



The urban dimension of cohesion policy 2014 – 2020



EC proposal for 2014-2020

Key components of effectiveness in cohesion policy:

- Alignment of cohesion policy with Europe 2020
- **Reinforced *strategic and integrated programming***
- ***Reinforced territorial approach***
- *Thematic concentration*
- Conditionality
- Stronger focus on results
- Streamlined delivery system



Strategic approach

- *Common Strategic Framework* shall establish EU priorities for urban areas
- *Partnership Contracts* shall set out MS approach to urban issues
- *Operational Programmes* shall set out Detailed allocations for investment priorities and integrated strategies in OP



Reinforced territorial approach (1)

- Territorial development in strategic documents – **define programme areas to address territorial needs**
 - **Coordination mechanisms** among the CSF funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments
 - Integrated approach to address the specific needs of geographical areas most affected by **poverty** and of target groups at highest risk of **discrimination** or exclusion
 - A **list of cities** where integrated actions for sustainable development are to implemented
 - The identification of areas in which **community-led local development** will be implemented



Reinforced territorial approach (2)

- **Integrated tools for delivery**
 - **Community-led local development** – implementation of bottom-up local development initiatives (**optional**)
 - **Integrated territorial investment** – a delivery mode, which entails the implementation of parts of several priority axes as a "bundle" to ensure integrated territorial investment (**compulsory in case of urban**)
 - **Poverty mapping** – help identify the most disadvantaged geographical areas



The future urban dimension: Aims and ambition

- Reinforcing the role of EU urban actions for territorial cohesion and for Europe 2020
- Strengthening the programming process for actions in urban areas
- Enhancing the integrated approach to urban development
- New instruments to deliver sustainable urban development



1. Strategic and integrated programming for urban areas

- ERDF supports sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions
- **Partnership Contract**
 - Main challenges to urban issues
 - A list of cities where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented
- **Detailed allocations for urban investment priorities and integrated urban strategies in OPs**
- **Strengthened partnership** to involve cities in programme design and implementation



2. Specific urban investment priorities

- Promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas
- Actions to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites and reduction of air pollution
- Promoting sustainable urban mobility
- Support for physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban communities



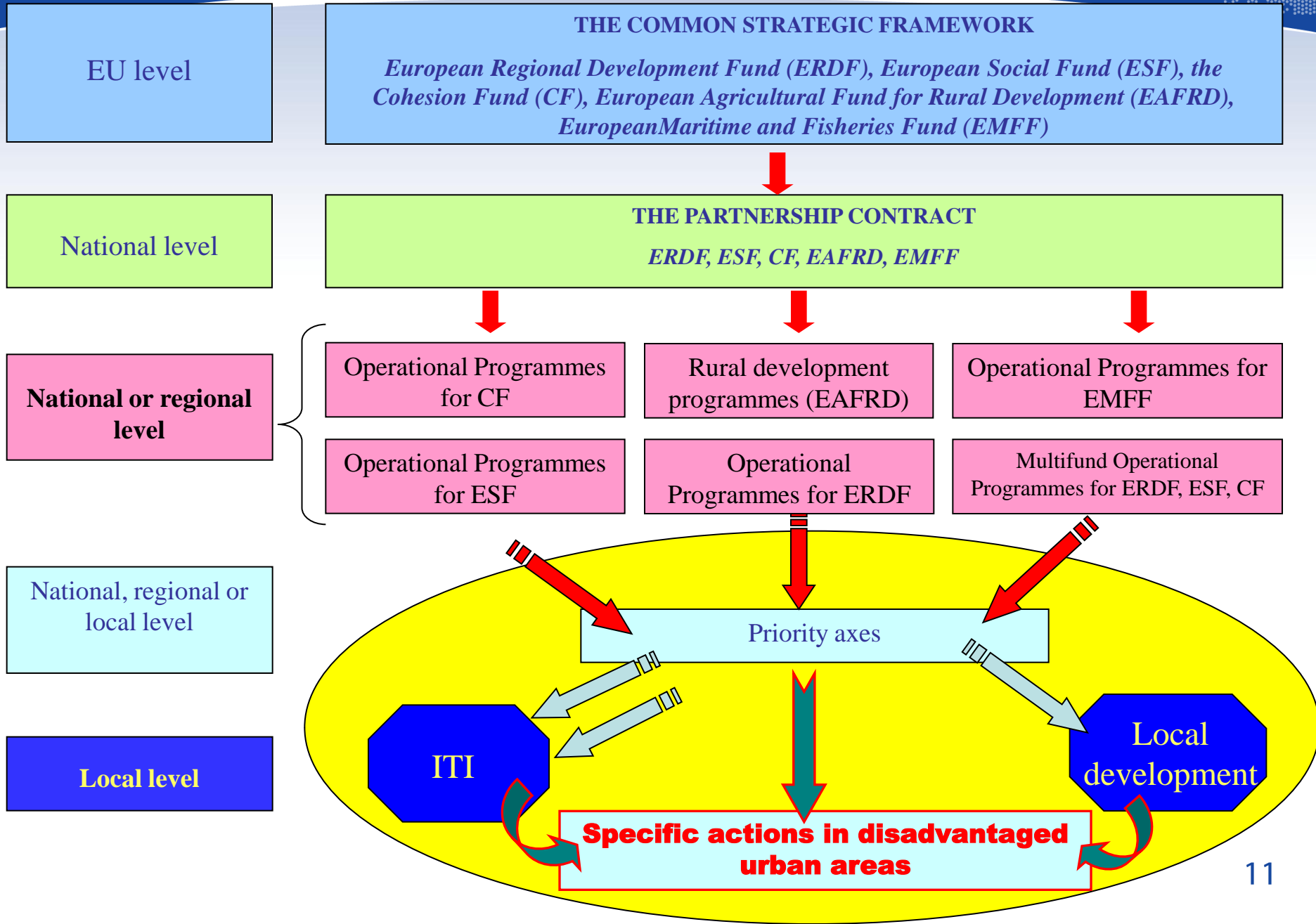
3. Integrated approach – Integrated Territorial Investments

- *Possibility to open up OPs in a cross-cutting way:*
 - Drawing funding from several priority axes from one or several OPs (e.g. ERDF OP, multi-fund OP, or separate ERDF and ESF OPs)
 - Bundled through a ring-fenced allocation for sustainable urban development ('mini-programme')
 - Implemented through Integrated Territorial Investments – ITI (Article 99 general regulation)
 - The ESF may complement the ERDF in its support to integrated urban development
- 5% of ERDF national resources should be allocated to sustainable urban development implemented through ITI



4. Community led local development

- can be urban, rural, coastal, cross-border etc, but must be **implemented by the local community**;
- balanced representation of all interests in the local action group – cannot be implemented by the municipality alone;
- Based on sub-regional and multi-sectoral local development strategies selected jointly by the relevant managing authorities;
- can be financed from several EU instruments in parallel;
- where several EU instruments are used, management costs can be covered from the “**lead Fund**”;
- **local development groups take over some tasks of the MA - project selection under the local development strategy**





5. Innovative urban actions

- Aim: Fostering new and innovative solutions in the field of sustainable urban development
- Support for urban pilot projects, demonstration projects and studies of European interest
- Up to 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation
- Scope covers all thematic objectives and investment priorities
- Implemented at the initiative of the Commission



6. Urban development platform

- Set up by the Commission to foster the dialogue and exchange about urban policy at EU level
- Not a funding instrument
- Possible themes:
 - Implementation of integrated actions through ITIs
 - Innovative urban actions
 - Contribution of cities to Europe 2020
- Selection of cities by Commission upon proposal of MS (based on lists of cities in Partnership Contracts)
 - Taking into account population and national specificities
 - Maximum 300 cities with integrated strategies



7. Future URBACT

- Successful program – no major changes foreseen
- Under the European Territorial Cooperation objective (important to distinguish from the Urban development platform)
- Interregional cooperation to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy
- promoting exchange of experience concerning the identification, transfer and dissemination of **good practice on sustainable urban and rural development**
- Open the programme to functional areas



How to prepare for the future?

- Challenge for cities: how to **integrate thematic investments at the local level** for the purpose of sustainable urban development
- Elaborate **long-term integrated urban development strategies**
 - **ITI is only an instrument** to facilitate the implementation of integrated territorial strategies
- **Have cities' voice heard:** Improved partnership to increase the role of cities in the elaboration and implementation of programmes
- **Involve your citizens:** increased possibilities to continue finance community-led development
 - Sustainability for the activities of Local Action Groups
 - No Fast track networks as the current programming period ends



Timeline for negotiation of future CP

- March 2010: Adoption of Europe 2020 strategy
- Nov 2010: 5th report on Economic, social and territorial cohesion; Public consultation
- June 2011: COM proposal for MFF
- Oct 2011: Proposal for CP 2014-20
- **Jan 2012: COM communication: Common Strategic Framework; Public consultation**
- 2012-13: Agreement on MFF and adoption of new legislative package



**Thank you very much for
your attention!**