

# **Cohesion policy 2014-2020 - the new policy context**

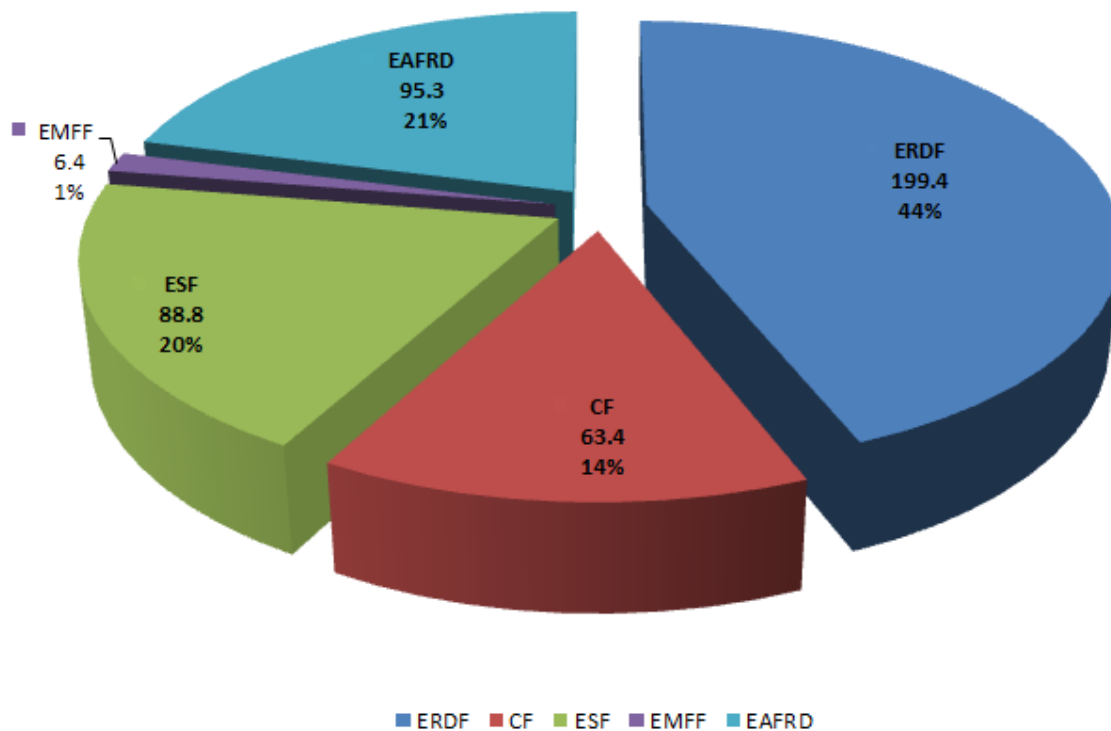
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# The new cohesion policy: Key points of reform

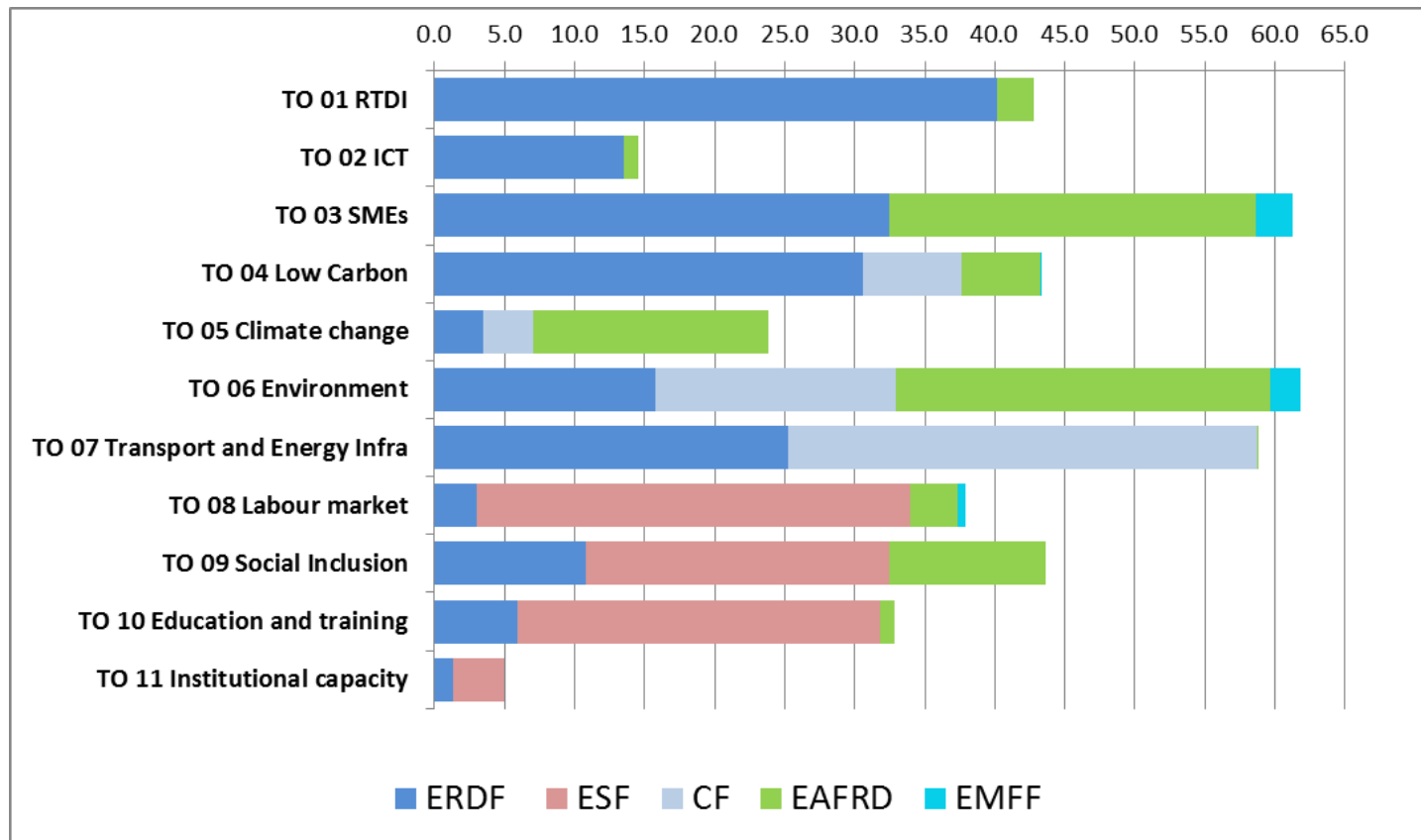
- **Investing in all EU regions**
- **Link to wider economic environment and reform processes**
- **Improved effectiveness:**
  - Targeting resources at key growth sectors
  - Fixing clear objectives – focus on results
  - Introducing pre-conditions for funding
- **Ensuring more coordinated use of different Funds**
- **Reinforcement of the territorial dimension**
- **Increased opportunities for financial instruments**

# 2014-2020 ESI Funds

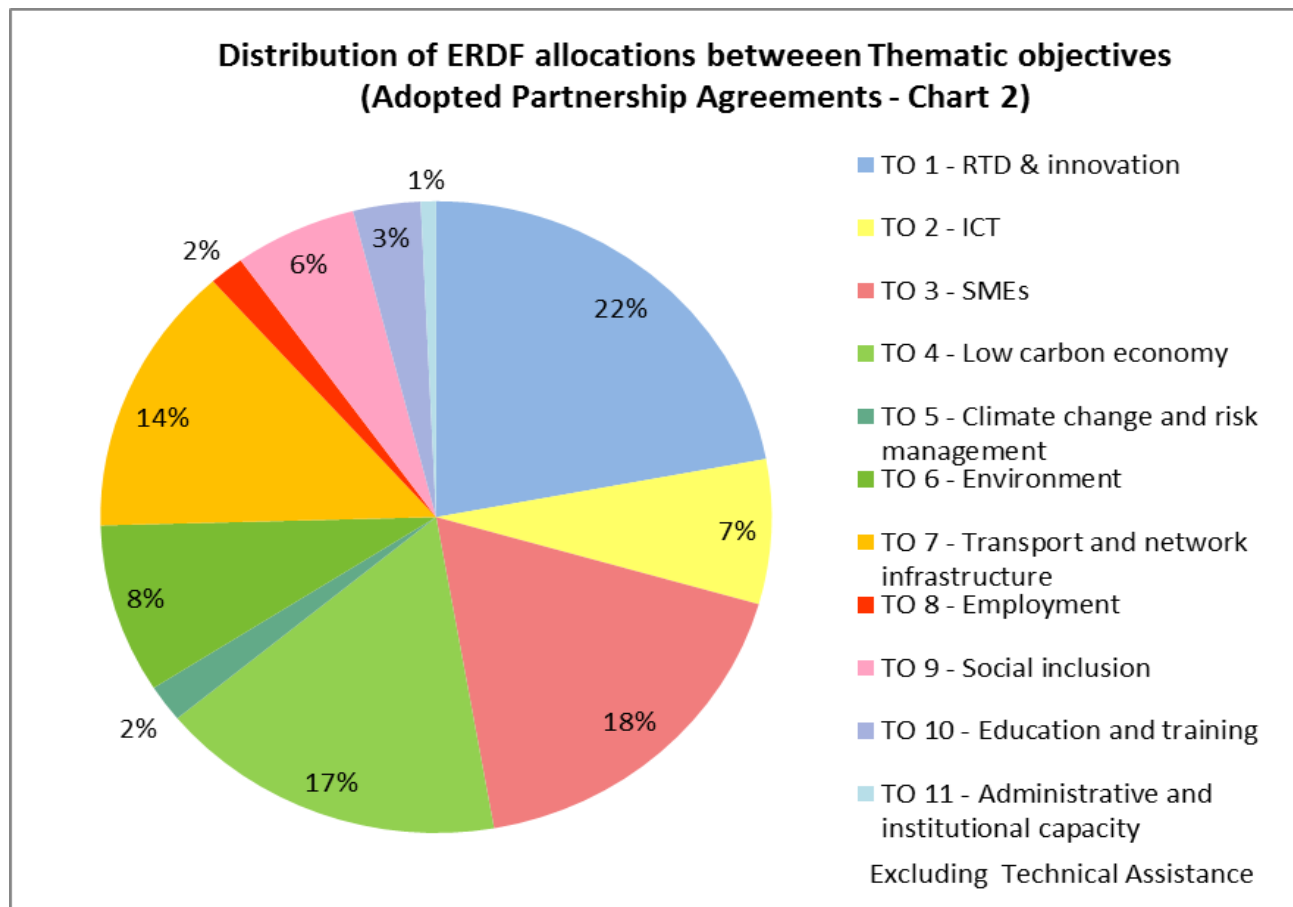
*in billion EUR – Total: 453.3 EUR bn*



# Breakdown of ESI Funds per thematic objective



# Overview of ERDF Investments 2014-2020



**1. A new boost for jobs, growth and investment** (*COM(2014)903 final, 26/11/14*)

**2. A connected Digital Single Market** (*COM(2015)192 final, 06/05/15*)

**3. A resilient Energy Union with a forward-looking climate change policy** (*COM(2015)80 final, 25/02/15*)

**4. A deeper and fairer Internal Market with a strengthened industrial base.**

**5. Economic & Monetary Union**

**6. Free Trade with US**

**7. Justice**

**8. Migration**

**9. Global actor**

**10. Democratic change**

**Better regulation**

**Funding investment**

*Programming implementation, Results!*

**Doubling the use of financial instruments**

*From EUR 12bn to EUR 29.9bn*

*Currently at approx. EUR 20bn*

**Ex-ante conditionalities**

*482 action plans e.g. Public procurement, Next Generation Access, energy efficiency, administrative capacity*

**Input to the European Semester**

*Support for structural reforms  
Macro-economic conditionality*

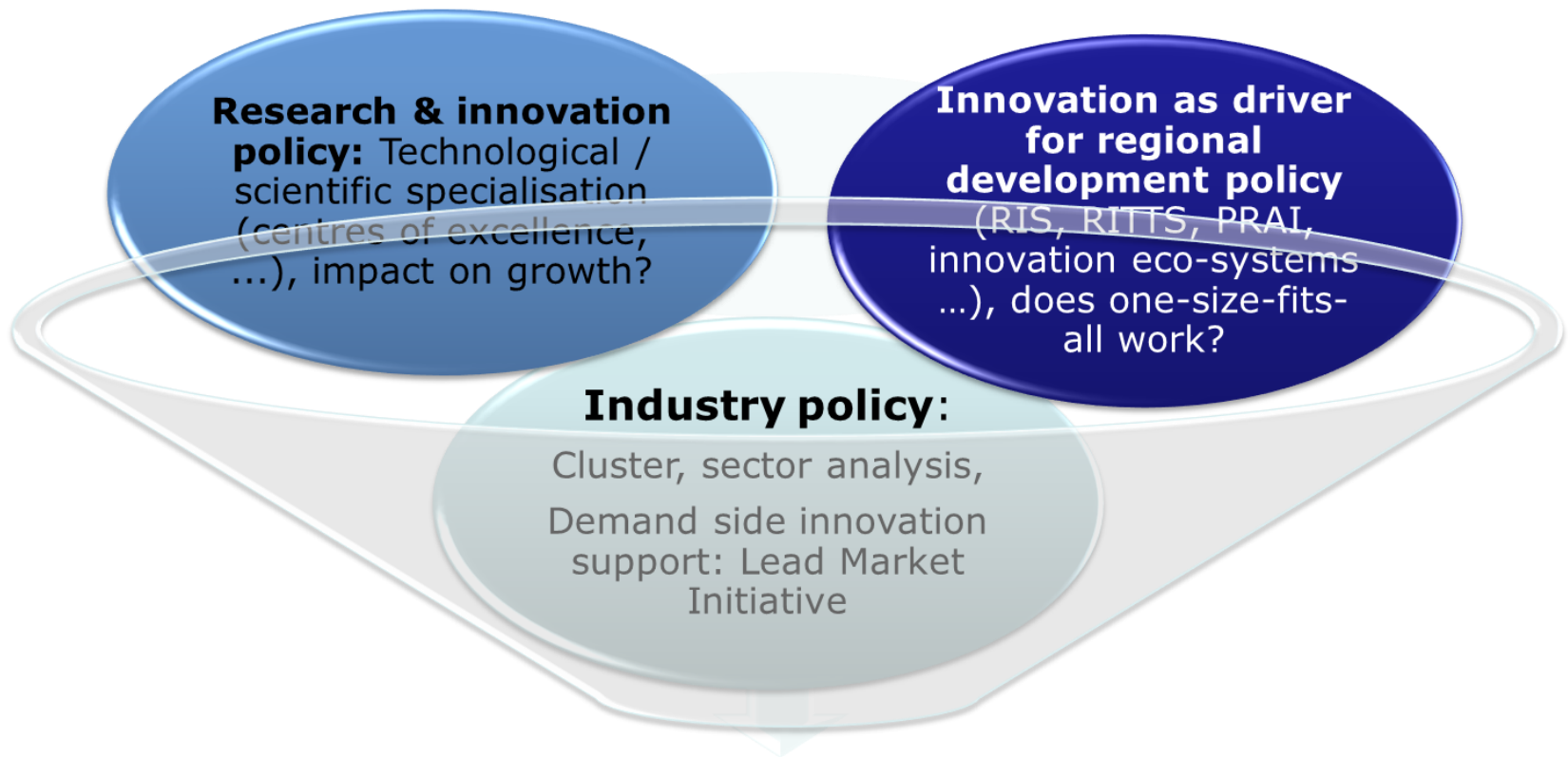
**Simplification**

***Territorial / Urban impact assessment***

# New issues and questions

- Smart Specialisation strategies
- Financial instruments
- Focus on performance
- Administrative capacity
- Less developed regions
- Border regions

# New issues and questions: Smart Specialisation Strategies



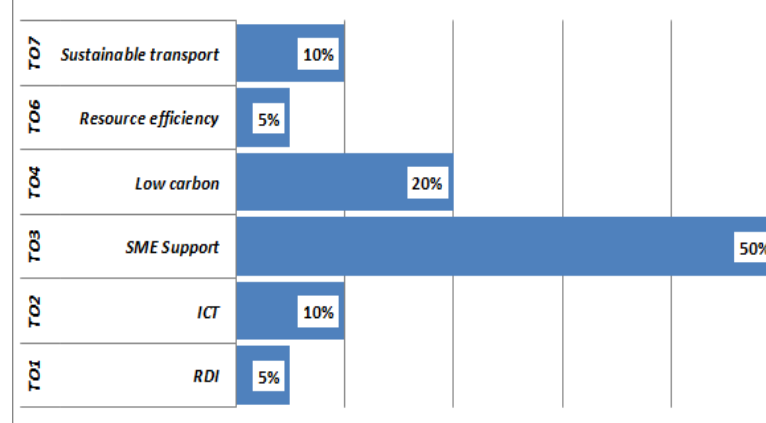
# New issues and questions: Financial Instruments

**2014-2020  
What's New?**

- ✓ **Regulation:** FI extended to **ALL** thematic objectives and all ESIF funds
- ✓ **Additional support:**  
FI Compass –advisory service  
'off-the shelf' instruments

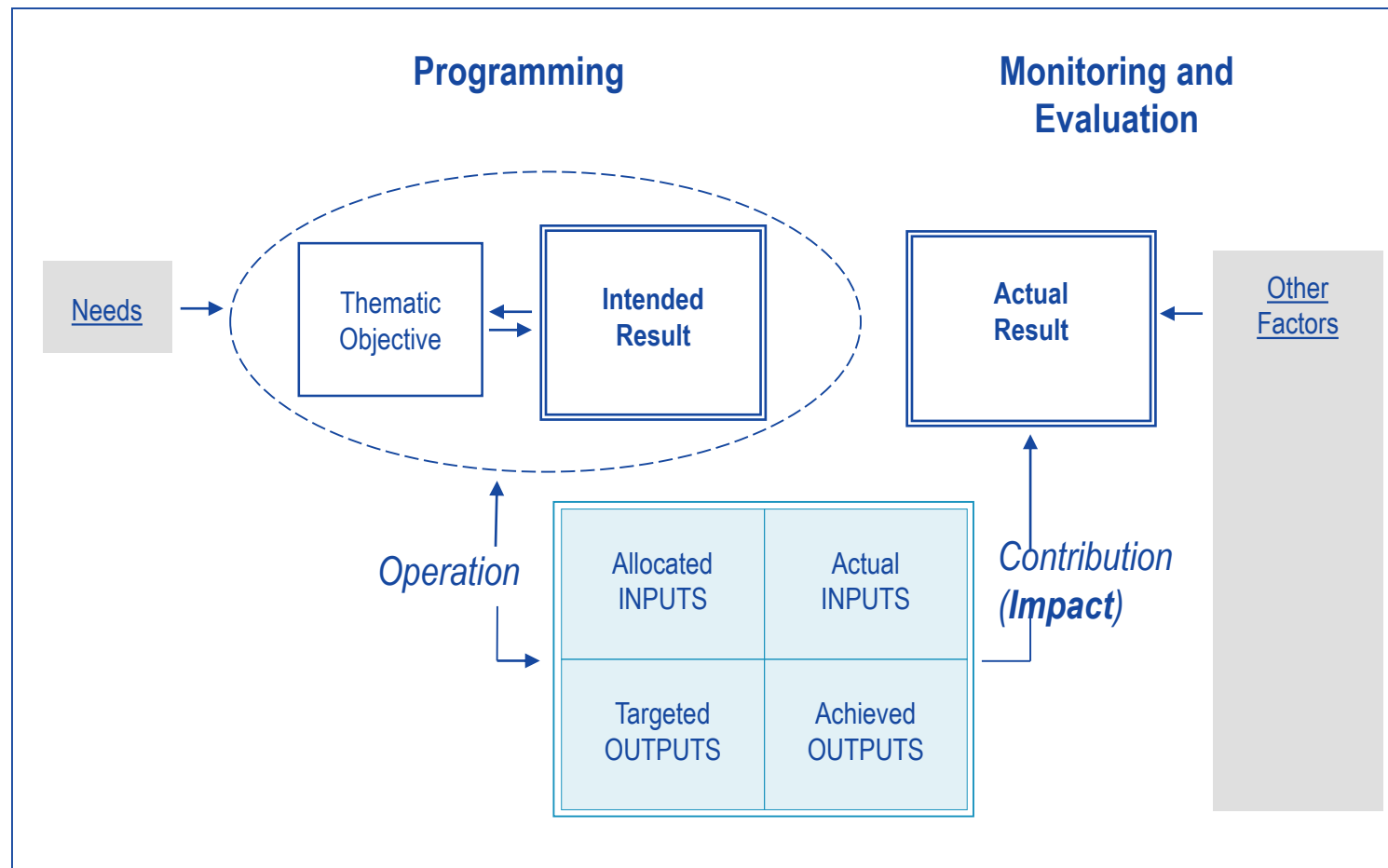
## TARGETS

- ✓ **At least an overall doubling of the use of FI (EUR 12bn to ± 30bn)**

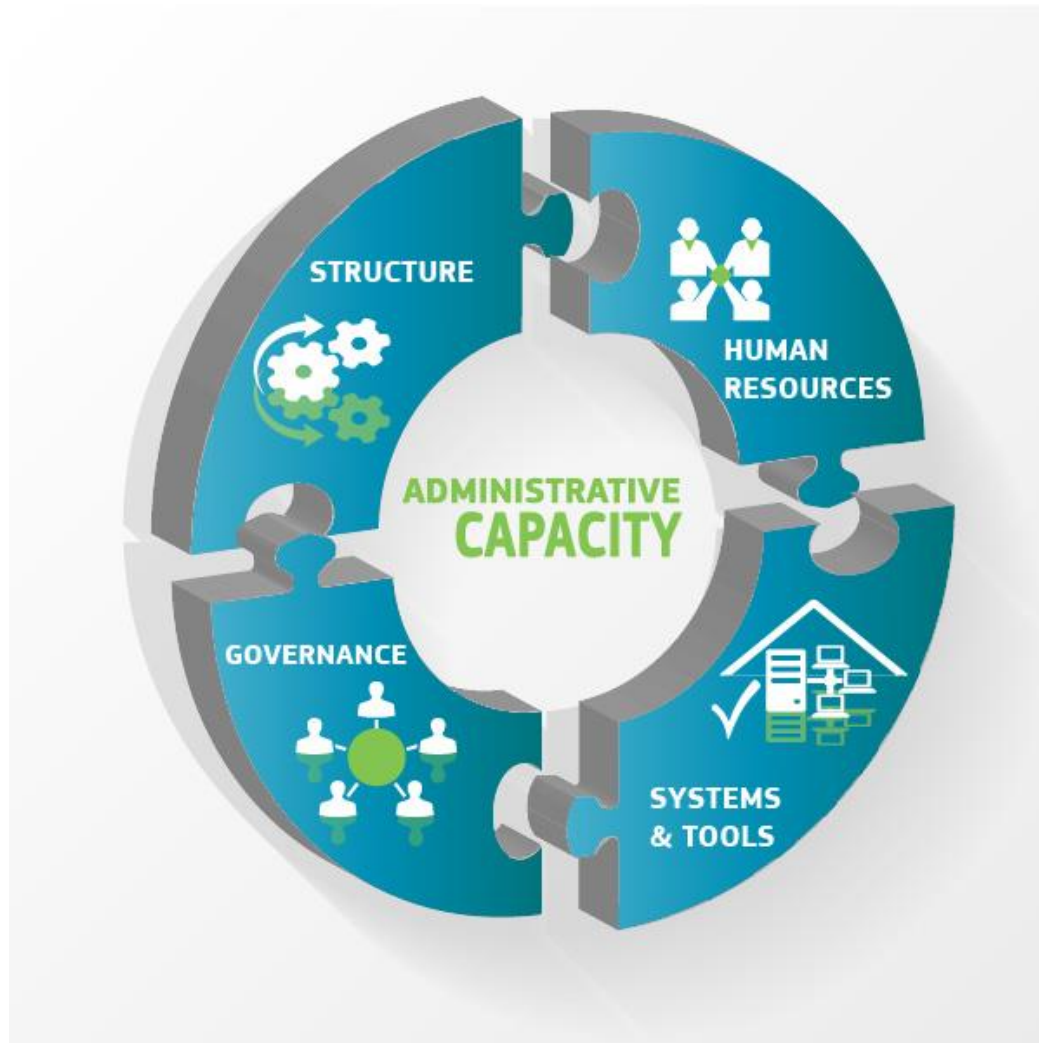


➔ **Encourage MS to use more FI**

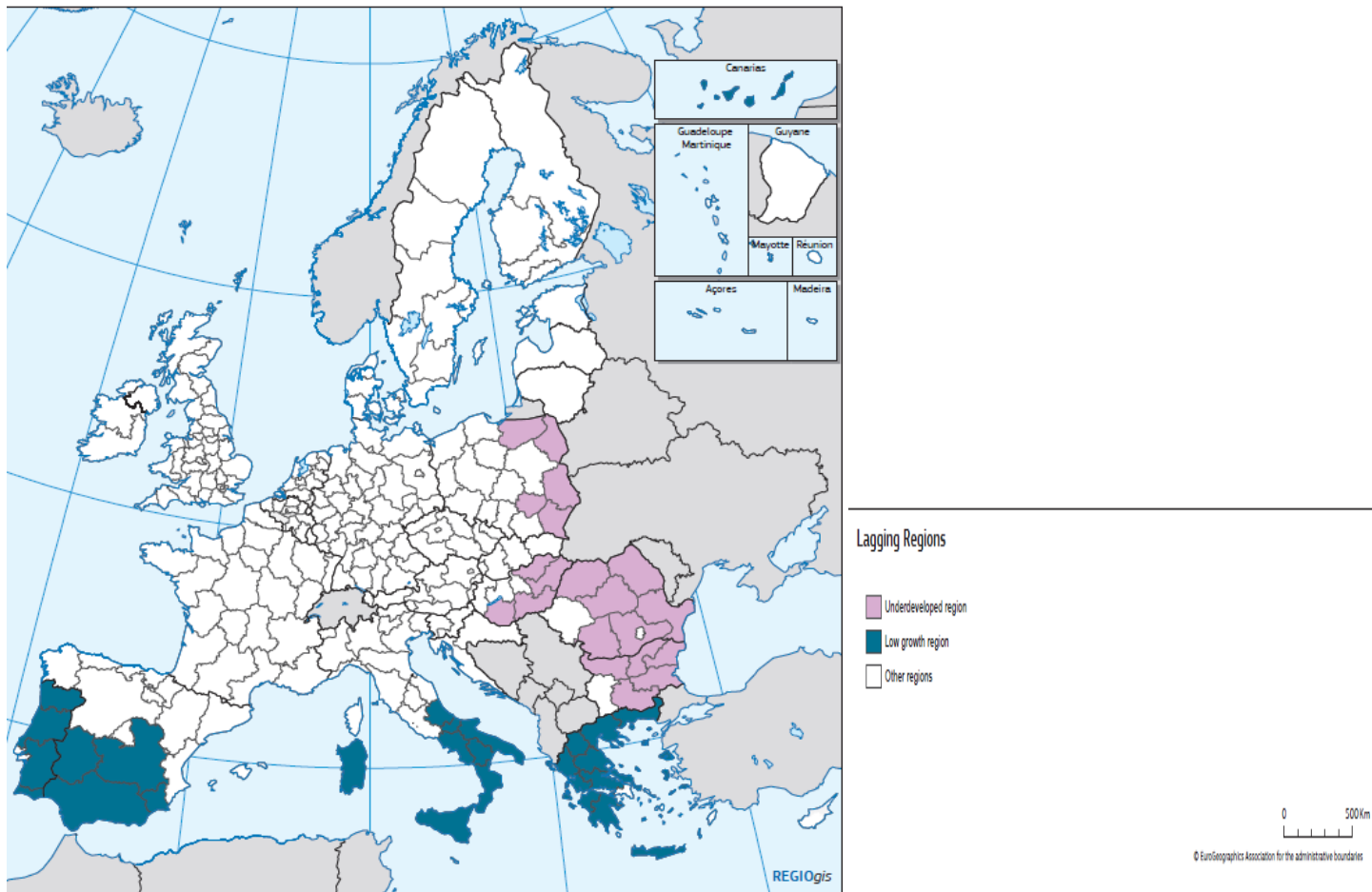
# New issues and questions: Focus on performance



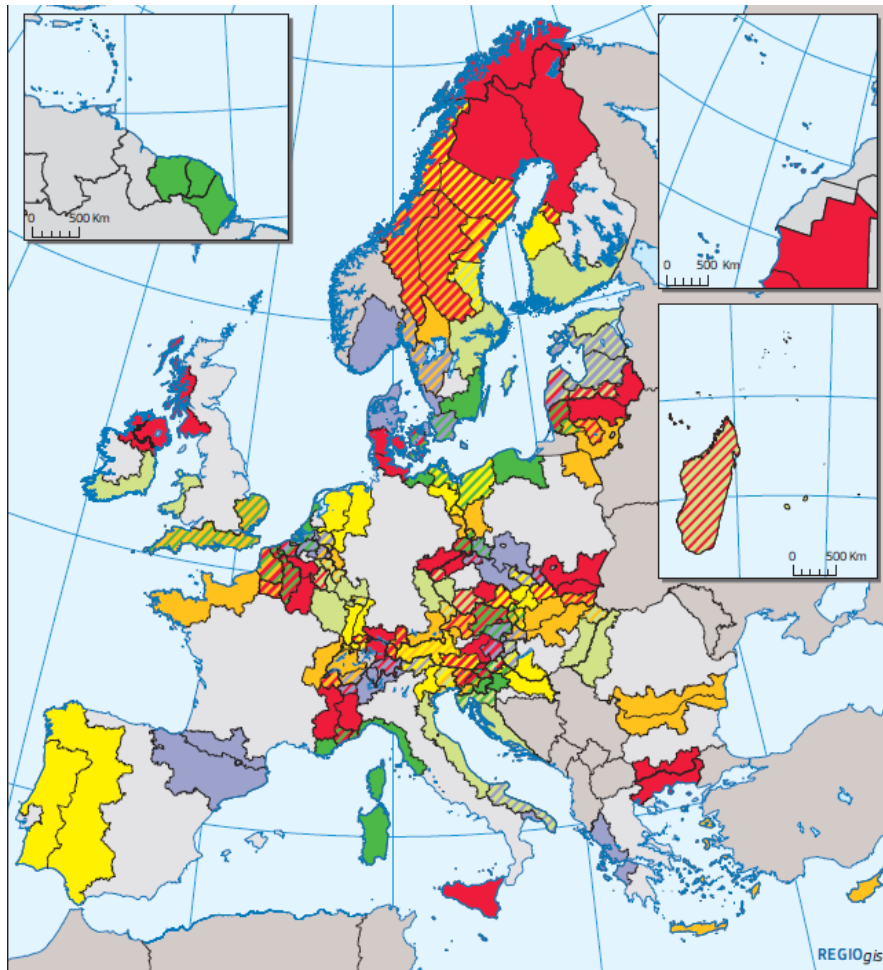
## New Issues and Questions: Administrative Capacity



# New issues and questions: Lagging regions project



# New issues and questions: border regions



## ERDF Cross-border cooperation programmes 2014-2020

This map shows the areas of the cross-border programmes co-financed by the ERDF. Each programme area is shown with a specific colour. Hatched areas are part of two or more programme areas simultaneously.

Source: DG REGIO

0 500km

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