- *Budget of EUR 360M for 2014-2020*
- *Art. 2.3.a) The aim is to reinforce effectiveness of cohesion policy by promoting exchange of experiences and good practices between Cohesion policy programmes, in particular the regional/national ones,*



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Transnational cooperation





Macro-regional strategy - definition

(Common Provisions Regulation, art. 2)

A "**macroregional strategy**" is an integrated framework endorsed by the European Council which may be supported by the ESIF among others, to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to MS and third countries located in the same geographical area which thereby benefit from strengthen cooperation contributing to achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion.

EU Strategy for the Baltic region



- **first EU macro-regional strategy**
- **Adopted in 2009**
- **8 countries (SE, DK, EE, FI, DE, LV, LT, PL)**
- **17 priority areas and 5 horizontal actions within 3 main objectives:**
 - ❖ **Save the sea**
 - ❖ **Increase prosperity**
 - ❖ **Connect the region**
- **the Strategy is bringing results: new projects have been developed (f. e. BalticDeal project, The EfficienSea project, the Demola project...)**
- **EU – Russia relations (?)**
- **More info: www.balticsea-region-strategy.eu**



EU Strategy for the Danube region



- **Adopted in 2011**
- **14 countries** (Member states: AT, BG, HR, CZ, HU, DE, RO, SK, SI; Candidate and potential candidate countries: RS, BIH, ME; Neighbourhood Countries: UA, MD)
- **11 priority areas within 4 pillars:**
 - ❖ **Connect the region**
 - ❖ **Protecting the environment**
 - ❖ **Strengthening the region**
 - ❖ **Building prosperity**
- **the Strategy is bringing results: new strong results oriented projects have been developed (Innovative Danube Vessel (start July 2012), DREAM, DANUBIUS-RI...**
- **More info: www.danube-region.eu,**

Implementation report 2013

www.ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/danube/index_en.cfm

EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region



- The European Council of December 2012 requested the EC to present an EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region by end 2014.
- 8 countries (Member states: HR, EL, IT, SI; Candidate and potential candidate countries: AL, RS, BIH, ME)
- Adopted in 2014 (18th June 2014 by the EC, October 2014 by GAC and European Council)
- 4 pillars are identified as of priority interest:
 - ❖ Blue Growth
 - ❖ Connecting the Region (transport and energy networks)
 - ❖ Environmental quality
 - ❖ Sustainable Tourism
- **More info:**
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/adriatic_ionian/index_en.cfm

EU Strategy for the Alpine Region



- The European Council of December 2013 invited the EC to elaborate an EU Strategy for the Alpine Region by the mid of 2015
- 7 countries (Member states: AT, FR, DE, IT, SI; Non-member states: CH, LI)
- To be adopted by the end of June 2015 (in July 2014 start On-line public general consultation and in November 2014 will take place a Conference to present the results of consultations and assess the state of the art of the Strategy)
- 3 thematic priorities have been preliminary identified:
Connect the region
 - ❖ Competitiveness and Innovation
 - ❖ Environmentally friendly mobility
 - ❖ Sustainable management of energy, natural and cultural resources
- **More info:**
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/alpine/index_en.cfm



Sea-basin strategy - definition

(Common Provisions Regulation, art. 2)

A 'sea basin strategy' means a structured framework of cooperation in relation to a given geographical area, developed by Union institutions, Member States, their regions and where appropriate third countries sharing a sea basin; a sea basin strategy takes into account the geographic, climatic, economic and political specificities of the sea basin;

All EU sea areas could be subject to a Sea Basin Strategy

Adopted Sea-basin strategies:

- ✓ **The Baltic (fully integrated into EUSBSR),**
- ✓ **Adriatic-Ionian (has become part of EUSAIR) and**
- ✓ **Atlantic Strategies have been adopted**

Led by DG MARE (in the framework of the Integrated Maritime Policy), follow similar structure and approach

EU Strategy for Atlantic region



- **Adopted in November 2011 – Action Plan May 2013**
- **9 countries (Member states: IE, UK, FR, ES, PT; Non-member states: IS, NO, Greenland and Faroe Islands)**
- **4 priorities:**
 - ❖ **Promote entrepreneurship and innovation**
 - ❖ **Protect, secure and develop the potential of the Atlantic marine and coastal environment**
 - ❖ **Improve accessibility and connectivity**
 - ❖ **Create a socially inclusive and sustainable model of regional development**
- **More info:**
http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/sea_basins/atlantic_ocean/index_en.htm
- *The Atlantic Action Plan: finance opportunities for projects, chances for SMEs – 13th June 2014 in Liverpool, United Kingdom*



Partnership Agreement: to set out main priority areas for cooperation, taking account where appropriate of macro-regional and sea-basin strategies. (CPR – Art. 15,2,a,i))

Programmes (both under Investment for Growth and Jobs and **ETC**) to set out the contribution of the planned interventions towards macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, where appropriate (CPR - Art. 96.3.e) + section 4.4.2 in the ETC template, adopted on 25/02/14, published on 22/03/14 in OJ) refer to the integration of MRS/SBS into programming

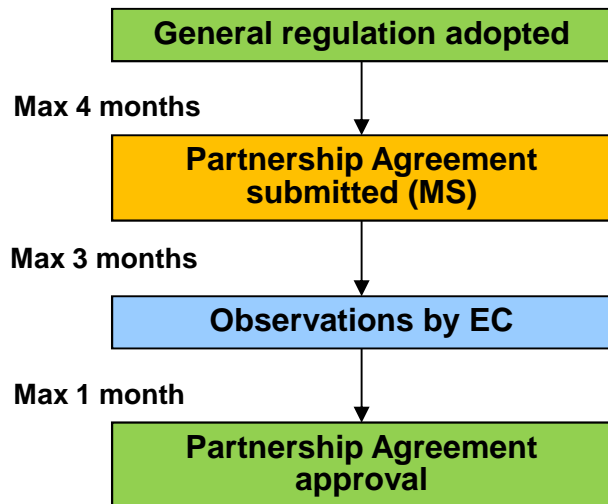
Transnational OPs – supporting MRS, (TO 11)

All EU funds 2014-2020 available in the macro-regions shall support, as appropriate, the implementation of the Strategy/ies and the achievement of its objectives.

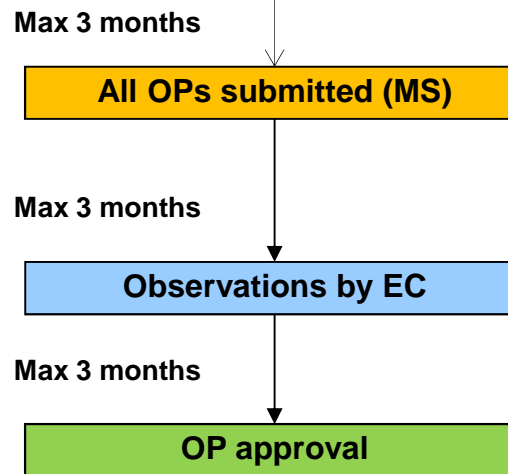


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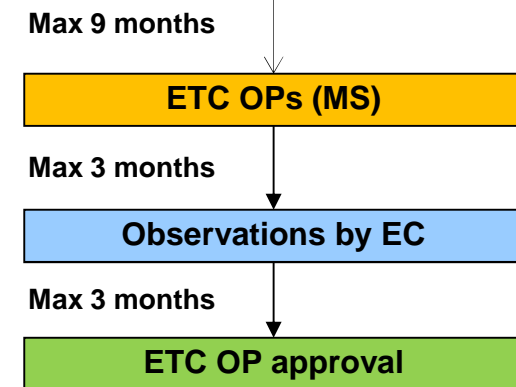
Partnership Agreement



Country specific programmes



ETC programmes



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