

# Europe 2020 - Future Cohesion Policy

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# Introduction



## Assembly of European Regions (AER)

- ✓ 254 regions - 35 countries
- ✓ Independent and apolitical

Role:

- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Support knowledge transfer



# Outline



Health in:

- ✓ Europe 2020
- ✓ Future Cohesion Policy

Why is this important?

What does this mean for regions?

What should you be doing?

Lessons learned and next steps

# Rules of Engagement



1h45' is loooooong

Interrupt - ask - **shout!**

Think how this relates to your day-job

Think outside the box

# Quick poll



## **Europe 2020:**

Have you heard about it?

Have you read it?

Do you think it is important for your daily work?

# Europe 2020



## What is it?

- ✓ Europe's growth strategy 2010-2020
- ✓ Smart, sustainable and inclusive economy
- ✓ Framework for overall EU political and financial priorities



## **1. Employment**

75% of the 20-64 year-olds to be employed

## **2. R&D**

3% of the EU's GDP to be invested in R&D

## **3. Climate change / energy**

greenhouse gas emissions 20% (or even 30%, if the conditions are right)  
lower than 1990

20% of energy from renewables

20% increase in energy efficiency

## **4. Education**

Reducing school drop-out rates below 10%  
at least 40% of 30-34-year-olds  
completing third level education

## **5. Poverty / social exclusion**

at least 20 million fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion



**Smart Growth**

Digital Agenda for Europe  
Innovation Union  
Youth on the move

**Sustainable Growth**

Resource efficient Europe  
Industrial policy for the globalisation era

**Inclusive Growth**

Agenda for new skills and jobs  
European platform against poverty



# Europe 2020 & Health



## **What does Europe 2020 say about health?**

- ✓ Focus R&D on resolving societal challenges, including health
- ✓ Use modern technologies in health
- ✓ Active and healthy ageing population
- ✓ Health and safety at work
- ✓ Access to health for all
- ✓ Overcome health inequalities



## **What is the impact on the regions?**

- ✓ Setting the political priorities for Europe
- ✓ Setting the financial priorities for Europe
- ✓ European semester

# Europe 2020 & European Semester



Method for European economic governance

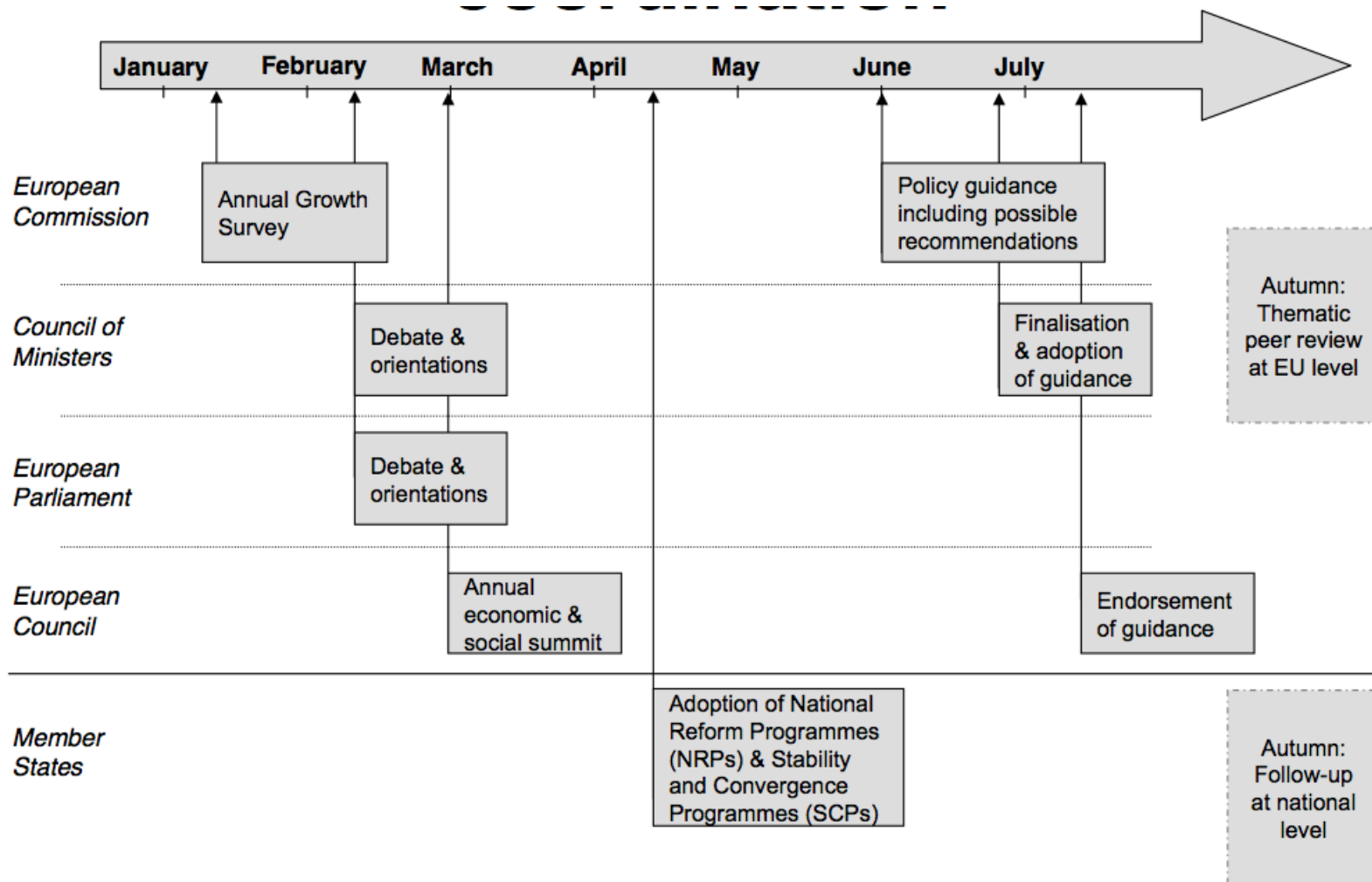
- ✓ Align national economic and budgetary policies
- ✓ Evaluate progress of EU towards achieving Europe 2020 and identify challenges

How:

- ✓ MS develop national reform programmes and budgetary strategies
- ✓ Peer reviewed - Commission evaluates and Council gives country-specific recommendations

# Europe 2020 & European Semester

## Timeline



# Example - Europe 2020 in action



## European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA, AHAIP...)

Targets for implementation are all at the regional level

3 EC funding programmes have aligned their priorities:

Progress; Public Health; CIP - ICT PSP

Specific actions:

Commitments - reference sites

# Discussion



1. Assessing the degree of impact of the EU on your day-job
2. Do you think there is something you could or should be doing to respond to EU input?
3. What would you need to be able to better understand the EU context and respond/contribute to it?

# European Cohesion Policy



## European Cohesion Policy

- ✓ Have you heard about it?
- ✓ Have you worked with it?



- ✓ Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- ✓ Reap benefits of single market - create European added value
- ✓ Remove disparities between the regions
- ✓ Contribute to the achievement of Europe 2020
- ✓ Leverage for national/regional investment - EU co-financing



# Health & Cohesion Policy today



- ✓ Total budget = 347 billion (2007-2013)
- ✓ Health listed as a priority for action
- ✓ 5 billion euro directly allocated to health infrastructure
- ✓ Further (indirect) health investment (training, ICT...)
- ✓ Challenges re sustainable and strategic investments in health

# Cohesion Policy tomorrow



## **Main trends**

- ✓ Thematic concentration - link to Europe 2020
- ✓ Economic, social and territorial cohesion
- ✓ Focus on results, impact & EU added value

# Future Cohesion Policy

# BUDGET (tbc)



	<b>Today</b>	<b>Post-2013</b>
<b>CP budget</b>	<b>€ 347 billion</b>	<b>€ 376 billion</b>
<b>% total EU budget</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>36.7%</b>



- ✓ Less developed regions - € 162.6 billion
- ✓ Transition regions - € 38.9 billion
- ✓ More developed regions - € 53.1 billion



## **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**

Infrastructure; energy; information society

## **European Social Fund (ESF)**

Employment policies - training

## **European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)**

Cross-border or transnational - exchange of experience

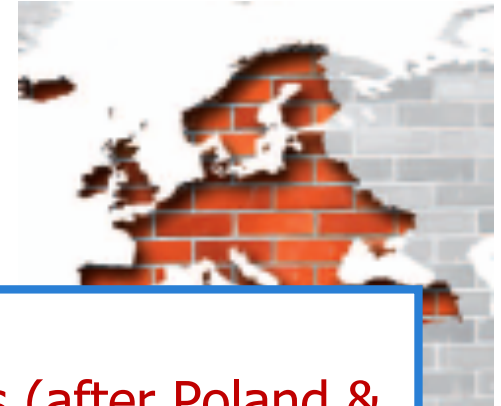
## **Cohesion Fund**

Environment, trans-European transport networks

## ***Connecting Europe facility***

*Transport, energy & ICT - Commission-led*

***Outermost + sparsely populated regions***



## **National Strategic reference programme:**

Italy currently 3rd largest beneficiary of EU programmes (after Poland & Spain)

## **66 Operational Programmes**

✓ one per region in Italy - regional OPs

Focus: business development, creating innovation poles, ICT, R&D (nanotechnology), climate change, job creation/SMEs

✓ national programmes (thematic, eg education, culture & tourism, renewable energy)

✓ territorial cooperation (eg Italy-Greece, Central Europ)



1. Strengthen research, technological development and innovation
2. Enhance access and use of quality ICT
3. Enhance competitiveness of SMES
4. Shift to low-carbon economy
5. Promote climate change adaptation
6. Protect environment
7. Sustainable transport
8. Employment and labour mobility
9. Social inclusion and combating poverty
10. Education, skills and LLL
11. Institutional capacity and efficient public administration



ERDF scope: invest in health and social infrastructure

- ✓ Promote innovation
- ✓ ICT: deploying broadband; developing ICT products and services; strengthening ICT applications for e-health
- ✓ Promote social inclusion and combat poverty: invest in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status and transition from institutional to community based services





## CSF priority activities:

- ✓ Invest in innovation: innovative solutions; research infrastructure and equipment
- ✓ Create infrastructure to quickly implement new ideas in the market (new services, new tools)
- ✓ Take up new technologies (e-health)
- ✓ Business incubators to support entrepreneurship, also in health and care sectors

# Question



- ✓ Do you have an example of using ERDF funding in your region?
- ✓ What did you do?
- ✓ What is the outcome?
- ✓ What is your evaluation of using ERDF funding?
- ✓ Who did you have to work with?(national level, regional level?)

ESF mission: adaptation to change; high levels of employment, education and training

- ✓ Min 20% allocated to promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
- ✓ employment and labour mobility through active and healthy ageing
- ✓ invest in education and life-long learning: upgrade skills and competences of the workforce
- ✓ Social inclusion/combating poverty: access to affordable, sustainable and high-quality services, incl. health care and social services of general interest
- ✓ Enhance institutional capacity: efficient public administration, capacity building for stakeholders



## CSF priority activities:

- ✓ Anticipate and counsel on shifts in labour market needs, including health and care sectors
- ✓ Support self-employment and entrepreneurship in health and care sectors for young people and people in precarious situations (unemployed, disability, inactive)
- ✓ Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health risk factors (physical inactivity, smoking, alcohol-related harm)

# Questions



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What did you do?  
What is the outcome?
- ✓ What is your evaluation of using ESF funding?
- ✓ Who did you have to work with (national/regional level)?



ETC scope: cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation

- ✓ all 9 thematic priorities apply
- ✓ BUT thematic concentration: 4 themes for CB and TN cooperation; all themes for IR cooperation
- ✓ employment and labour mobility through active and healthy ageing

# Questions



- ✓ Do you have cross-border cooperation in the areas of health?
- ✓ What was the impact?
- ✓ What is your evaluation of the experience?



**2012 -2013:** debate and adopt MFF + legislative proposals for cohesion policy post-2013 (EP + Council)

**2012:** Commission Common Strategic Framework + public consultation

**2013:** Commission and MS negotiate National Reform Reference Frameworks and Operational Programmes

**2014:** new cohesion funding programmes enter into force





## **National Reform Programmes**

- ✓ Annual
- ✓ Implementing Europe 2020
- ✓ Linked to European Semester



## **National Strategic Reference Frameworks**

- ✓ Negotiated with Commission and adopted prior to programmes' launch
- ✓ National strategy re cohesion policy - regions' and stakeholders' contribution is matter of national procedure
- ✓ Select thematic priorities and outline proposed actions



## **Operational Programmes**

- ✓ National and regional/ specific per policy area and general territorial approach
- ✓ List how money will be spent with indicative annual budgets
- ✓ Can be renegotiated with Commission but complex
- ✓ Regions normally identify own priorities and then negotiate with national government to have these reflected in final OP

# Questions



✓ Do you know who is dealing with Cohesion Policy in your region?

Main contact points

At national level: Ministry of Economic Development

At regional level: Directorate for International Relations/  
Community Policies

At EU level: DG REGIO

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/atlas2007/italia/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/italia/index_en.htm)



## So what's next?

- ✓ Find out who you should be talking to (in the region and in the Ministry)
- ✓ Then make friends with them
- ✓ Learn more - all you have to do is ask!



## **Use what's already there!**

- ✓ Your region's Brussels office is there to help you
- ✓ EU networks - AER and others



## **Important lessons from past periods:**

- ✓ Be strategic
- ✓ Make sure health is included in the national/regional operational programme - drafted this year
- ✓ Think health everywhere - indirect investment can have a direct impact
- ✓ **START NOW!**

**Grazie per  
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