

## Urban related provisions in the proposal for the cohesion policy regulations 2014-2020

### Regulation on specific provisions concerning the European Regional Development Fund and the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006

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(7) Within the framework of sustainable urban development, it is considered necessary to support integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas and to define a procedure to establish the list of cities covered by such actions and the financial allocation set aside for such actions.

(8) Building on the experience and strengths of the integration of measures in the field of sustainable urban development into operational programmes supported by the ERDF during the 2007-2013 period, a further step should be taken at Union level by establishing an urban development platform.

(9) In order to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development which are of relevance at Union level, the ERDF should support innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development.

#### *Article 5*

#### **Investment priorities**

The ERDF shall support the following investment priorities within the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR]:

(4) supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors:

(c) supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in public infrastructures and in the housing sector;

(e) promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas;

(6) protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency:

(e) action to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites and reduction of air pollution;

(9) promoting social inclusion and combating poverty:

(b) support for physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural communities;

(11) enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration by strengthening of institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services

related to implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions in institutional capacity and in the efficiency of public administration supported by the ESF.

#### *Article 7*

### **Sustainable urban development**

1. The ERDF shall support, within operational programmes, sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas.

2. Each Member State shall establish in its Partnership Contract a list of cities where integrated actions for sustainable urban development are to be implemented and an indicative annual allocation for these actions at national level.

At least 5% of the ERDF resources allocated at national level shall be allocated to integrated actions for sustainable urban development delegated to cities for management through Integrated Territorial Investments referred to in Article 99 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR].

#### *Article 8*

### **Urban development platform**

1. The Commission shall establish, in accordance with Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR], an urban development platform to promote capacity-building and networking between cities and exchange of experience on urban policy at Union level in areas related to the investment priorities of the ERDF and to sustainable urban development.

2. The Commission shall adopt a list of cities to participate in the platform on the basis of the lists established in the Partnership Contracts, by means of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 14(2).

The list shall contain a maximum number of 300 cities, with a maximum number of 20 per Member State. Cities shall be selected based on the following criteria:

(a) population, taking account of the specificities of national urban systems;

(b) the existence of a strategy for integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental, climate and social challenges affecting urban areas.

3. The platform shall also support networking between all cities which undertake innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission.

#### *Article 9*

### **Innovative Actions in the field of Sustainable Urban Development**

1. At the initiative of the Commission, the ERDF may support innovative actions in the field of sustainable urban development, subject to a ceiling of 0,2% of the total annual ERDF allocation. They shall include studies and pilot projects to identify or test new solutions to issues relating to sustainable urban development which are of relevance at Union level.

2. By derogation to Article 4 above, innovative actions may support all activities necessary to achieve the thematic objectives set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR] and corresponding investment priorities.

3. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 13 concerning procedures for the selection and implementation of innovative actions.

#### **ANNEX**

#### **Common indicators for ERDF support under the Investment for growth and jobs goal (Article 6)**

	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>Urban Development</b>		
	Persons	Population living in areas with integrated urban development strategies
	square metres	New open space in urban areas
	square metres	New public or commercial buildings in urban areas
	square metres	New housing in urban areas

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{SEC(2011) 1142 final}

*Article 5*

**Partnership and multi-level governance**

1. For the Partnership Contract and each programme respectively, a Member State shall organise a partnership with the following partners:

(a) competent regional, local, urban and other public authorities;

*Article 11*

**Content of the Common Strategic Framework**

The Common Strategic Framework shall establish:

(b) the key territorial challenges for urban, rural, coastal and fisheries areas, as well as for areas with particular territorial features referred to in Articles 174 and 349 of the Treaty, to be addressed by the CSF Funds;

*Article 14*

**Content of the Partnership Contract**

The Partnership Contract shall set out:

(b) an integrated approach to territorial development supported by the CSF Funds setting out:

(ii) the arrangements to ensure an integrated approach to the use of the CSF Funds for the territorial development of urban, rural, coastal and fisheries areas and areas with particular territorial features, in particular the implementation arrangements for Articles 28, 29 and 99 accompanied, where appropriate, by a list of the cities to participate in the urban development platform referred to in Article 7 of the ERDF Regulation;

*Article 32*

**Financial instruments**

3. Contributions in kind are not eligible expenditure in respect of financial instruments, except for contributions of land or real estate in respect of investments with the objective of supporting urban development or urban regeneration, where the land or real estate forms

part of the investment. Such contributions of land or real estate shall be eligible provided that the conditions in Article 59 are met.

#### *Article 84*

### **Resources for Investment for growth and jobs and for European territorial cooperation**

7. 0,2% of the ERDF resources for the Investment for growth and jobs goal shall be allocated to innovative actions at the initiative of the Commission in the area of sustainable urban development.

#### *Article 87*

### **Content and adoption of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal**

2. An operational programme shall set out:

(c) the contribution to the integrated approach for territorial development set out in the Partnership Contract, including:

(ii) where appropriate, a planned integrated approach to the territorial development of urban, rural, coastal and fisheries areas and areas with particular territorial features, in particular the implementation arrangements for Articles 28 and 29;

(iii) the list of cities where integrated actions for sustainable urban development will be implemented, the indicative annual allocation of the ERDF support for these actions, including the resources delegated to cities for management under Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No [ERDF] and the indicative annual allocation of ESF support for integrated actions;

#### *Article 99*

### **Integrated territorial investment**

1. Where an urban development strategy or other territorial strategy or pact as defined in Article 12(1) of Regulation...[ESF] requires an integrated approach involving investments under more than one priority axis of one or more operational programmes, the action shall be carried out as an integrated territorial investment (an 'ITI').

2. The relevant operational programmes shall identify the ITIs planned and shall set out the indicative financial allocation from each priority axis to each ITI.

3. The Member State or the managing authority may designate one or more intermediate bodies, including local authorities, regional development bodies or non-governmental organisations, to carry out the management and implementation of an ITI.

4. The Member State or the relevant managing authorities shall ensure that the monitoring system for the operational programme provides for the identification of operations and outputs of a priority axis contributing to an ITI.

*Article 101*

**Implementation reports for the Investment for growth and jobs goal**

3. The annual implementation reports submitted in 2017 and 2019 shall set out and assess the information required under Articles 44(3) and (4) respectively, the information set out in paragraph 2, together with:

(a) progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the operational programme;

**Regulation on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No  
1081/2006**

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{SEC(2011) 1131 final}

*Article 12*

**Specific provisions on the treatment of particular territorial features**

2. Complementing ERDF interventions as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No [ERDF], the ESF may support sustainable urban development through strategies setting out integrated actions to tackle the economic, environmental and social challenges affecting urban areas of cities which are listed in the partnership contract.

## **Regulation on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal**

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### *Article 2*

#### **Components of the European territorial cooperation goal**

Under the European territorial cooperation goal, the ERDF shall support:

- (3) interregional cooperation to reinforce the effectiveness of cohesion policy by promoting:
- (b) exchange of experience concerning the identification, transfer and dissemination of good practice on sustainable urban and rural development;

### *Article 7*

#### **Content of cooperation programmes**

2. A cooperation programme shall set out:

- (c) the contribution to the integrated strategy for territorial development set out in the partnership contract including;
- (ii) where appropriate, a planned integrated approach to the territorial development of urban, rural, coastal areas and areas with particular territorial features, in particular the implementation arrangements for Articles 28 and 29 of Regulation (EU) No./2012 [CPR];
  - (iii) where appropriate, the list of cities where integrated actions for sustainable urban development will be implemented; the indicative annual allocation of the ERDF support for these actions, including the resources delegated to cities for management under Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No./2012 [ERDF];

### *Article 13*

#### **Implementation reports**

3. The annual implementation reports submitted in 2017 and 2019 shall set out and assess the information required under Articles 44(3) and (4) of Regulation (EU) No [...]/2012 [CPR] respectively and the information set out in paragraph 2 together with:

- (a) progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the operational programme;