

Southern & Eastern Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020

9th Monitoring Committee Meeting

6th April 2022

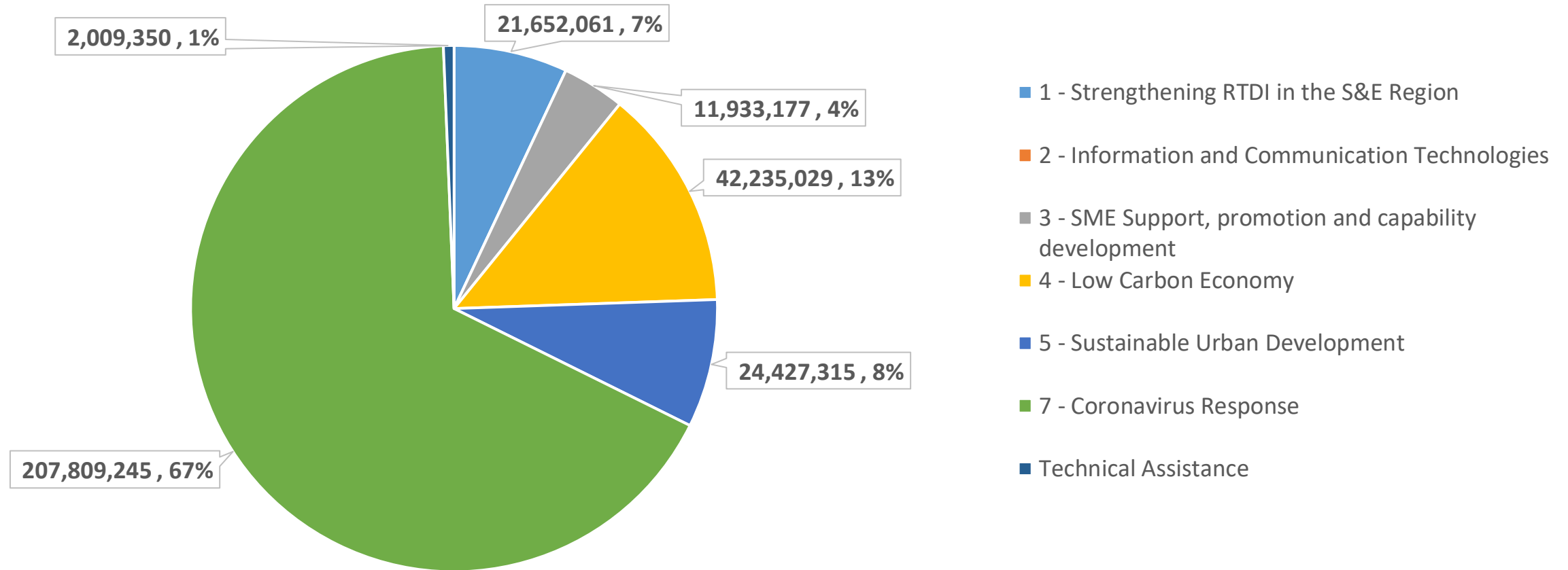
Annual Implementation Report 2021

For adoption

Enda Hogan, Assistant Director, Southern Regional Assembly

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Total ERDF after 3rd OP amendment under CRII and CRII+



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Financial Performance as at 31st December 2021

Priority	Total funding (€)	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support (€)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Balance to be declared to the MA
1 - Strengthening RTDI in the S&E Region	43,304,122	43,304,122	43,304,122	0
2 - Information and Communication Technologies	0	0	0	0
3 - SME Support, promotion and capability development	23,866,354	23,866,354	23,866,354	0



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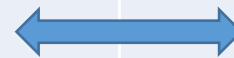


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4 - Low Carbon Economy Post-corrections in the accounts 2021	84,470,058 84,470,058	82,711,864 81,324,687	82,711,864 81,324,687	1,758,194 3,145,370
5 - Sustainable Urban Development	48,854,630	52,000,000	14,410,410	34,444,220
6 - Technical Assistance	4,018,700	4,018,700	1,777,702	2,240,998



3,145,370



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7 - Coronavirus Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERDF National <i>100% co-financing pre-June 2021</i>	207,809,245 0	100% co-financing secured ✓ N+3 achieved ✓	207,809,245 0	0
7 - Coronavirus Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERDF National <i>50% co-financing post-June 2021</i>	0 0	Available to be included in a payment application if ERDF becomes available ✓	11,595,377 <u>11,595,377</u> 23,190,754	
		TOTAL	230,002,293	



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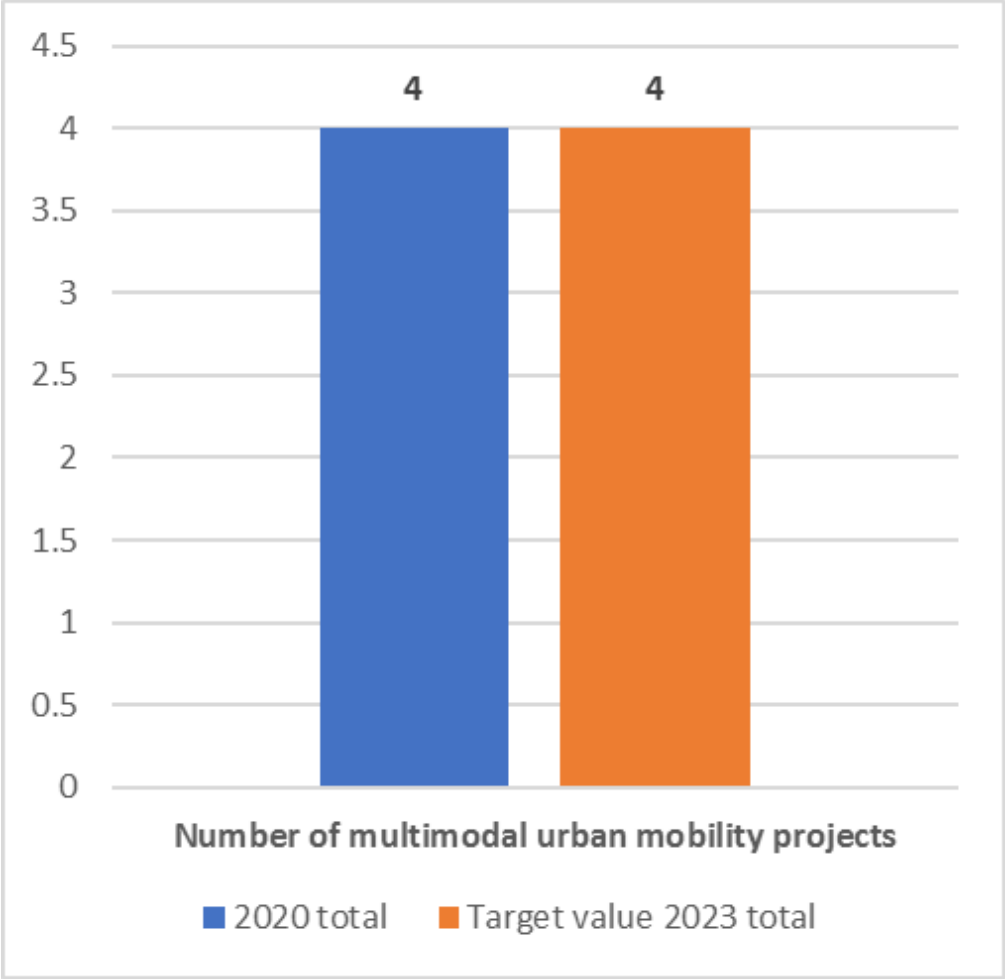
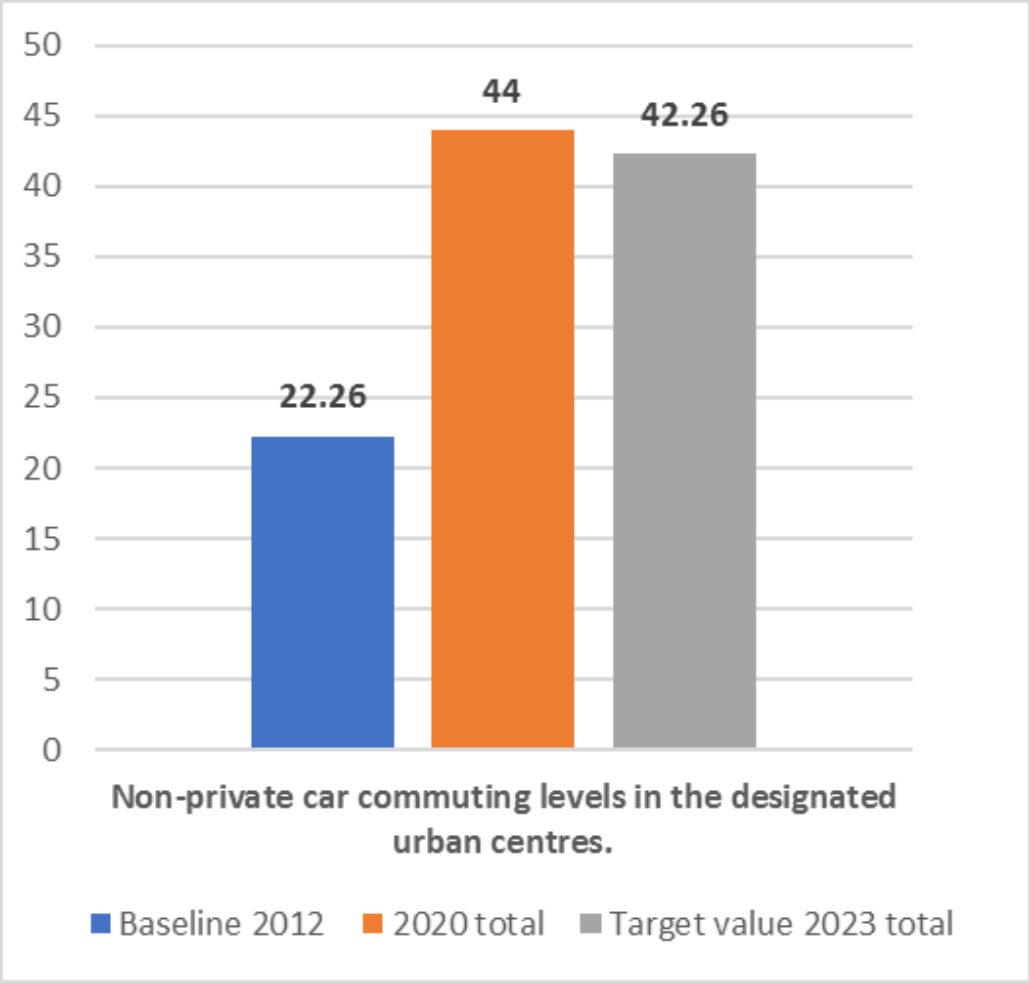


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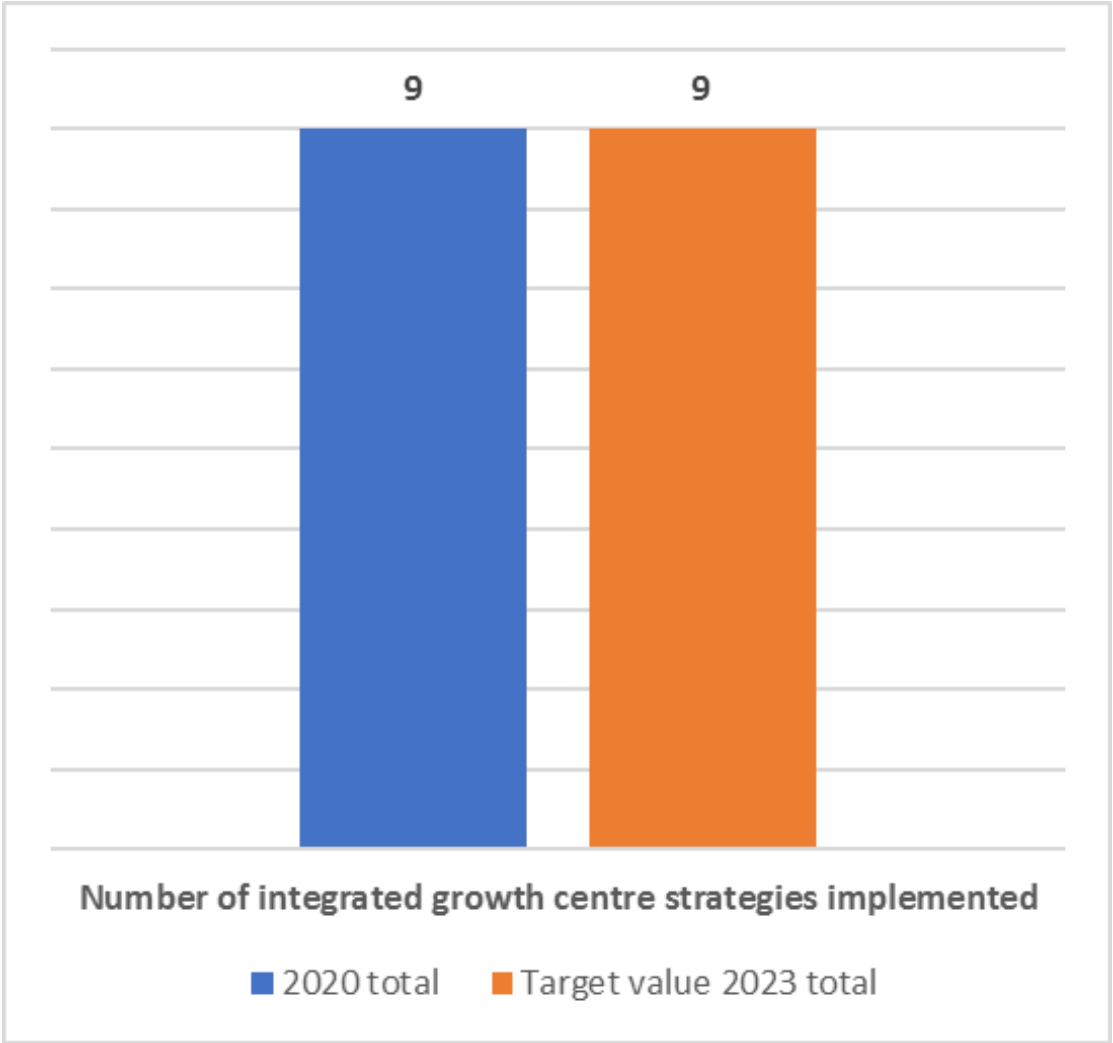
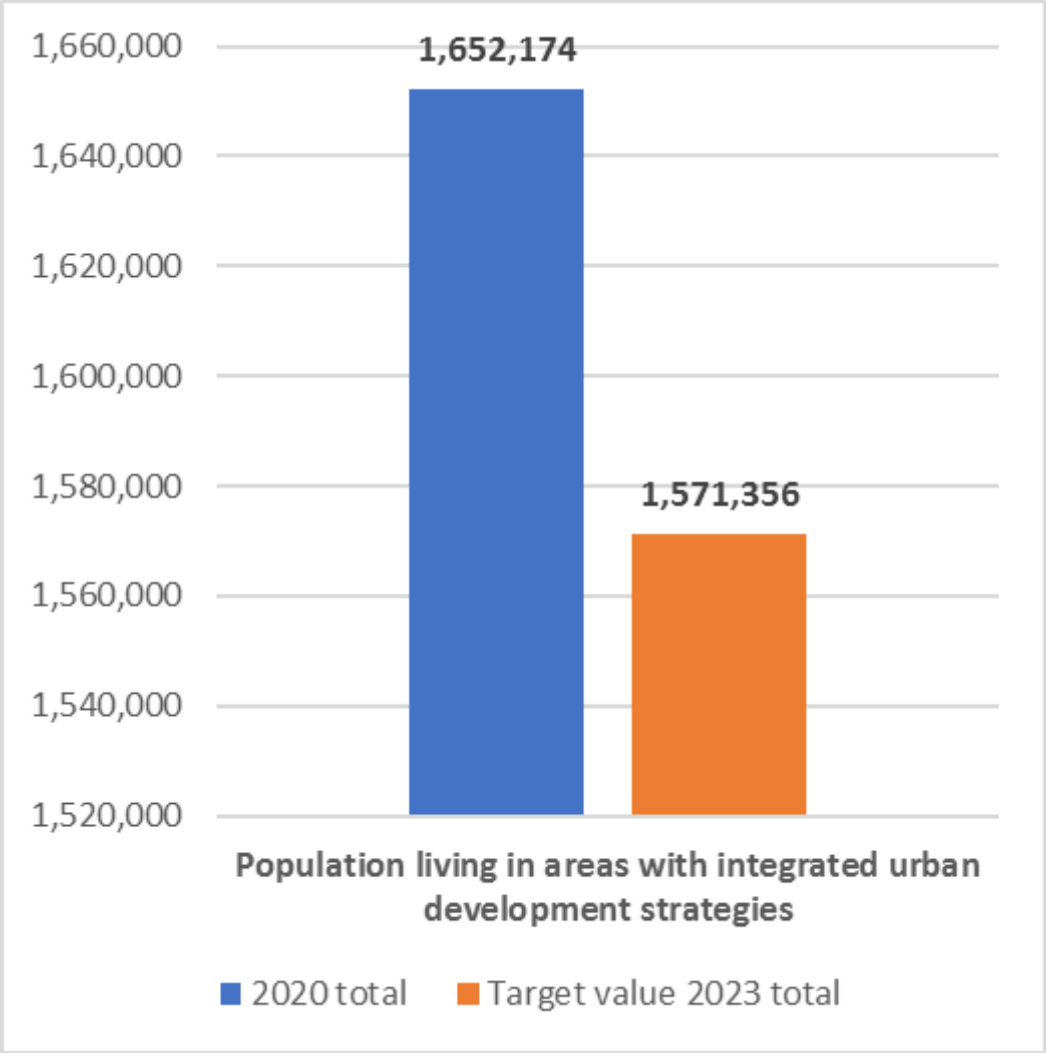


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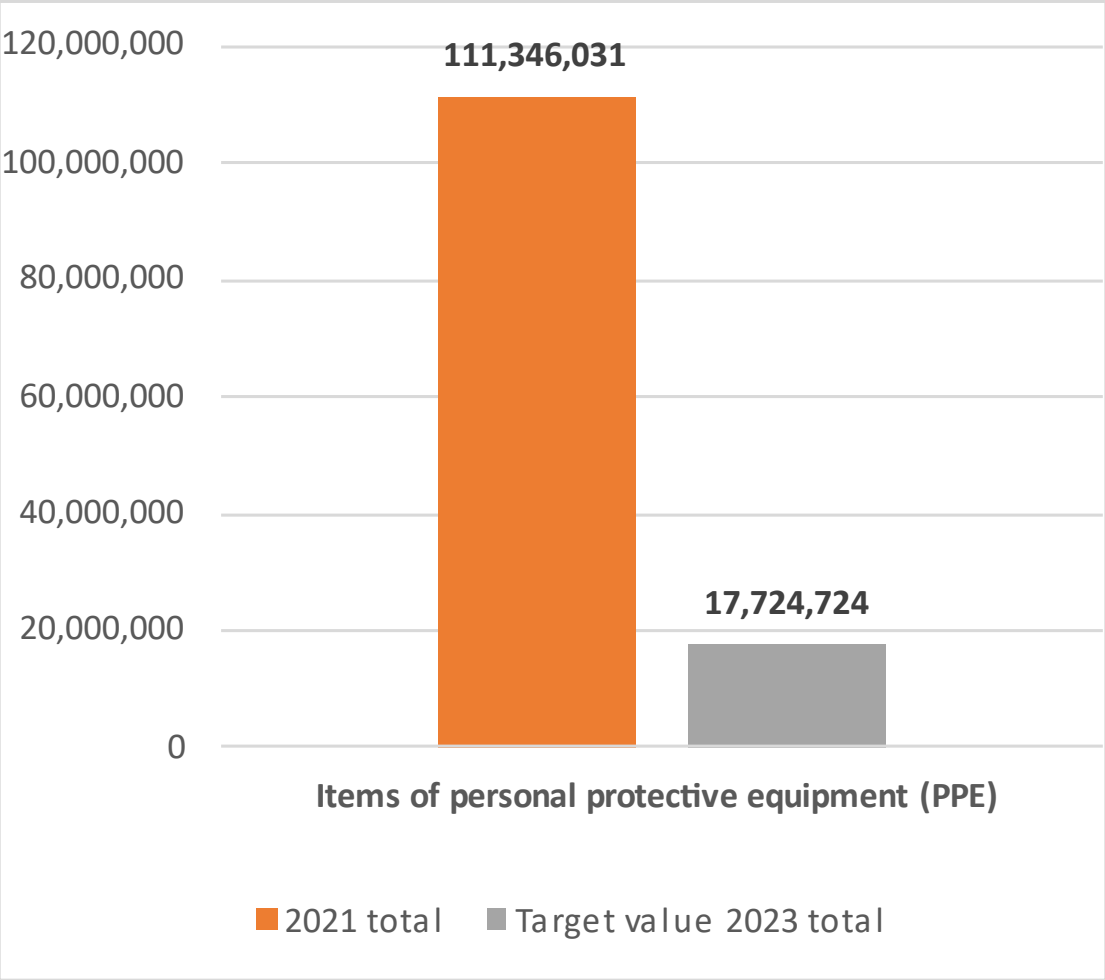
5. Sustainable Urban Development 1 of 2



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7. Coronavirus Response



For approval

Draft Annual Implementation Report 2021 is hereby presented for adoption by the Monitoring Committee of the Southern & Eastern Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020.

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Progress Report

S&E Priority 5: Sustainable Urban Development Designated Urban Centres Grant Scheme (DUCGS)

Waterford Public Realm

ERDF Award: €4m

Status: Physically Complete. Fully
Declared to MA



Ríocht Phoiblí Chathair Phort Láirge
Waterford City Public Realm 2016

FUNDED UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
OF THE
SSE REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME 2014-2020

To maintain, regenerate and improve the urban environment
in the designated urban centre of Waterford
as part of an integrated urban strategy

This project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund and
Waterford City & County Council
under an EU Regional Programme managed by the Southern Regional Assembly



Wexford Public Realm

ERDF Award: €1m

Status: Physically Complete. Fully
Declared to MA.





Cork City Mary Elmes Bridge

ERDF Award: €1.75m

Status: Works Physically Complete. Fully Declared to MA.

COMMEMORATIVE PLaque
 BRIDGE: MARY ELMES
 DATE OF OPENING: 27th SEPTEMBER 2015
 LORD MAYOR: JOHN SHEEHAN
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE: GERRY O'BRIEN
 ENGINEERING DESIGN CONTRACTOR: NTA ENGINEERING

Status: Works Physically Complete. Fully Declared to MA.

Cork City Marina Park

ERDF Award: €3.25m

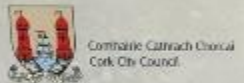
Status: Physical works virtually complete.

Official opening planned for Q2 2022.

Claim 2 has undergone Art 125 MV by the MA.



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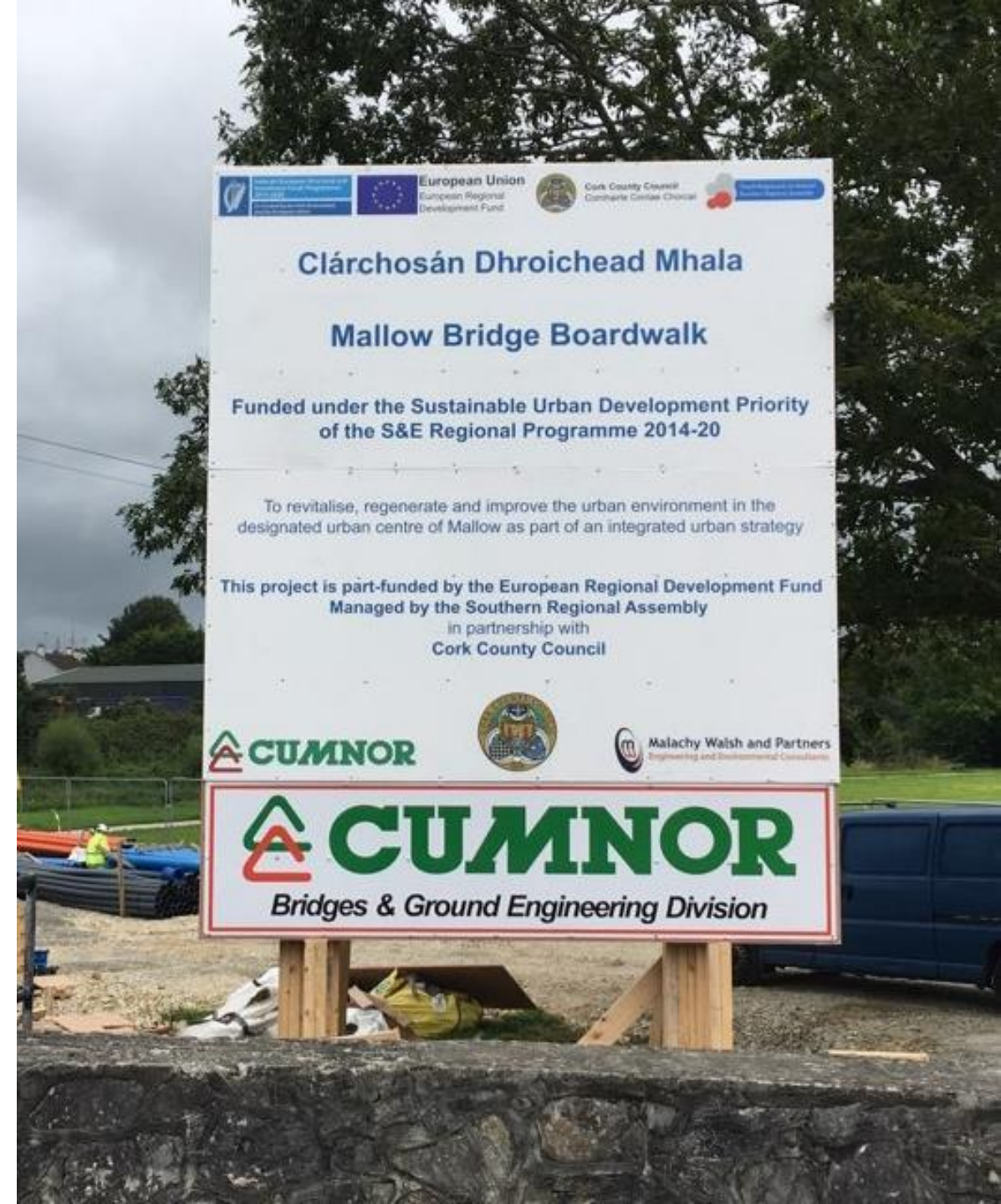
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Funded under the sustainable urban development
priority of the S&E Regional Programme 2014-20
to revitalise, regenerate and improve the urban
environment in the city centre of Cork.

Cork County – Mallow Bridge

ERDF Award: €1m

Status: Physical works to be completed March 2022.
2nd Declaration expected H2 2022.



Clare County – Ennis County Library

ERDF Award: €1m

Status: Physical works expected to start mid March 2022 with a 14-month timetable expected (end May 2023). Declaration expected H1 2023.





Limerick Gateway – Shannon Town Park

ERDF Award: €0.45M

Status: Project physically complete.

Fully declared to MA.



Tralee – Island of Geese

ERDF Award: €1.5m

Status: Works ongoing - expected completion H1 2023.

2nd Declaration expected H3 2022.



Dún Laoghaire Baths

ERDF Award: €1.1m

Status: Works for which ERDF was utilised are completed but project itself is much larger - works on same nearly complete. Full allocation declared to MA. Official opening Q3 2022.



South Dublin County Council: Dodder Valley Greenway

ERDF Award: €1.5m

Status: Physical works
completed - launched
Q4 2021.

Claim currently
undergoing Art 125 MV
by the MA.





Fingal County Council: Swords Castle Cultural & Civic Quarter

ERDF Award: €1.5m

Status: Works ongoing - expected completion H1 2023. Art 125 MV on Claim 1 just completed remotely by MA.



Kilkenny Abbey Creative Quarter

ERDF Award: €1m

Status: Works for which ERDF will be utilised are complete - launched mid 2021.

1st declaration to MA just received March 2022.



Limerick City and County Council: Urban Centre Revitalisation

ERDF Award: €4M

Status: Physical works ongoing.

1st declaration to MA just received March 2022.





Dublin City: Wolfe Tone Square, Temple Bar Square, Liffey Street

ERDF Award: €2.9M

Status: Physical works completed at Wolfe Tone Square & Claim expected Q1 2022. Liffey Str & Temple Bar expected to go to tender H2 2022 and a 9-month timetable of works is expected with claims following asap.

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S&E Regional Programme 2014-20

Information & Communications
Update 2021

6th April 2022





Who are we targeting?

General public

Beneficiaries & Intermediary Bodies

Local, regional, national & EU elected representatives

Public & Private Sectors & representative organisations

Social partners, including the Community & Voluntary Sector

European institutions & bodies

S&E Regional Programme Monitoring Committee

What tools are we using?

Compliance supports for Beneficiaries & Intermediary Bodies

List of Operations updates

Communicators Networks – collaborating for increased visibility

Media Campaigns – online, print & radio

Events & Sponsorship – targeting young people

SEM Regional Programme – communications 21-27 preparation

Supporting Beneficiaries



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Practicalities of complying with the Common Provisions & ERDF Regulations and national guidelines:

- Logo usage & placement
- Planning PR & launch events
- Temporary billboards
- Permanent plaques
- Project webpage



Managing Authority Website

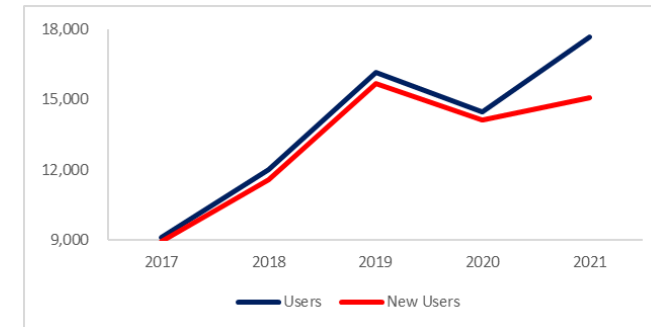
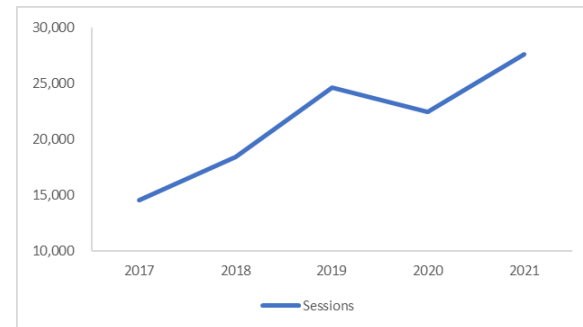


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Regular news pieces on project & programme activities.
Information section for beneficiaries & intermediary bodies.
Updated list of beneficiaries.



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01 Dec

Cohesion policy 2021-2027 – budget in brief

The EU's budget of EUR 392 billion for Cohesion policy over the next seven years represents an investment in national and regional programmes, including those to drive growth, jobs, social...

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01 Sep

EU celebrates contribution to delivering Mary Elmes Bridge

The EU and the Southern Regional Assembly are celebrating how the EU delivers for the regions for the month of September. The "Europe in My Region" initiative is a collaboration between the...

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16 Mar

Public Consultation: Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report & Habitat Regulation Assessment Appropriate Assessment Screening for the SEM Regional Programme 21-27

The Southern Regional Assembly, as designated Managing Authority, is currently preparing the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) co-financed Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional...

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07 May

Europe Day 2021: Celebrating the EU Delivering for the Regions

The EU flag is flying 'virtually' at the Southern Regional Assembly this Europe Day, 9th May 2021, to celebrate 47 years of transformational financial support from the EU for business...

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12 Aug

Wexford Town - Crescent Quay Works

The EU-supported regeneration works at Crescent Quay in Wexford Town are now complete, with only final snagging work remaining which were delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Wexford...

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22 Jun

€207.8 million of EU funding mobilised to support purchase of PPE in the Southern & Eastern region of Ireland

The Irish Government and the Southern Regional Assembly welcomed the allocation of €207.8 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Southern & Eastern (S&E)...

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15 Dec

The Apple Market at Winterval!

It has taken a part of the city with great potential to the next level for citizens and visitors to enjoy. The regeneration of the Apple Market in 2017 has breathed new life into...

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28 Mar

Over 1.5 million EU-funded projects on new public platform

The European Commission has launched Kohesio, a public, EU-wide online searchable platform of over 1.5m projects financed through the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social...

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Online Tools: Managing Authority



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Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn & You Tube



2,552 followers/ average 40k monthly impressions



556 followers/ average post reach 221



354 followers/ average post reach 19



116 followers/ average 660 monthly impressions



EU Fund & Commission Collaborations



Media Campaigns: Europe Day 2021



Regional Media Campaign

9 advertorials in local/ regional newspapers

9 radio advertisements – audience average 38k

5 local radio interviews

Online campaign across ERDF & ETC activity - over 14k Twitter impressions
& 1500 reached on Facebook from 04/05-11/05 2021

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Happy Europe Day! It's 71 years today since the beginning of the European Union & we are celebrating the contribution of the European Regional Development Fund to our regions! Visit ow.ly/oupH50EH9VY for on ERDF in the regions. #europeday #europeday2021 #euinmyregion



Media Campaigns: Europe Day 2021



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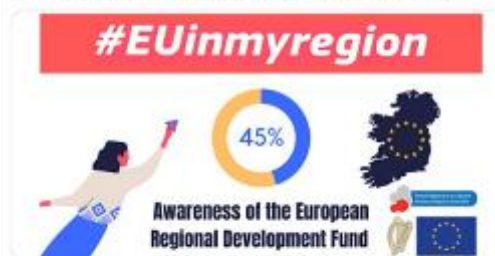
4 page supplement on Europe Day
All ESIF on island of Ireland included

Forewords from Minister for Public Expenditure & Head of the European Commission Office in Ireland

Other Media Campaigns



Overwhelming support the EU in Ireland with over 87% view Ireland's membership as a good thing and has a positive impact on the country. Read more about the results of the EU Funds Public Attitude and Awareness Survey here: ow.ly/HC4W50FjEOL #euinmyregion



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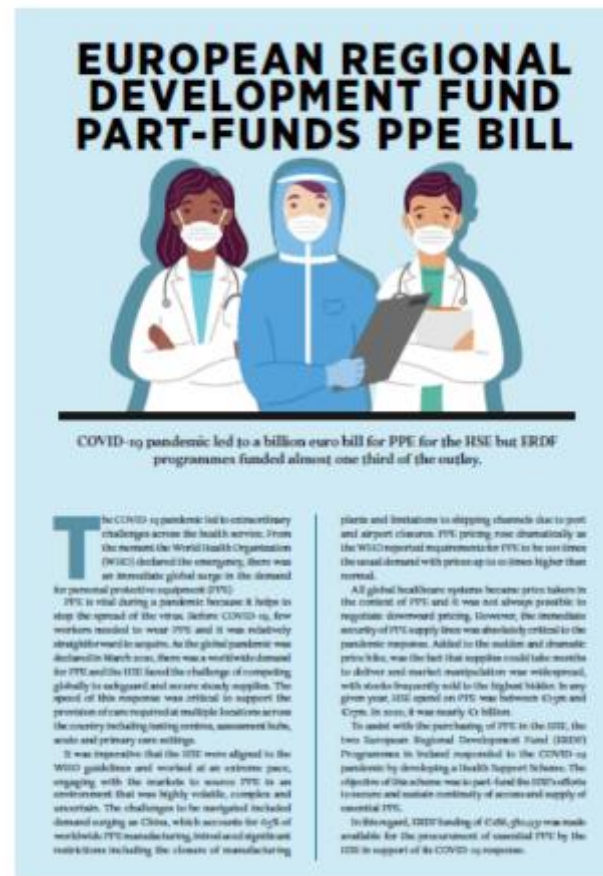
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3 Retweets 6 Likes



June

Public Attitudes & Awareness Survey
Joint online campaign with BMW
ERDF, ESF & EMFF



April/ May

Health Support Scheme
joint online & print
campaign with BMW
ERDF, HSE, Dept. of Health
& Dept. of Public
Expenditure



Council Review



Joint ERDF Programmes article in the Council Review

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND



INVESTING IN A SMARTER, GREENER, MORE SOCIAL EUROPE

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), managed in Ireland by two regional programmes, continues to support sustainable employment opportunities, and helps to develop an environmentally friendly and resource-efficient economy. It has responded to the pandemic by awarding over €317m to the HSE to support the cost of PPE supplies to the Irish healthcare system.

THE ERDF PROGRAMMES IN IRELAND

Two such cofunded regional programmes in Ireland – the Southern & Eastern Regional Programme (S&E) and the Northern, Midland & Western Regional Programme (N&M) – are managed respectively by the Southern Regional Assembly (SRA) and the Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA).

The programmes focus on specific growth opportunities and sectors identified in Ireland's smart specialisation strategy to improve quality of life and to contribute to Ireland's targets for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The ERDF aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by converting imbalances between its regions.

During the 2014-2020 period, approximately €900m was allocated to Ireland by the ERDF through the two regional programmes for the following priorities:

- Research and innovation
- Information and communications technology
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- The promotion of a low-carbon economy

SMALL BUSINESSES SUPPORTED

The ERDF provides co-funding to 24 Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) around the country.

Two small business owners from Clare and Cork, who have benefited greatly due to invaluable grant aid, share their success stories to date, and what the future now holds for their companies.

In 2017, Clare-based business Cat the Wolfie received a Business Financing Grant of €10,000 from LEO Clare, with €14,740 of that grant channelled through the ERDF in 2019.

The idea for Cat the Wolfie came to Hannah Wilson due to a plot from an earlier business, called two different iterations.

Having worked in hospitality in Australia for seven years, an opportunity to travel to Ireland in 2009 also found it difficult to

find high-quality childcare for her four-year-old at the time. As a result, she set up cat the Wolfie, a business of qualified, experienced and paid Irish childcare professionals for children, teens and parents.

With her hospitality background, Hannah realised this concept would also work for the sector and saw a gap in the market for a centre for which willing staff with family employment at short notice.

That was the start of her new business Cat the Wolfie, where pre-set, supervised high-quality sessions are booked when there is work available for employees. It has proved a quick and easy way to expand and attract their workforce.

Hannah Wilson has said the ERDF funding has allowed her to grow the team, invest in software, and create an inclusion platform.

"The support from the ERDF and office strengths, innovation in Ireland. A lot of people to feel because they're not properly rewarded, 100% after entrepreneurs to have peace of mind by providing a safety net."

HERBERT FOR SUCCESS IN COFFEE

Herbert, George Herbert, who is originally from Hungary, was able to get his business off the ground with the support from LEO in Cork. George moved to Ireland with his husband in 2004 to work as an architect. However, when the recession hit, he lost his job. He started a business of coffee, as decided to set up his own business and moved to a coffee roasting machine, while also participating in further training.

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PPE FOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

More recently, the two ERDF Regional Programmes in Ireland also responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by awarding over €317m to the HSE to support the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies to the Irish healthcare system.

PPE has been vital during the pandemic, because it helps to stop the spread of the virus. Before Covid-19, few medical centres had PPE and it was extremely difficult to acquire.

As soon as the global pandemic was declared in March 2020, there was a worldwide demand for PPE and this led to the challenge of competing globally to secure and safeguard supply routes.

The speed of this response was critical to ensure the protection of our people at multiple locations across the country including testing centres, assessment hubs, and in-site and primary care settings.

COVID-19 AND PPE

The ERDF Programmes in Ireland responded by developing a Health Support Scheme, to support the HSE's efforts to secure and ensure continuity of access and supply of essential PPE.

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WOLFE CITY LINE PPE

The ERDF Programmes are developed under an EU partnership model between the European Commission, the Irish Government, the Regional Assemblies, and an innovation competition involving local government, the private sector, third sector and research institutions, and several partners and voluntary groups.

What is ongoing to develop the new programmes to act out how the ERDF funding allocation will be spent and implemented for the 2021-27 period.

These well-established programmes have delivered and benefits for communities throughout Ireland since 2000. The new round of funding from the new programme will help to support sustainable employment opportunities, combat social inclusion, promote research and development, and cultivate an environmentally friendly and resource-efficient economy.

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EU in my Region window exhibition

Collaboration with Waterford
Europe Direct Office
Featuring the Apple Market &
Ireland Wales projects



EU in My Region

Once a trading place for fruit and vegetables in the 18th century, the regeneration of the Apple Market has breathed new life into this historic and popular part of Waterford City, creating a shared space for both vehicles and pedestrians. Waterford City & County Council maximised EU funding from the ERDF Southern & Eastern Regional Programme 2014-20 to realise the 21st century potential of the Apple Market, taking it to the next level for residents and visitors to enjoy. For more: www.southernassembly.ie

Photo: Leo Murphy



EU in My Region

Europe Direct Waterford and the Southern Regional Assembly came together to mark Europe Day in 2019 and 2020, which is celebrated every year on 9 May. The date marks the anniversary of the historical 'Schuman declaration'. At a speech in Paris in 1950, Robert Schuman, the then French foreign minister, set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between Europe's nations unthinkable. This marked the beginning of what is now the European Union.

Photo: John Power



EU in My Region

The history and heritage of Ireland and Wales are shaped by the same influences. Celtic Routes is a project creating new tourism routes along lesser-known paths that celebrate these two nations separated by the sea but linked by their culture, heritage, and natural environment. Celtic Routes is a partnership between three Irish local authorities, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow, Welsh local authorities, and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, which is part-funded by the ERDF through the Ireland Wales Programme 2014-20. For more: www.celticroutes.info

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Preparing for 2021-27



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Cohesion in Europe: Towards 2050

The 8th Cohesion Report

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6 April 2022

8th Cohesion Report - Chapters

- The Regional dimension of the COVID-19 pandemic
- A smarter Europe
- A greener, low-carbon Europe
- A more connected Europe
- A more social and inclusive Europe
- A Europe closer to its citizens
- Better governance
- National investments and cohesion
- The impact of cohesion policy

More information

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/cohesion-report/

[8th Cohesion Forum \(tw.events\)](#)

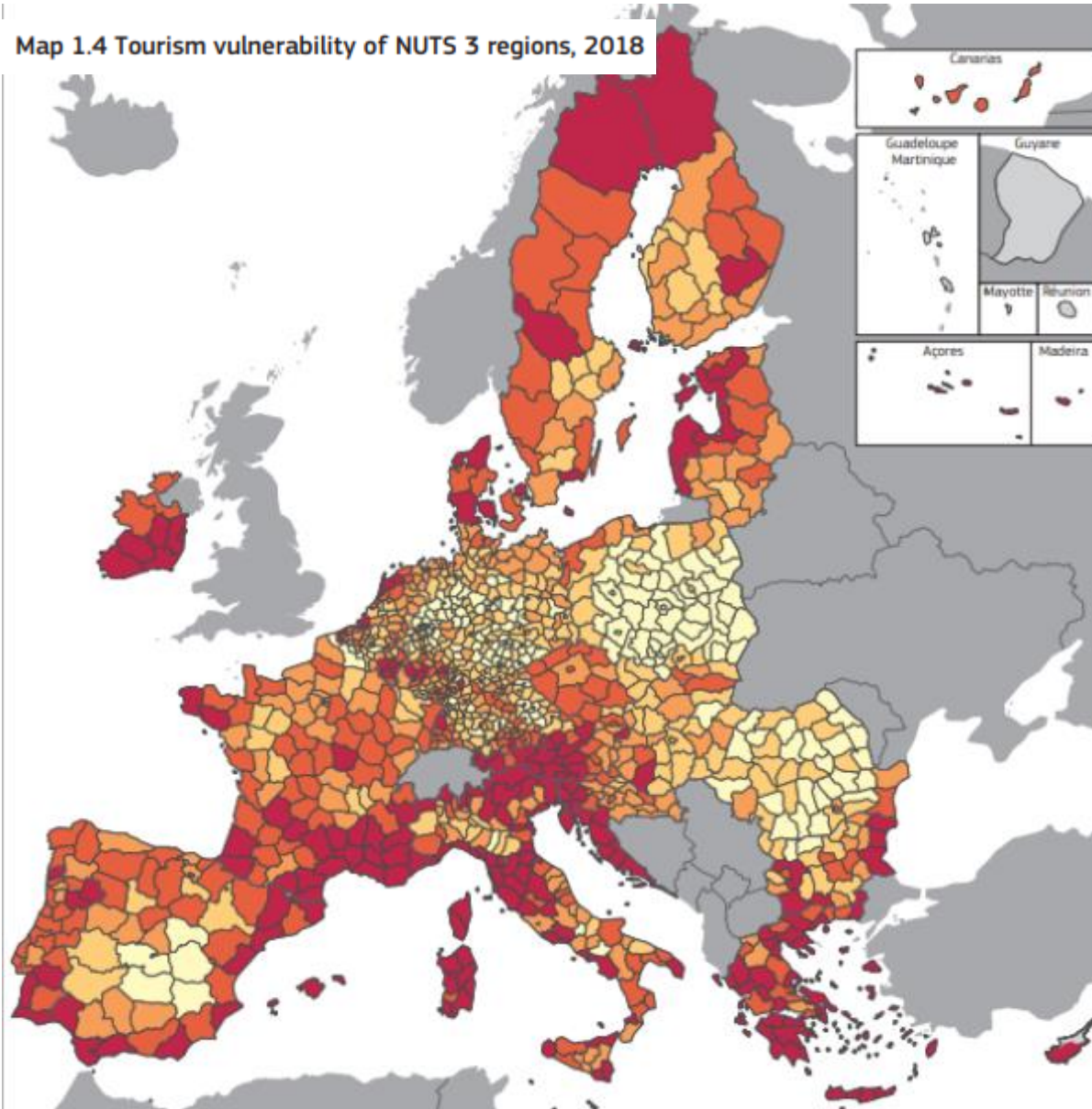
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Key points

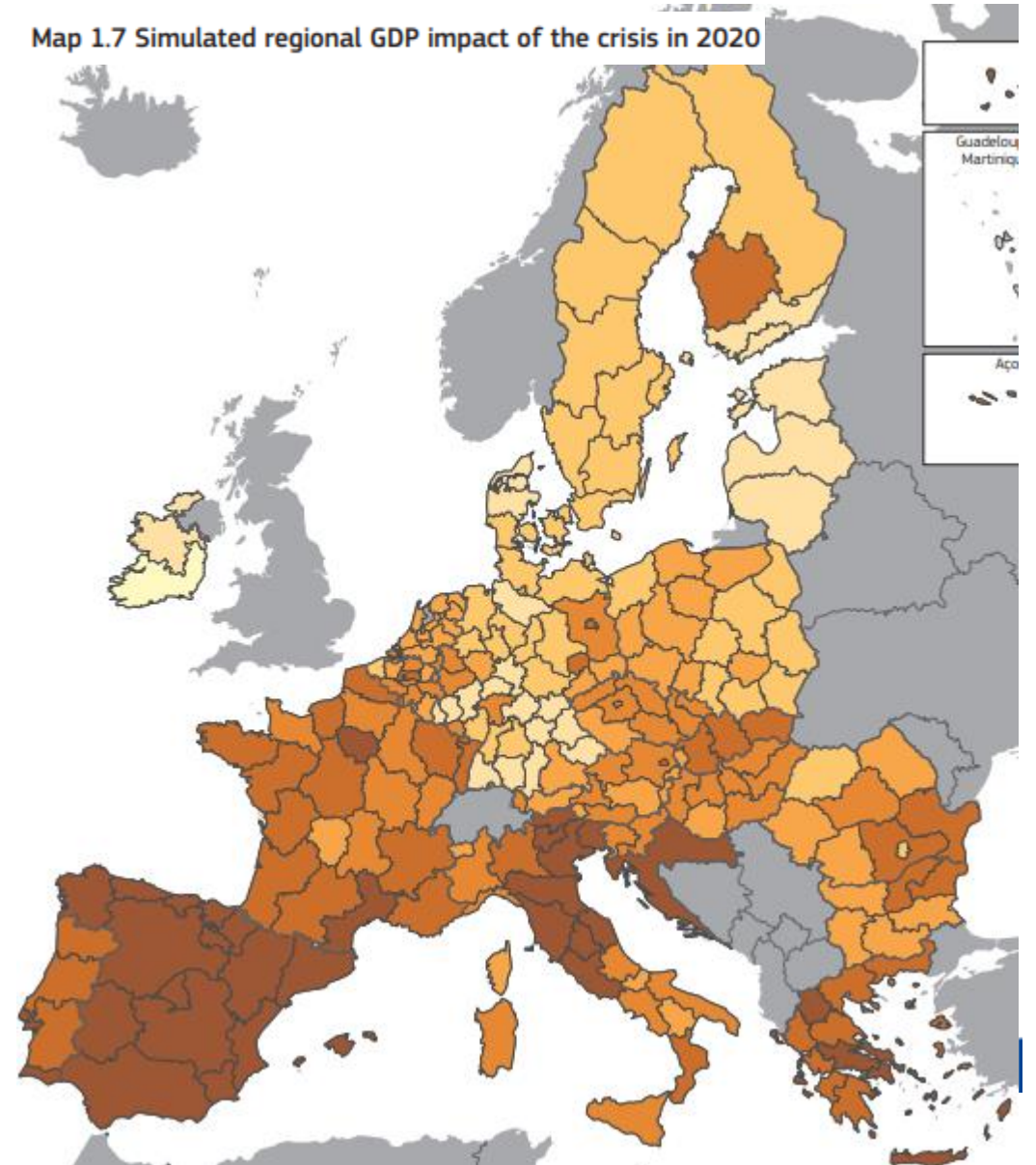
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Impact of the pandemic crisis

Map 1.4 Tourism vulnerability of NUTS 3 regions, 2018



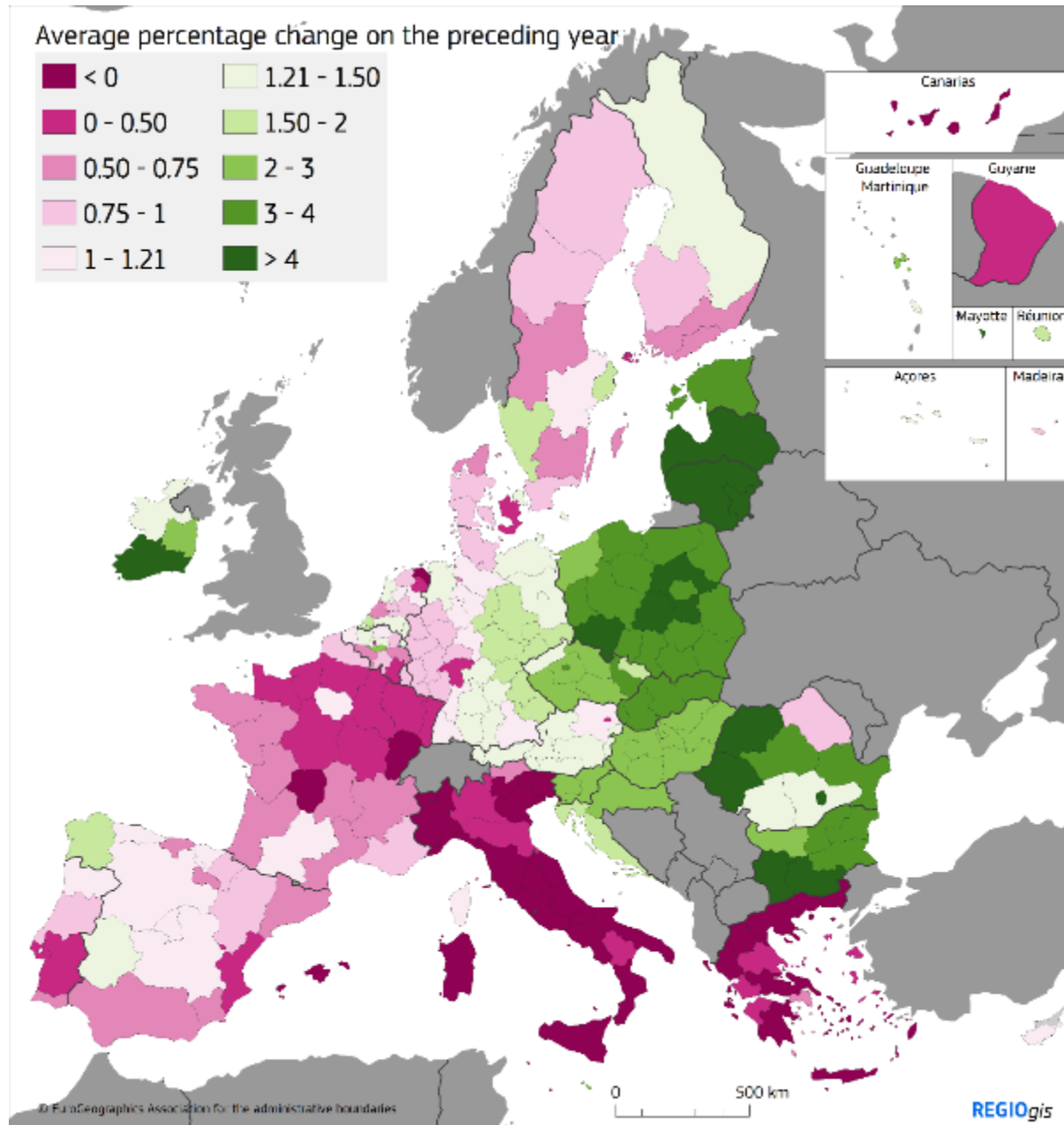
Map 1.7 Simulated regional GDP impact of the crisis in 2020



Key points

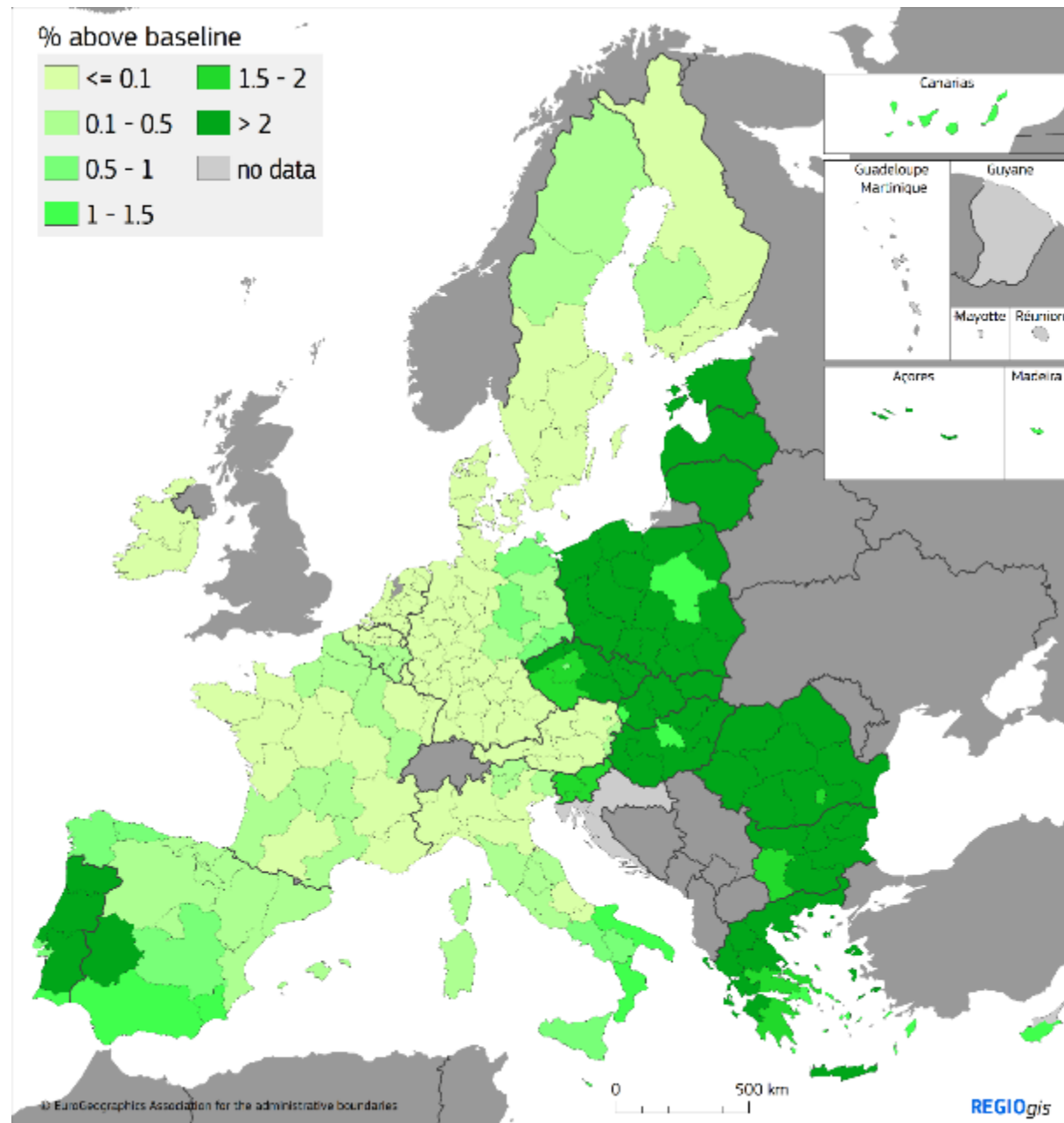
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2. Economic cohesion



Growth of GDP per head, 2001-2019

Less developed regions are catching up

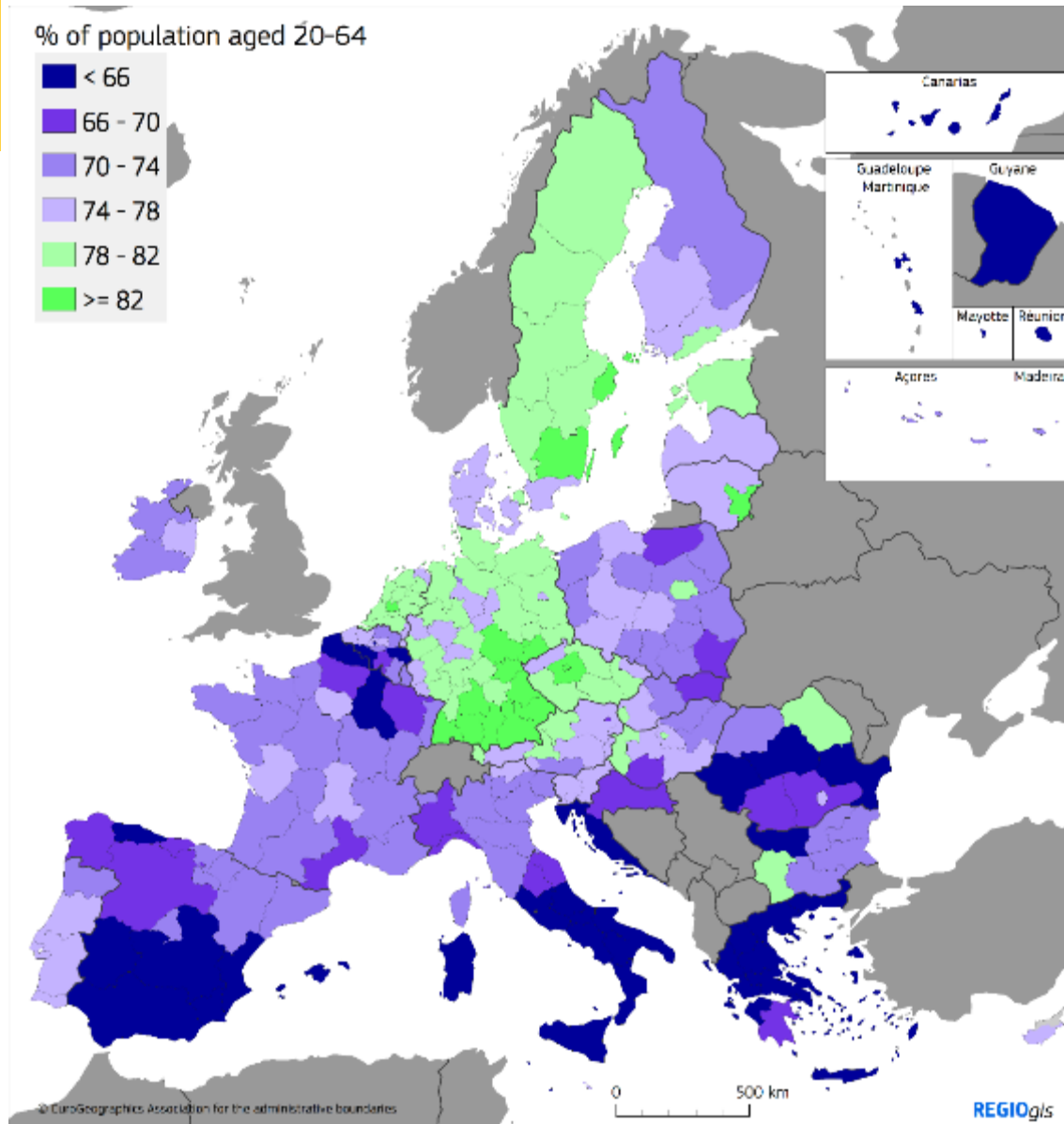


Cohesion policy 2014-2020

Impact of the 2014-2020 cohesion policy programmes on GDP in 2023

Key points

1. Impact of the pandemic crisis
2. Economic cohesion
- 3. Social cohesion**



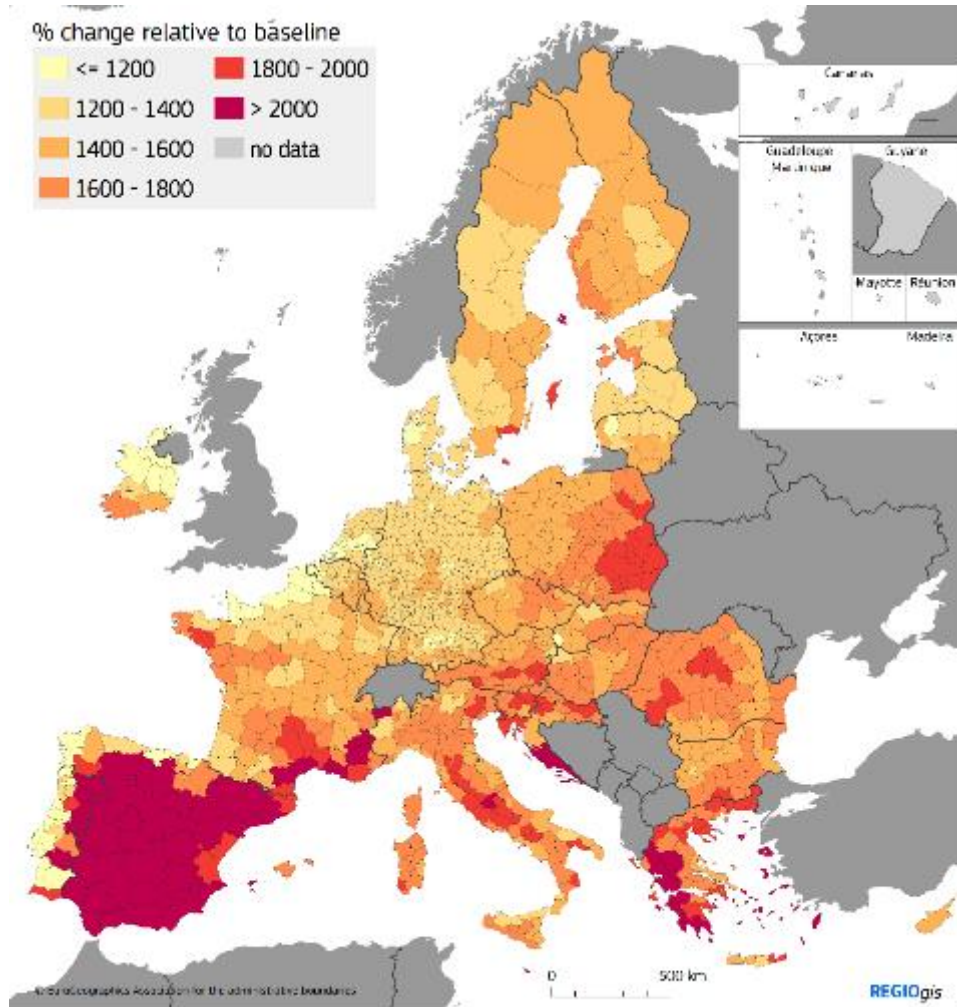
Employment rate (20-64), 2020

Employment
disparities remain
above pre-crisis level

Key points

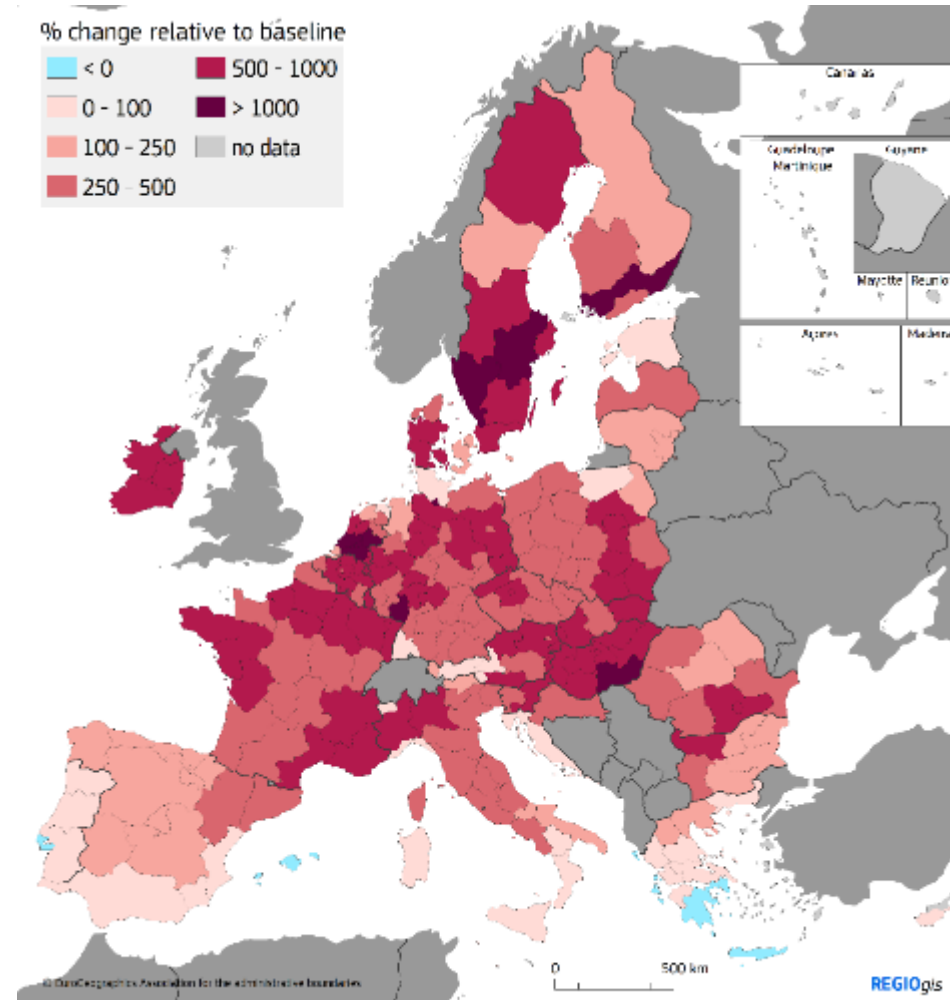
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4. Green transition

A 3°C increase: more heatwaves and more flood damage



Projected change in human exposure to heat waves under a global warming scenario of 3°C

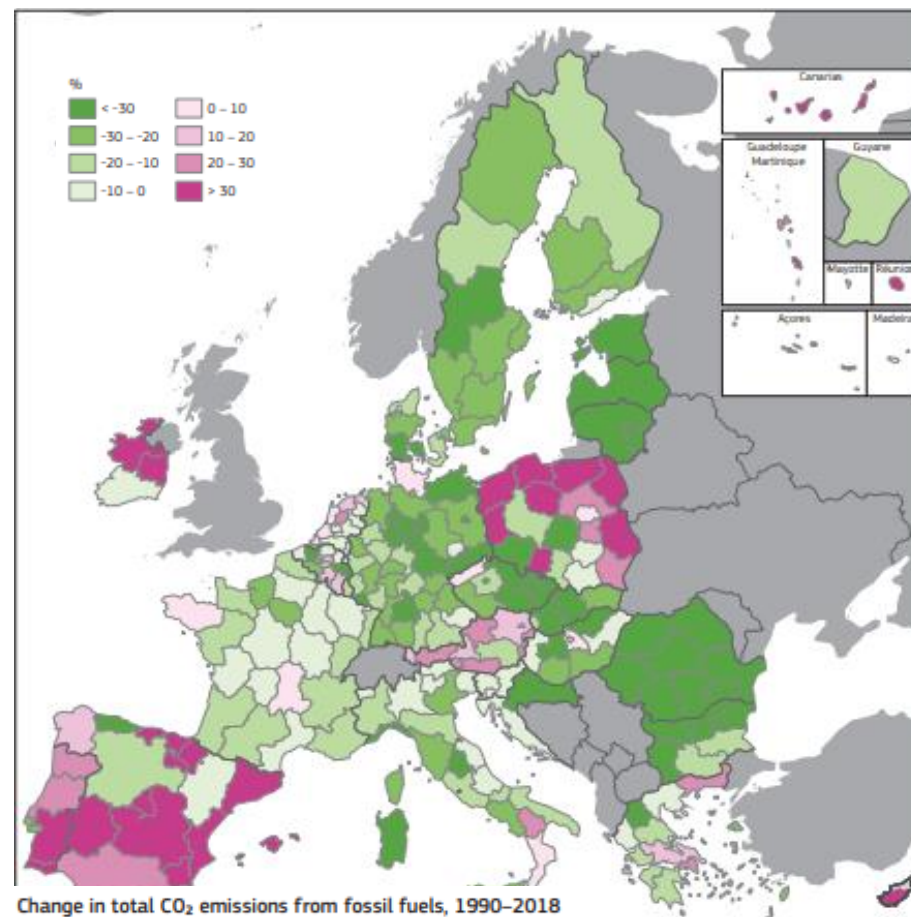
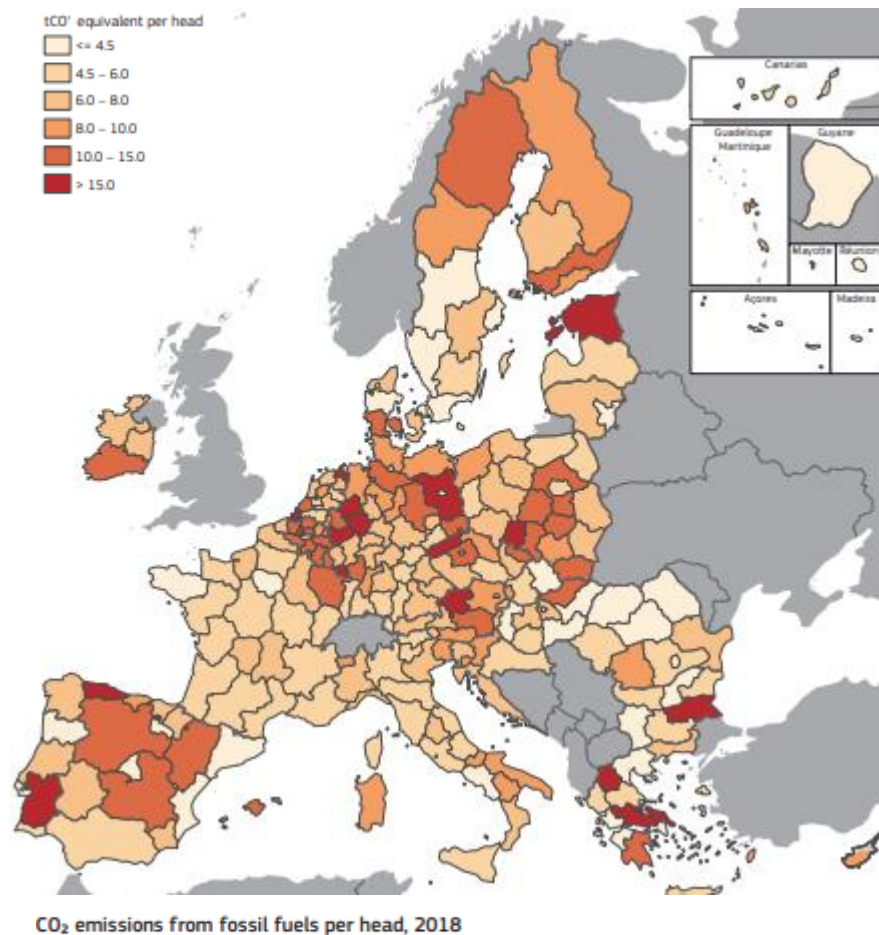
Exposure to heatwaves



Economic damage due to flooding under the 3°C warming scenario, 2100

Damage due to flooding

Transition to a carbon neutral economy



Challenges for cohesion policy

- ❑ **Addressing new drivers of disparities**
- ❑ **Strengthening the role of regions in building Europe's future**
- ❑ **Developing the tools to deliver cohesion towards 2050**

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I- The 2022 European Semester cycle II- Communication on the RRF/NRRP

06 April 2022

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The European Semester = EU's economic governance framework

- **Annual** integrated cycle (set up in 2010) for **coordination** of Member States'
 - ✓ **Economic** policies (incl. surveillance of fiscal policies & macro-economic imbalances)
 - ✓ **Employment** policies
 - ✓ **Social** policies
- **Well established, dynamic & agile instrument**
 - ✓ European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR)
 - ✓ Strengthened link with cohesion policy
 - ✓ **2020 cycle**: Integration of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - ✓ **2021 cycle**: Refocus & enhanced role in response to COVID-19 crisis, Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

The European semester takes the form of a continuous dialogue



- Sets out **policy priorities** (Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy)
- Analyses & monitors **economic & social developments** and assesses progress
- Addresses **country-specific recommendations**

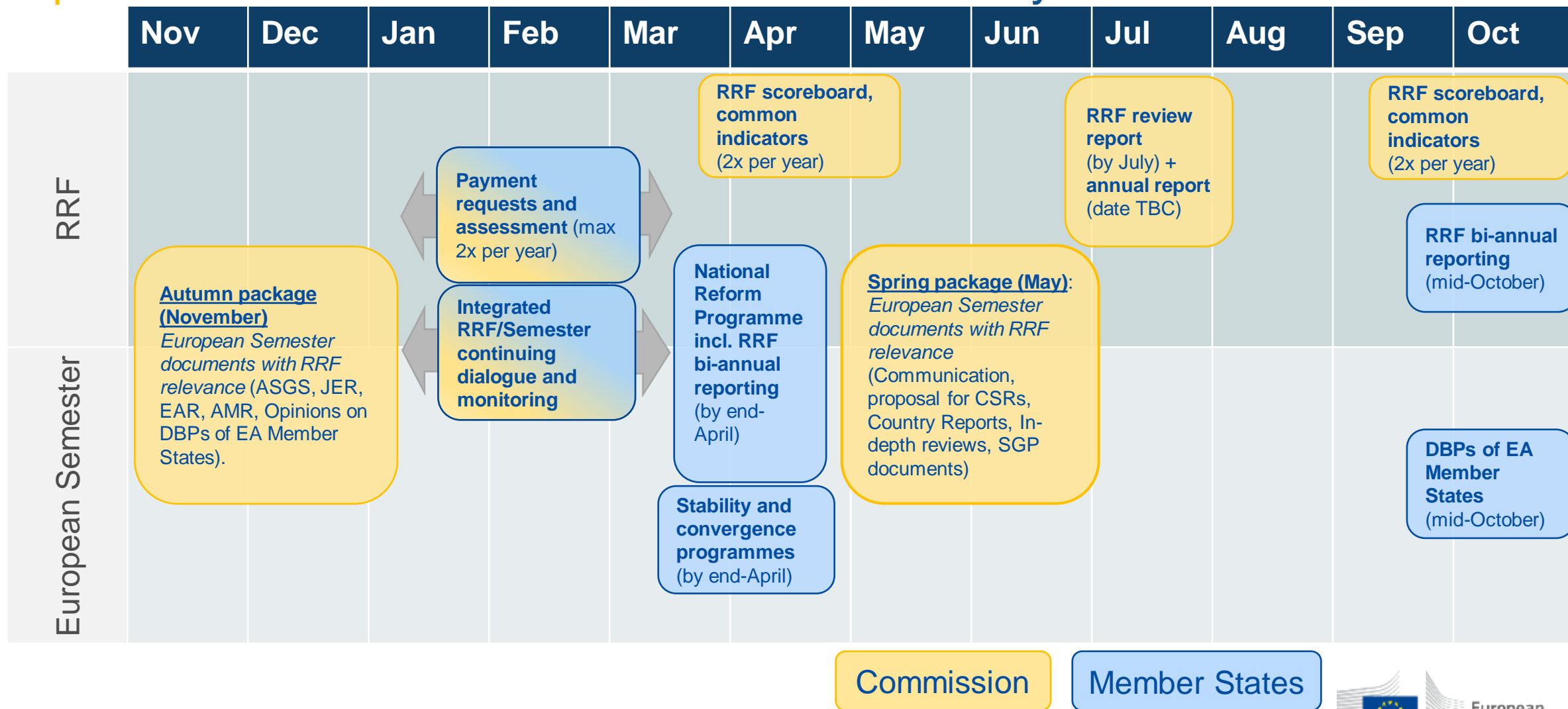


- Submits **policy plans** (National Reform Programme/ National Recovery and Resilience Plan NRRP)
- Submits **fiscal plans** as euro-area member (Stability Programme and draft budgetary plan)

The 2022 European Semester cycle

- Resuming its broad economic and employment policy coordination, while evolving in line with the RRF implementation requirements.
- Autumn Package adopted on 24 November 2021 and Spring Package planned end of May
- Process: Synergies and streamlining reporting requirements between Semester and RRF.
- Revamped [RRF](#) and [Semester](#) web-sites.

European Semester evolves to take into account the Recovery and Resilience Facility



Autumn Package (24 November 2021)

Economic and Employment Policy Coordination

- Annual Sustainable Growth Survey (ASGS)
- Alert Mechanism Report (AMR)
- Recommendation for the euro area (EAR)
- Proposal for a Joint Employment Report (JER)

Fiscal Coordination

- Commission opinions on draft budgetary plans (DPB) for euro area countries, **Chapeau communication** and statistical annex

Post-programme docs

- Enhanced surveillance report for **Greece**
- Post-programme surveillance reports for **Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Cyprus**

Spring Package (end of May)

<u>Economic and Employment Policy coordination</u>	<u>Fiscal and macroeconomic</u>
Chapeau Communication	Assessment of SGPs
27 Country reports	In-depth reviews
27 set of country-specific recommendations	

Country report – Introduction

- Publication will resume as part of the Spring package.
- Will be structured into a MAIN PART (max 10 pages – significantly shorter than in previous Semester exercises) and a SET OF ANNEXES.
- Challenges not (sufficiently) addressed in the RRP will be highlighted as basis for the country specific recommendations (CSRs)

Content and Structure of the Country report

MAIN PART

Part 1 : Snapshot of the economic situation.

Part 2 : Overview of the state of implementation of the RRP and key challenges already covered.

Part 3 : Key challenges ahead (based on the gap analysis/CSR screening exercise)

ANNEXES

Standardized : Introductory text of max ½ page + data in tabular form or graphs.

General principles for CSRs 2022

- Maximum three CSRs:
 - CSR 1 – fiscal: horizontal wording on need to prepare for the end of the general escape clause. Max. 3 sub-parts (incl. fiscal structural) based on sound horizontal analysis
 - CSR 2 – RRP implementation and cohesion policy
 - CSR 3 (optional)



II - MAKING EU ACTIONS VISIBLE: COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY

18 February 2021

RRF communication: Legal basis

- “*The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (...) by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public*”, Art. 26(2) RRF Regulation
- Detailed communication requirements set out in Financial Regulation (2018) and Financing Agreement (to be adopted)
- Visibility requirements similar to what is required under Cohesion Policy
- Communication is no RRP assessment criterion

Guidance to Member States

- Outline of national communication strategy:
 - Raise awareness and ensure recognition of RRF contribution to recovery and twin transition, at project and Member State level, including joint communication with EC
 - Correctly and prominently display in all communication activities at project and Member State level the EU emblem with the funding statement “funded by the European Union—NextGenerationEU”
 - Communicate on the adoption of their final RRP as well as other subsequent key moments; provide draft communication plan for RRP adoption
 - Establish single web space on RRP & projects and publish final RRP
 - Indicate selected kinds of projects for more active promotion and coordinated communication with Commission

Coordination with Member States

- National communication strategies to outline foreseen coordination with the Commission
- Ideas for joint activities:
 - Joint press releases at key communication moments
 - Events with Commissioner
 - Joint social media activities, e.g. on success stories
 - At later stage joint inauguration events



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For more information on the ES 2022 cycle: https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-and-fiscal-policy-coordination/eu-economic-governance-monitoring-prevention-correction/european-semester/european-semester-timeline/2022-european-semester-cycle_en

Nov.2021 ES Autumn package: [2022 European Semester: Autumn package | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

RRF: [Recovery and Resilience Facility | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

NRRP Ireland: [Ireland's recovery and resilience plan | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)



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Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027

Shadow Monitoring Committee



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The Monitoring Committee for the Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027 cannot be formally appointed and act before the Regional Programme has been approved by the European Commission.

In the transition period, there is a need for certain structures to ensure that necessary preparations are carried out, and that the programme administration is established and fully operational from day one.

For this reason, the MC2027 is established as a *shadow* Monitoring Committee until approval of the Regional Programme.



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Presentation Topics

1. Regulatory Basis CPR 2021/1060
 - Art 38 Monitoring Committee
 - Art 39 Composition of the monitoring committee
 - Art 40 Functions of the monitoring committee
2. Recap – Examine | Approve | Recommend
3. Rules of Procedure



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Regulatory Basis

Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) 2021/1060

Title IV Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Visibility

Chapter 1 Monitoring

Article 38 Monitoring committee

Article 39 Composition of the monitoring committee

Article 40 Functions of the monitoring committee

ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1060/oj>



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Article 38 Monitoring Committee

1. Each Member State shall set up **a committee to monitor the implementation of the programme** ('monitoring committee'), after consulting the managing authority, within 3 months of the date of notification to the Member State concerned of the decision approving the programme.
2. **Each monitoring committee shall adopt its rules of procedure**, including provisions regarding the prevention of any conflict of interest and the application of the principle of transparency.
3. **The monitoring committee shall meet at least once a year** and shall review all issues that affect the progress of the programme towards achieving its objectives.
4. The rules of procedure of the monitoring committee and the data and **information shared with the monitoring committee shall be published on the programme website.**



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Article 39 Composition of the Monitoring Committee

1. Each Member State shall determine the composition of the monitoring committee and shall ensure a **balanced representation** of the relevant Member State authorities, intermediate bodies and of the partners...through a transparent process.
 - **Each member of the monitoring committee shall have a vote.** The rules of procedures shall regulate the exercise of the voting right and the details on the procedure in the monitoring committee.
 - **The rules of procedure may allow non-members**, including the EIB, **to participate** in the work of the monitoring committee.
 - The monitoring committee shall be chaired by a representative of the Member State or of the managing authority.
 - The **list of the members of the monitoring committee shall be published** on the programme website.
2. Representatives of the Commission shall participate in the work of the monitoring committee in a **monitoring and an advisory capacity.**



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Article 40 Functions of the monitoring committee

1 of 3

The monitoring committee shall examine:

- a. the **progress in programme implementation** and in achieving the milestones and targets;
- b. any **issues that affect the performance** of the programme and the **measures taken to address those** issues;
- c. the **contribution of the programme to tackling the challenges identified in the relevant country-specific recommendations** that are linked to the implementation of the programme;
- d. the elements of the ex ante assessment listed in Article 58(3) and the strategy document referred to in Article 59(1); *[Articles 58 and 59 relate to Financial Instruments]*
- e. the **progress made in carrying out evaluations**, syntheses of evaluations and **any follow-up** given to findings;



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Article 40 Functions of the monitoring committee

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The monitoring committee shall examine:

- f. the **implementation of communication and visibility actions**;
- g. the progress in implementing **operations of strategic importance**, where relevant;
- h. the **fulfilment of enabling conditions** and their application throughout the programming period;
- i. the **progress in administrative capacity building** for public institutions, partners and beneficiaries, where relevant.
- j. information regarding the implementation of the contribution of the programme to the InvestEU Programme in accordance with Article 14 or of the resources transferred in accordance with Article 26, where applicable.



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Article 40 Functions of the monitoring committee

3 of 3

The monitoring committee shall approve:

- a. The **methodology and criteria used for the selection of operations**
- b. the **final performance report** for the programme
- c. the **evaluation plan** and any amendment thereto;
- d. any proposal by the managing authority for the **amendment of a programme** including for transfers in accordance with Article 24(5) and Article 26

The monitoring committee may make recommendations to the managing authority, including on measures to reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries.



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EXAMINE



APPROVE



RECOMMEND



The monitoring committee may make recommendations to the managing authority, including on measures to reduce the administrative burden for beneficiaries.



Rules of Procedure

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| 1) | Introduction | 9) | Notice of Meeting |
| 2) | Functions | 10) | Agenda |
| 3) | Membership | 11) | Documents |
| 4) | Chair | 12) | Decisions |
| 5) | Secretary | 13) | Minutes |
| 6) | Communications | 14) | Conflict of interest |
| 7) | Meetings | 15) | Transparency |
| 8) | Place of Meeting | 16) | Changes to the Rules |

Rules of procedure of the monitoring committee

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Set out establishment, composition and functions of the Monitoring Committee as per Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the CPR

Chaired by the Director of the Southern Regional Assembly
Secretary is nominated by the Chair

All communications addressed to the Secretary
Meetings at least once a year, called by Chair and notified by Secretary
Place and format of meeting decided by Chair and notified by Secretary
Provision for decision by means of a written procedure



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Rules of Procedure

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| 9) | Notice of Meeting | At least 21 days' notice given via email. Exceptionally, and for urgent reasons, the Chair may reduce the period of notice. Draft agenda to be circulated with notice and approved at commencement of business. |
| 10) | Agenda | |
| 11) | Documents | Documents to be circulated in advance, normally fourteen days. |
| 12) | Decisions | Each member has a vote (two-thirds majority), decisions normally by consensus. |
| 13) | Minutes | Minutes are taken, decisions recorded, then circulated and published. |
| 14) | Conflict of interest | Each member is asked to sign and abide by a Code of Conduct. |
| 15) | Transparency | The work of the Committee will <u>not</u> be confidential. |
| 16) | Changes to the Rules | The Committee may amend the rules. |



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For approval

Draft Rules of Procedure will be presented for formal adoption by the Monitoring Committee on its establishment following the approval by the Commission of the Regional Programme.

In the interim, it is proposed that these draft Rules of Procedure be adopted by the shadow Monitoring Committee.



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Update on ERDF Regional Programme Development



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Topics

1. Programme Areas and Managing Authorities
2. ERDF allocations, national co-funding, thematic concentration requirements
3. Needs Analysis, Public Consultation and Emerging Policies
4. Southern Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027 (DRAFT)
5. Next steps



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ERDF Regional Programme Areas

Three NUTS 2 regions in Ireland

- IE04 Northern & Western
- IE05 Southern
- IE06 Eastern & Midland

Two Regional Programmes

1. Northern & Western Regional Programme:
Region in Transition - 60% ERDF co-financing
2. Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme:
More Developed Regions – 40% ERDF co-financing



ERDF Managing Authorities

Programme	Managing Authority
Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme	Southern Regional Assembly, <i>in close collaboration with the Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly</i>
Northern & Western Regional Programme	Northern & Western Regional Assembly



ERDF Allocations, national co-funding and thematic concentration

Southern, Eastern & Midland Programme

€663,693,703

- ERDF **€265,477,481** + National €398,216,222
- More Developed Regions - co-funding 40% ERDF / 60% National
- Minimum 85% ERDF resources committed to PO1 and PO2
- Minimum 30% ERDF resources committed to PO2
- Minimum 8% ERDF resources committed to Sustainable Urban Development

Northern & Western Programme

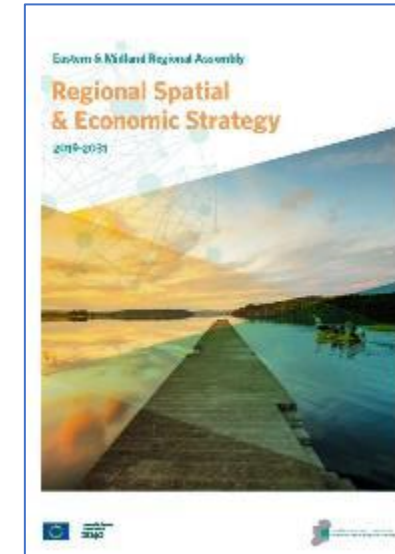
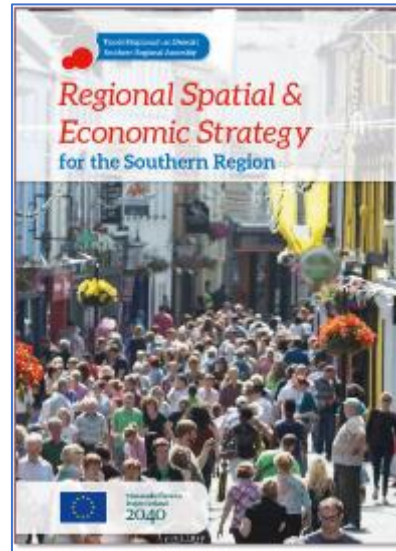
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- ERDF **€130,238,540** + National €86,825,693
- Region in Transition - co-funding 60% ERDF / 40% National
- Minimum 40% ERDF resources committed to PO1
- Minimum 30% ERDF resources committed to PO2
- Minimum 8% ERDF resources committed to Sustainable Urban Development




Needs Analysis, Public Consultation & Emerging Policies

Key documents include:

- Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies
- Country Specific Reports 2019 & 2020
- Indecon Needs Analysis
- Public Consultation Report
- National Recovery & Resilience Plan
- National Development Plan (Review)
- Smart Specialisation Strategy (draft)
- Climate Action Plan 2021
- Town Centre First Policy



Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027 (DRAFT)

Policy Objective	Specific Objective	Actions	ERDF as % of Total non-TA ERDF Available
PO1 	RSO1.1 & RSO1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity building within universities and technological universities (TUs) ○ Accelerating the translation of cutting-edge research into commercial applications at a regional level ○ Supporting innovation diffusion, enterprise innovation and entrepreneurship in the regions ○ Strengthening and developing functional regional innovation ecosystems that support innovation diffusion, enterprise innovation and entrepreneurship in the regions 	56%
PO2 	RSO2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving the energy efficiency of residential homes for those at risk of energy poverty 	30%
PO5 	RSO1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting an integrated strategic approach to the regeneration of our towns using Town Centre First approach 	14%

Next steps

- Strategic Environmental Assessment - Public Consultation
- Finalise text and targets in draft Regional Programme document
- Finalise Performance Framework Methodology document
- Informal Programme Submission
- Amendments if required
- Formal Programme Submission
- Programme Approval



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KT Boost

Imelda Lambkin
Enterprise Ireland

Regional Programme	Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Operational Programme 2021-2027
Priority	Smarter and More Competitive Regions
Policy Objective	PO1 A more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity
Specific Objective	RSO1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
Call for proposals	KT Boost
Intervention Code	012. Research and innovation activities in public research centres, higher education and centres of competence including networking (industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies)
Gender equality dimension	02. Gender mainstreaming
Form of finance	01. Grant



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Description of Intervention

The programme will build and enhance the capacity and capability to support research commercialisation and associated outcomes in the university and the technological university sector. This will be delivered through funding for people including the recruitment and development of new skill sets and training within HEI Innovation Offices. The programme is expected to deliver skills sets that support an increase in research commercialisation outcomes within the university and TU sector nationally and regionally and develop a consistent operational quality across these sectors.

Programme outcomes are expected to be:

- The creation of more High Potential Start-up companies (HPSU) derived from spin-outs from research, including stocking the EI Commercialisation Fund pipeline
- An increase in the volume of licences to intellectual property (IP) for companies
- An increase in the volume of research collaboration agreements with companies
- A measurable and improving quality in service to companies, investors and founders provided through the Innovation Office, including swift and simplified transactions



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Next steps

1. The Managing Authority will circulate to the shadow Monitoring Committee a request for approval by written procedure of the selection methodology and criteria for KT Boost.
2. Approval of the selection methodology and criteria for this and other schemes does not guarantee the schemes' inclusion in the final approved programme.
3. Any award of ERDF funding (and the corresponding matching national contribution as provided for in the National Development Plan) is contingent on the inclusion of the scheme in the final approved programme.
4. The first official meeting of the Monitoring Committee can only take place following the adoption of the programme, and during this meeting all decisions taken by the shadow committee must be re-confirmed.



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