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COHESION POLICY

POST 2027

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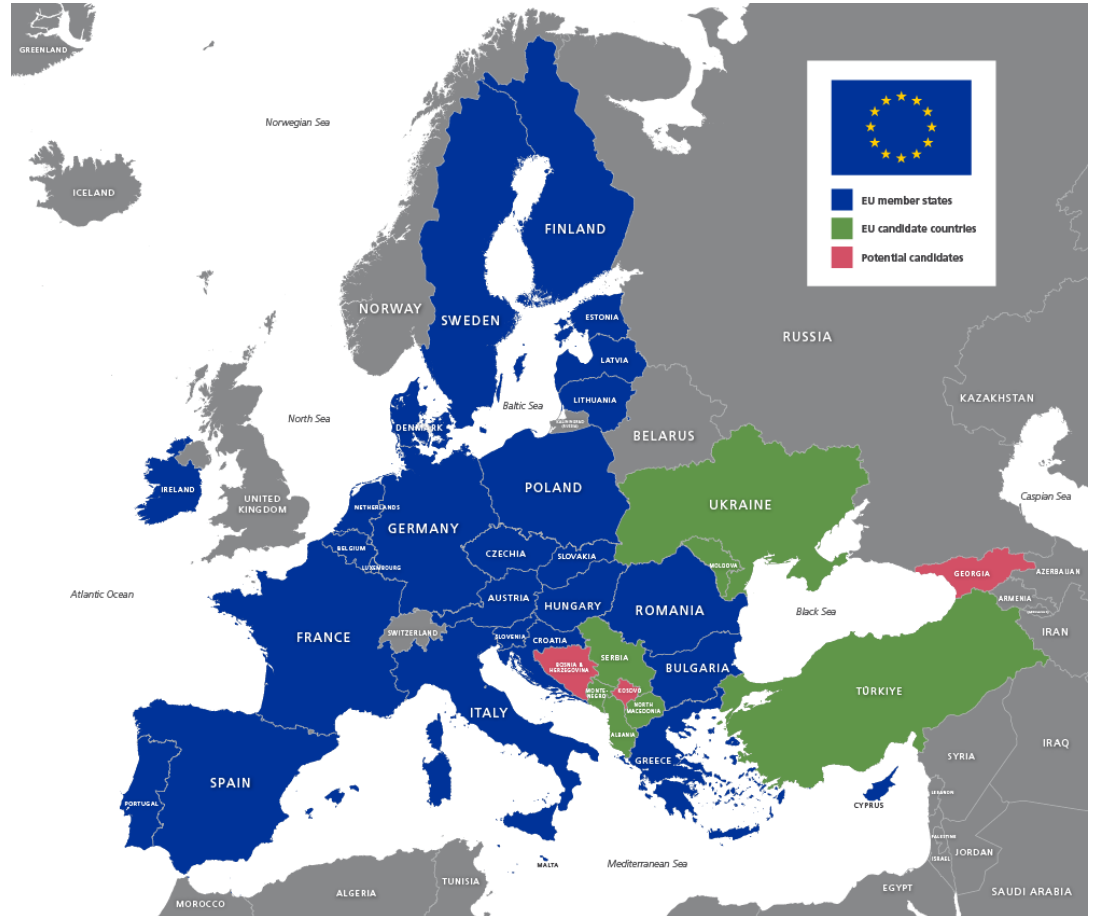


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EU's main investment policy

- job creation
- business competitiveness
- economic growth
- sustainable development
- improvements to citizens' quality of life

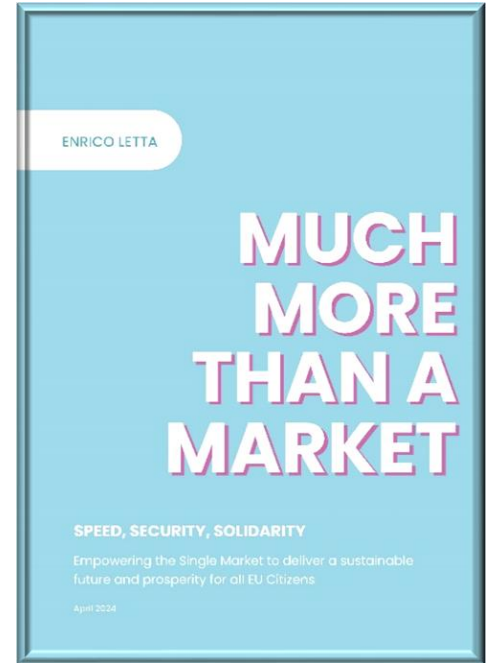
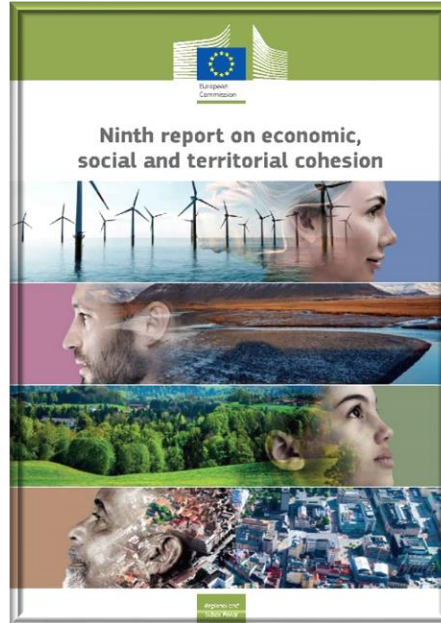
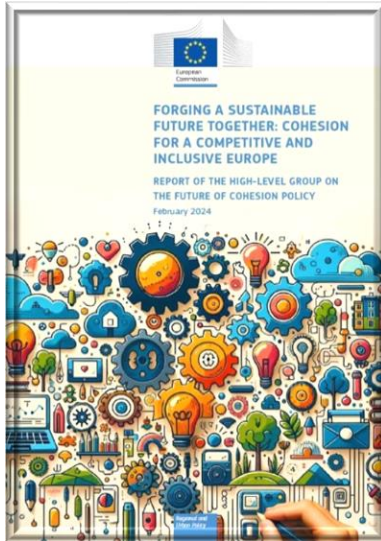




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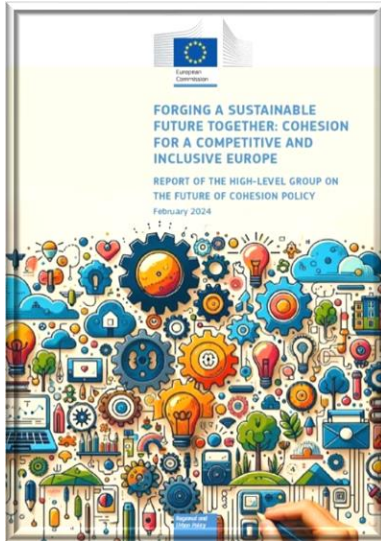
Active debate on future of cohesion policy Post 2027





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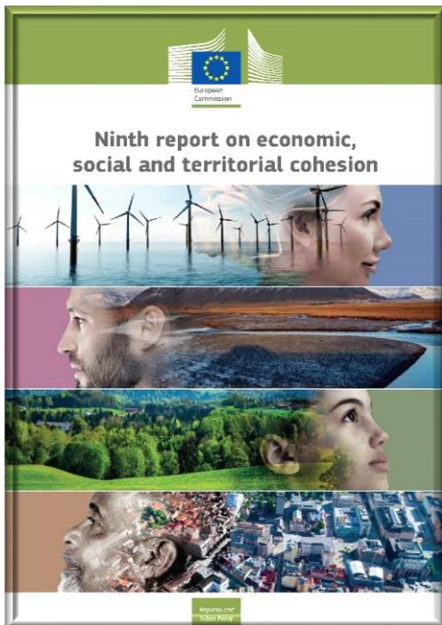


High Level Group

- Why is Cohesion Policy crucial?
- What does Cohesion Policy do?
- How can Cohesion Policy better fulfil its mission?

Key takeaways

- place-based,
- human capital development and social integration
- use local capabilities
- capacity-building and innovation
- strong partnership and shared management,
- more performance-based,
- streamline its administrative procedures
- driving sustainable development



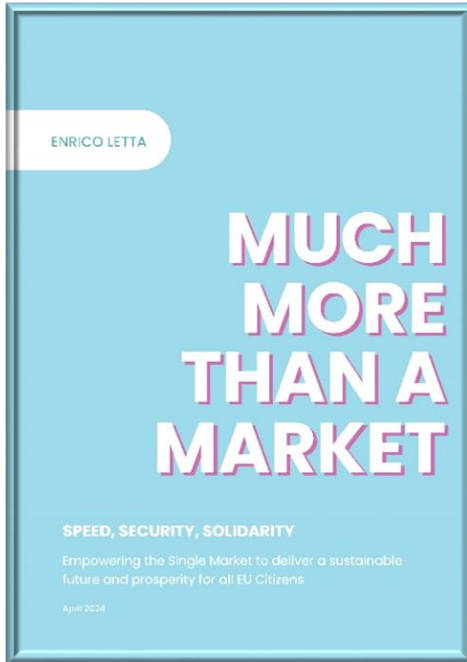
- Economic Convergence: A lot done but challenges remain
- Impact of COVID-19
- Green and Digital Transitions
- Social Inclusion and Equality
- Territorial Challenges
- Policy Recommendations:
 - Enhanced Flexibility:
 - Integrated Approaches:
 - Increased Funding:
- Future Outlook:
 - Resilience and Adaptation
 - Long-term Vision



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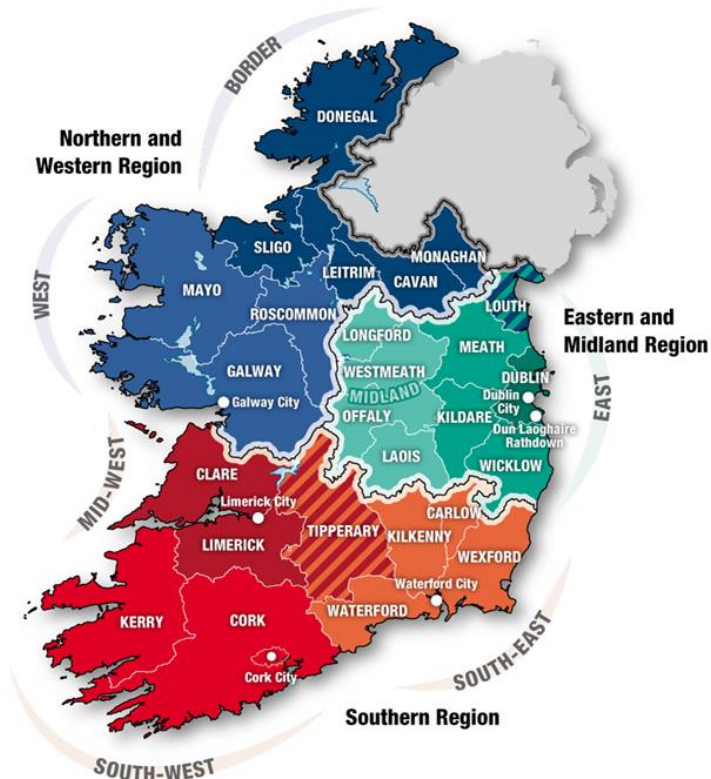
- Reinforcement of the Single Market:
- Digital and Green Transitions:
- Impt of effective & dynamic Cohesion Policy:
- Strategic Autonomy:
- Social Dimension:
- Innovation and Research:



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Initial Regional Assembly Position



1. Cohesion policy to be preserved as the main EU investment policy for regions.
2. Cohesion policy to strengthen the place-based approach.
3. All regions to be eligible for cohesion policy funding,
4. Shared management to remain as a fundamental principle of cohesion policy.
5. No one size fits all approach to cohesion policy.
6. All strands of ETC programmes to be maintained, including focus on the urban dimension.
7. Greater simplification of rules for effective programming and implementation.
8. Reduction in the administrative burden
9. A renewed cohesion policy with strong political leadership and an adequate administrative set up in the next European Commission.



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EU Wide Alliances

PRESS RELEASE – 24 June 2024 – Brussels

120 European regions write to Ursula von der Leyen to defend economic, social and territorial cohesion

On 31st of May, 120 regions from 15 member states sent a [letter](#) to Ursula von der Leyen requesting a meeting to discuss the future of cohesion policy.

On the eve of a new mandate for the European Commission and with a view to the future multiannual EU budget, the regions insist on the importance of cohesion policy as a tangible solution close to citizens to address EU challenges. Cohesion policy is a unique instrument



JOINT LETTER OF EUROPEAN REGIONS ON THE FUTURE OF COHESION POLICY

Mrs Ursula VON DER LEYEN, President of the European Commission
105, rue de la Woluwe 120/130, Brussels
Belgium

Mrs Anne MULLER, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reform
105, rue de la Woluwe 120/130, Brussels
Belgium

Mrs Catherine BERTRAND, Commissioner for Budget and Administration

Dear President von der Leyen,

We are writing to you, Sirs, as representatives of 111 regions of Europe from 18 countries to express our concern for the future of Cohesion Policy. We, the Regions are at the heart of Europe, bringing Europe closer to the people and are a significant force for development and regional growth.



Joint Call
A renewed Cohesion Policy for post-2027 that leaves no one behind

We, elected representatives of regions and cities across Europe, call on the European institutions and national governments to deliver a comprehensive Cohesion Policy for the strengthening of economic, economic and territorial cohesion at the next stage.

We have already taken on the social, economic and territorial challenges of the 21st century. We have already taken on the challenges of the 21st century. We have already taken on the challenges of the 21st century. We have already taken on the challenges of the 21st century.

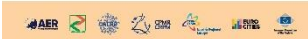
Cohesion Policy is the glue that keeps Europe together and is the most visible and tangible way for the people of Europe to feel the impact of the EU. It is the most visible and tangible way for the people of Europe to feel the impact of the EU.

We therefore call for Cohesion Policy to remain a fundamental pillar of the EU's development model and the only large-scale discretionary investment policy within the post-2027 EU budgetary framework. In the same time, Cohesion Policy should ensure sufficient capacity to respond to unforeseen needs.

To properly answer current and future challenges, we advocate a renewed Cohesion Policy for the post-2027 period, based on the following objectives:

- It should maintain its role as a social, economic and territorial policy. All Member States should be able to benefit from it. It should be a key instrument for the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU. It should be a key instrument for the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU.
- It should help to tackle social, economic and territorial cohesion within the new open and digital policy and the strategic autonomy of the EU. It should be a key instrument for the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU.

- A policy driven by the overarching goal of "just transition" - the transformation path towards climate neutrality will ensure more resilient and sustainable economic growth. It will lead to the deployment and creation of new jobs, particularly in green and digital sectors. It will ensure that the most vulnerable regions and citizens are not left behind.
- A policy that builds on previous solutions - the diversity of the Member States is a strength of the EU. It will ensure that the most vulnerable regions and citizens are not left behind.
- A policy that supports the green and digital transitions - the transition to a green and digital economy is a key challenge for the EU. It will ensure that the most vulnerable regions and citizens are not left behind.
- A policy that strengthens the role of regions and cities - regions and cities are the backbone of the EU. It will ensure that the most vulnerable regions and citizens are not left behind.
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Thank You

