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1. Update on the negotiations: Good progress

- **Council:**

Polish Presidency: GAC 16/12/2011

Danish Presidency: GAC 24/04/2012

GAC 26/06/2012

- **European Parliament: on going**

Ambition = legislative package + financial perspectives by end of 2012 / early 2013



2. Common Strategic Framework (CSF)

Purpose of the CSF and Staff Working Document

Purpose of CSF

"The Commission should adopt by delegated act a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments."

(Recital 14 of the Common Provisions Regulation)

Purpose of Staff Working Document

To set out the main elements of the CSF as a basis for discussion with the other EU institutions

Elements of the CSF

- *Thematic objectives and key actions – the role of the CSF funds in relation to Europe 2020*
 - *Coherence and consistency with EU economic governance*
 - *Reinforcing coordination and integration among the CSF Funds and with other EU policies and instruments*
 - *Horizontal principles and policy objectives*
 - *Meeting the territorial challenges of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth*
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- *Annex setting out for each thematic objective: targets and policy objectives, key actions, implementation principles, coordination and complementarity*
 - *Annex setting out priorities for cooperation activities*



A menu of 11 thematic objectives

1. Research & innovation
2. Information and communication technologies (ICT)
3. Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy
5. Climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
6. Environmental protection & resource efficiency
7. Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network
8. Employment & supporting labour mobility
9. Social inclusion & combating poverty
10. Education, skills & lifelong learning
11. Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

Coherence and consistency with EU economic governance





Thematic objectives and key actions – role of the CSF funds

Europe 2020 as the overarching framework for the Funds translated into eleven thematic objectives:

- *ERDF: all thematic objectives.*
- *Cohesion Fund: environment, sustainable development and TEN-T;*
- *ESF: employment and labour mobility; education, skills and lifelong learning; promoting social inclusion and combating poverty as well as administrative capacity building but will also contribute to the other thematic objectives;*
- *EAFRD: smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the agricultural, food and forestry sectors and in rural areas as a whole.*
- *EMFF: viability and competitiveness of fisheries and aquaculture, environmental sustainability, social cohesion and job creation in fisheries dependent communities.*



Coordination mechanisms among the CSF Funds

- *A common legal and strategic framework at EU level*
- *A partnership contract at national level*
- *Need for all managing authorities and ministries to work together:*
 - **Identifying areas of complementary intervention to deliver together through coordinated mono-fund programming and possibly multifund programmes**
 - **Involvement of all relevant ministries in development of schemes to promote synergies and avoid overlaps**
 - **Possibility of establishment of joint monitoring committees and management and control arrangements**
 - **Greater use of joint eGovernance solutions and one-stop shops for applicants and beneficiaries**



Integrated approaches

Promoting integrated approaches to territorial development

- *Community-led Local Development (all CSF Funds)*
- *Integrated Territorial Investments (cohesion policy only)*

Promoting integrated operations

- *Legal certainty for integrated operations*
- *Joint Action Plans*



Urban Development

Focus on sustainable urban development

- At least 5% of ERDF resources

Creation of urban development platform

- Networking between cities and exchanges on urban policy

Innovative actions for sustainable urban development

- Subject to a ceiling of 0.2% of the annual funding



3. Preparation of the Partnership Contract and programmes

Differentiated impact of global challenges (e.g. globalisation, demographic change, climate change, economic crisis)

*Member States and Regions need to take into account their specific circumstances in their **Partnership Contracts** and programmes*

- 1. Analysis of development potential and capacity*
- 2. Assessment of challenges for growth and jobs*
- 3. Consideration of the cross-sectoral and cross-jurisdictional issues*
- 4. Coordination across different territorial levels*
- 5. Developing of Partnership Contract and programmes meeting thematic objectives*



Territorial Cooperation activities:

- ***Cross-border and transnational areas:***
 - Joint management of natural resources
 - Cooperation in R&I
 - Common public services: waste, water, health, education facilities, etc.
 - Cross-border network infrastructure: transport, energy, ICT
 - Governance: police cooperation, customs, anti-corruption
- ***Interregional cooperation:***
 - Exchange of experience in implementation of programmes
 - Cooperation between innovative clusters and research institutions
- ***Contribution of mainstream programmes to macro-regional and sea-basis strategies***
- ***Transnational cooperation under the ESF to enhance the effectiveness of policies***



Simplification

Streamlined delivery system

- Harmonised rules on eligibility and durability
- Greater use of simplified costs
- Linking payments with results
- e-Cohesion: "one stop shop" for beneficiaries
- Proportional approach to control



Conclusion

The partners should now all work to find the right balance between the local needs and the EU long term common objectives



Thank you for your attention!

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