

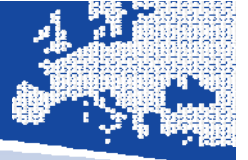


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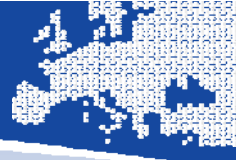
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# Cohesion Policy 2007-13





- **Key targets:**
  - Growth, competitiveness & employment
  - Sustainable Development
- **Key principles:**
  - Complementary and additionality of EU funds
  - Principle of ‘shared management’:
    - EC view on strategic levels – plans
    - MS responsible for the implementation of Operational Programmes and decide on specific projects



European Union  
Regional Policy

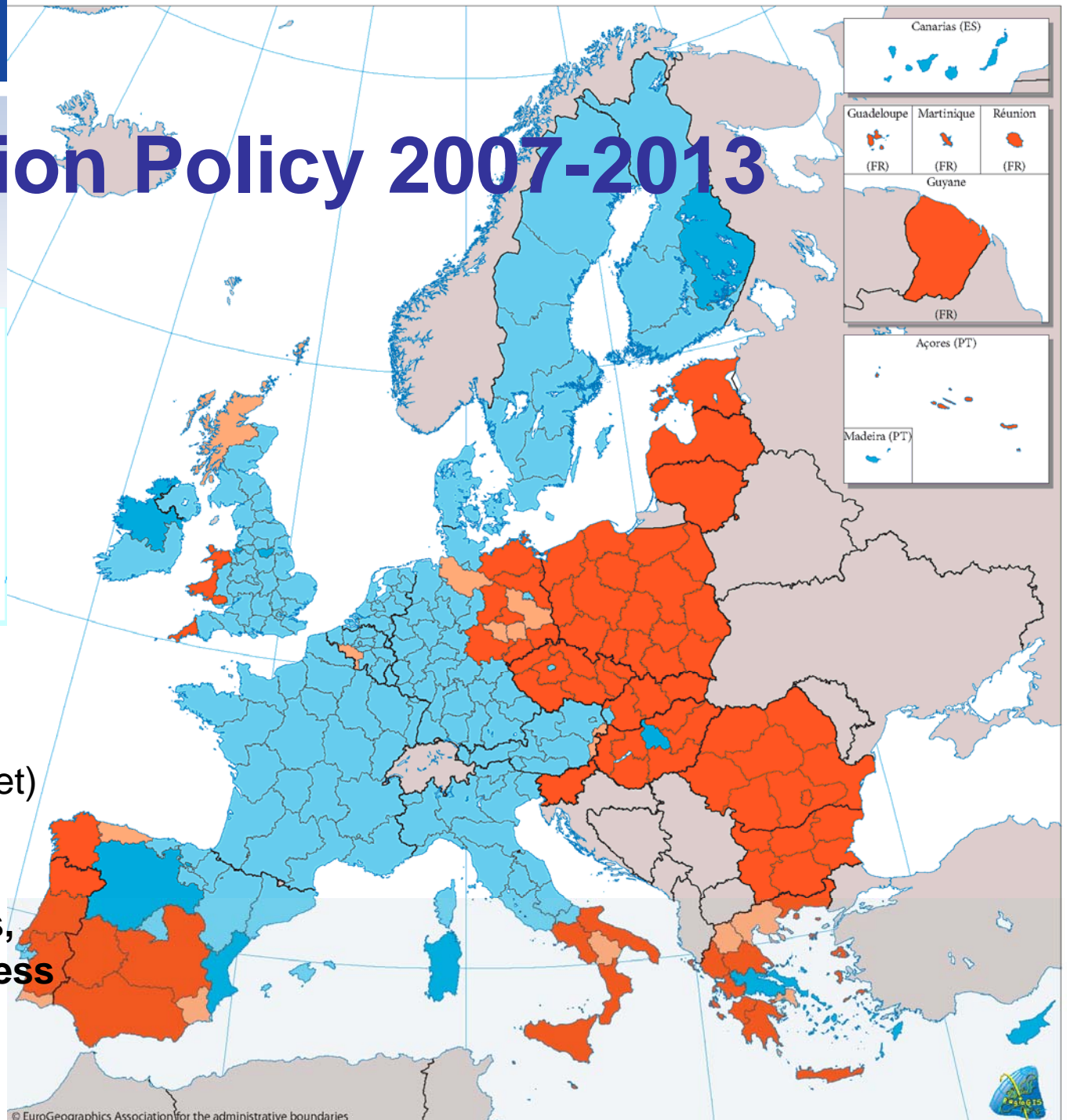
# EU Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

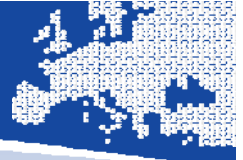
*Eligible Regions*

-  Convergence Regions
-  Phasing-out Regions
-  Phasing-in Regions
-  Competitiveness and Employment Regions

**Total Budget:**  
**EUR 347.4 Bn**  
(35,6% of the EU-Budget)

Of which **82%** for  
**Convergence Regions,**  
**15%** for **Competitiveness**



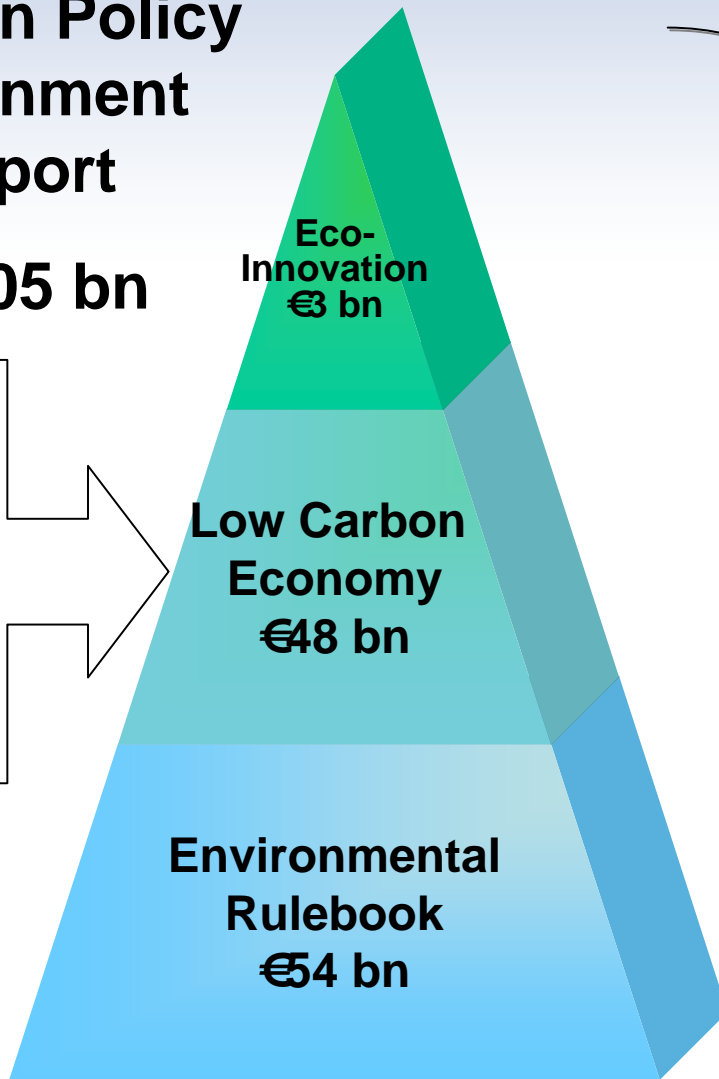


# Cohesion Policy Environment Support

= €105 bn

Renewable energies €  
4.8 billion

Energy efficiency:  
€4.2 billion



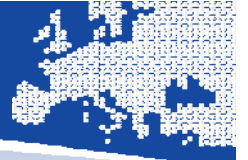
**30% of total  
Cohesion Policy  
funds 2007-2013**

- 3 times more than  
in 2000-2006 (€37  
billion)

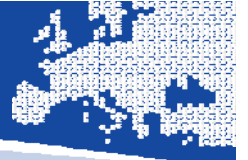
Position EU as  
lead market in  
green technologies

Create new and  
sustainable jobs in  
local economies  
(growth)

Improve and  
protects the  
environment

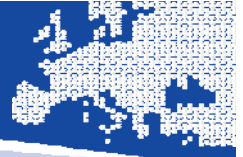


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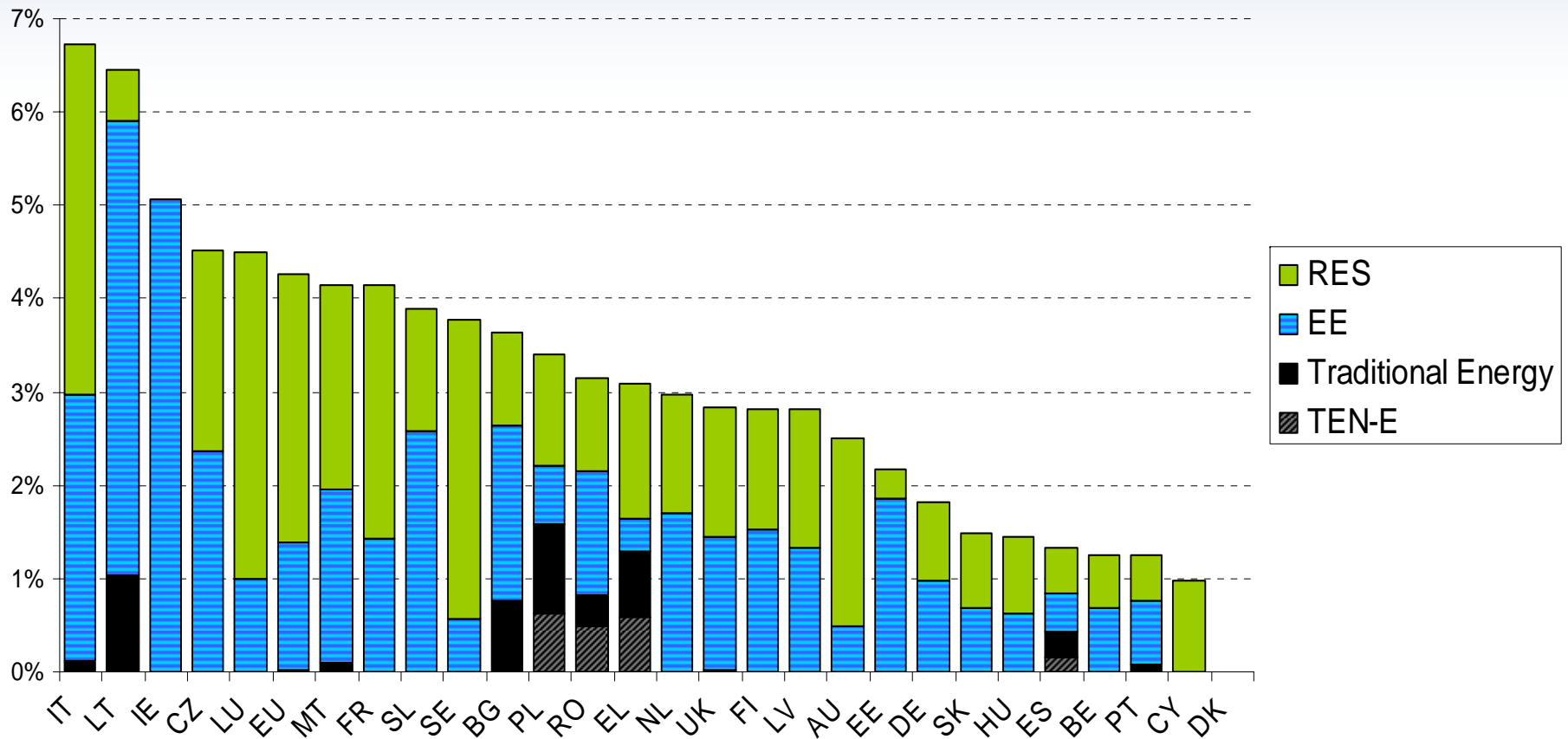


# Cohesion Policy support for Sustainable Energy

- **Community Strategic Guidelines** for Cohesion 2007-13 “address Europe’s intensive use of traditional energy sources” → promote Energy Efficiency & Renewables.
- **New!** Proposed **ERDF Amendment** may support energy investments in existing housing in EU 27 - up to 4% of total allocation to the MS.

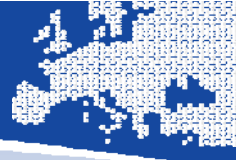


# Allocations to Energy Sector as % of total CP allocations per MS 2007-2013



Source: Infoview 2008





# Examples of projects

## POWER project

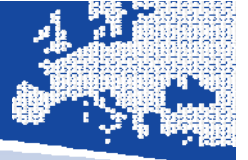
€5.8m inter-regional programme co-funded by INTERREG IVC

- Aimed at driving Low Carbon Economies
- 7 EU regions: Andalucia;Emilia-Romagna;Malopolska;Noord-Brabant;South East England;Stockholm;Tallinn
- 5 areas for joint co-operation and pilot initiatives:
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Renewable Energies
  - Eco-innovation and environmental technologies
  - Sustainable transport
  - Behaviour Change
- <http://www.powerprogramme.eu/>



**POWER**  
Low Carbon Economies





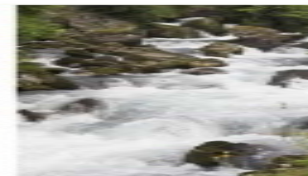
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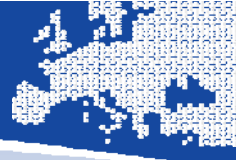
## Lahti Cleantech cluster

ERDF and 5th Framework Programme, 2004–07

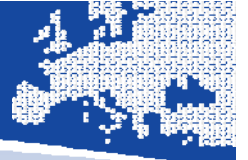
€3.5 million in total, of which €1.5 million in European funding

- Encourages innovation and investment in environmental technologies
- 20 clean-tech companies and organisations relocated to the region
- Attracted investment worth more than €30 million
- Some 170 new jobs to the region





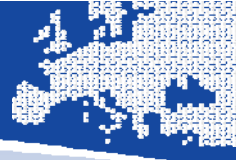
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# The Future Cohesion Policy?

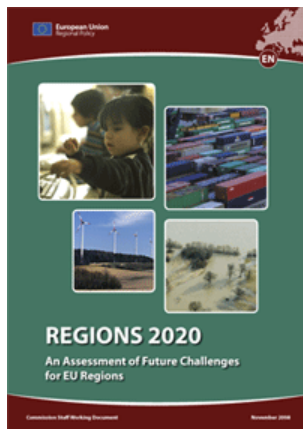
## *Main Issues:*

- Improving the way regional and local resources **from all** territories are used, so that they contribute to the competitiveness of all Europe.
- Focusing the policy more on results so that its impact can be better measured.
- Continue simplifying the process used to implement the policy, at the same time ensuring it remains effective.
- Focusing the policy towards the future and helping regions deal with future challenges.



# Regions 2020 – Regional Vulnerability to Global Challenges

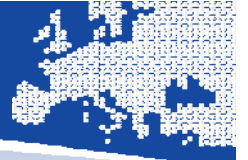
- Analyse vulnerability of regions to the challenges from globalisation, demographic change, climate change and energy.
- Regions most vulnerable to 2020 challenges are peripheral, so exacerbates existing disparities.



## Conclusions for future:

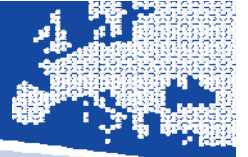
- Continued focus on the **Lisbon objectives**.
- Reinforcement of investments to address the challenges posed by the shift to the **low carbon economy**.
- Reinforced **territorial cooperation** to address common problems.

See: [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/docoffic/working/regions2020/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/working/regions2020/index_en.htm)



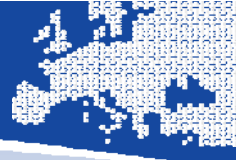
# Barca Report - Conclusions

1. Strong rationale for allocating a large share of the EU budget to a “**place-based development strategy**”
2. Cohesion policy provides the appropriate basis for this strategy, but a **comprehensive reform is needed**



# Barca Report - An agenda for a reformed Cohesion Policy

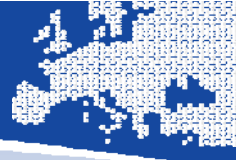
1. **Focusing resources** on core priorities
2. **Results oriented** - new strategic framework (by Spring 2012).
3. **Mobilising & Learning** - Promoting experimentation and mobilising local actors. Promoting evaluation that focuses on “what works”, “for whom” and “why”
4. **Strengthening the Commission** - more ambitious and demanding role for the Commission. Enhanced coordination between DGs.
5. **Reinforcing political checks and balances** include more active role for Council and European Parliament.



# New focus on climate change & energy challenges?

- Cohesion Policy must take account of the impact on climate change when designing measures
- Climate Change has asymmetric impacts (also across borders) & regions have differentiated capacity to adapt therefore rationale for place-based intervention
- **Adapting to climate change and a low-carbon economy is potentially a relevant issue for EU cohesion policy.**





**Thank you!**

***Any questions?***