



The urban dimension of 2021-2027 cohesion policy

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Integrated and sustainable urban development

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Urban dimension in the legal framework for 2021-2027

Common Provisions Regulation

- Policy objectives
- Partnership
- Tools and requirements for integrated territorial development
 - ITI
 - CLLD
 - Other Member State territorial tools

ERDF/CF Regulation

- Specific objectives with urban dimension indicated under policy objectives 2 & 5
- Sustainable urban development
- European Urban Initiative
- **ESF+ Regulation**
- will contribute to territorial and local development strategies... taking into account the specificities of urban, rural and coastal regions in view of tackling the socioeconomic inequalities in cities and regions

Interreg regulation

- Interregional cooperation
 - Urbact programme
- Integrated territorial development

5 policy objectives and specific objectives

Urban dimension is mentioned explicitly at the level of 3 specific objectives :

1. A smarter Europe

2. A greener, low-carbon Europe

(vii) enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, **including in urban areas**, and reducing all forms of pollution

(viii) promoting sustainable multimodal **urban mobility**, as part of transition to a net zero carbon economy

3. A more connected Europe

4. A more social Europe

5. A Europe closer to citizens (sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories and local initiatives)

(i) fostering the integrated and inclusive social, economic and environmental development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in **urban areas**

Policy Objective 5: Closer to citizens

Foster economic, social, and environmental sustainability and resilience in all places

Urban context:

- to benefit from agglomeration economies and positive spill-overs towards wider functional urban areas and rural areas close to cities
- to address negative effects of concentration (traffic congestion, pollution, urban sprawl, affordable housing, poverty etc)

Other territories:

- to build on the potentials and specific assets of remote rural areas and local communities (beyond compensatory measures)
- to overcome the negative effects of low density and peripherality (access to jobs and services, pooling resources)

Partnership and multi-level governance

- Each Member State shall organise and implement a **comprehensive partnership** in accordance with its institutional and legal framework
- Partnership shall include (among others) **regional, local, urban and other public authorities;**
- Member State should **involve partners** in the preparation of Partnership Agreements and throughout the preparation, implementation and evaluation of programmes
- Member States shall, where relevant, allocate **an appropriate percentage** of the resources coming from the Funds for the administrative **capacity building of social partners and civil society organisations**

Integrated territorial development

- Minimum requirements for 2021-2027

Key requirements to operationalise cohesion policy support for integrated territorial development

- Interventions linked to **territorial or local strategies** of relevant local or territorial bodies
- Definition of the **targeted area** according to development needs and potentials
- Locally coordinated interventions through an **integrated approach** (cross-sectoral, multi-territorial or multi-stakeholder)
- Relevant **territorial or local bodies involved** in project selection
- **Partnership with relevant actors** to be ensured at local level

Territorial tools in 2021-2027

Support from the Funds to be provided for integrated territorial and local development in forms of:

- **ITI:** Necessary when territorial strategy receives funding from multiple priorities or even programmes, funds or policy objectives
- **CLLD:** Specific delivery method to enhance the participatory approach
- **Other territorial tool:** recognises nationally developed tools for territorial strategies

Sustainable Urban Development

Integrated territorial development targeting **urban areas**, to more effectively tackle the economic, environmental, climate, demographic and social challenges affecting urban areas, including functional urban areas

- All investments under PO5 specific objective 1 (per definition for strategies targeting urban areas)
- All investments under PO1-4 when territorial tools target urban areas

Minimum 8% of ERDF at national level

European Urban Initiative

• Objectives

- ❖ Strengthen integrated and participatory approach to sustainable urban development
- ❖ Provide stronger link to EU policies, in particular to cohesion policy

Overall ambition: address fragmentation and diversity of support & tools offered to cities under cohesion policy

Beneficiaries

All EU urban areas; shall support Urban Agenda for the EU; upon request of Member States, support for inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters

Strands of activities

A. Support of Innovative Actions

B. Support of Capacity and Knowledge Building, Territorial Impact Assessments, Policy Development and Communication

ERDF budget allocation: EUR 400 million

Urbact

- Exchange of experiences, innovative approaches and capacity building in relation to the identification, transfer and capitalisation of **urban good practices** on integrated and sustainable urban development, taking into account the **linkages between urban and rural areas**
- Either under CPR policy objectives or under Interreg specific objective “a better cooperation governance”
- Supporting sustainable urban development and complementing the EUI
- Operations have to involve **actors from at least three participating countries**, at least **two** of which have to be **beneficiaries from Member States**

Thank you

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