



# Structural Funds and health investments

## Challenges and future objectives

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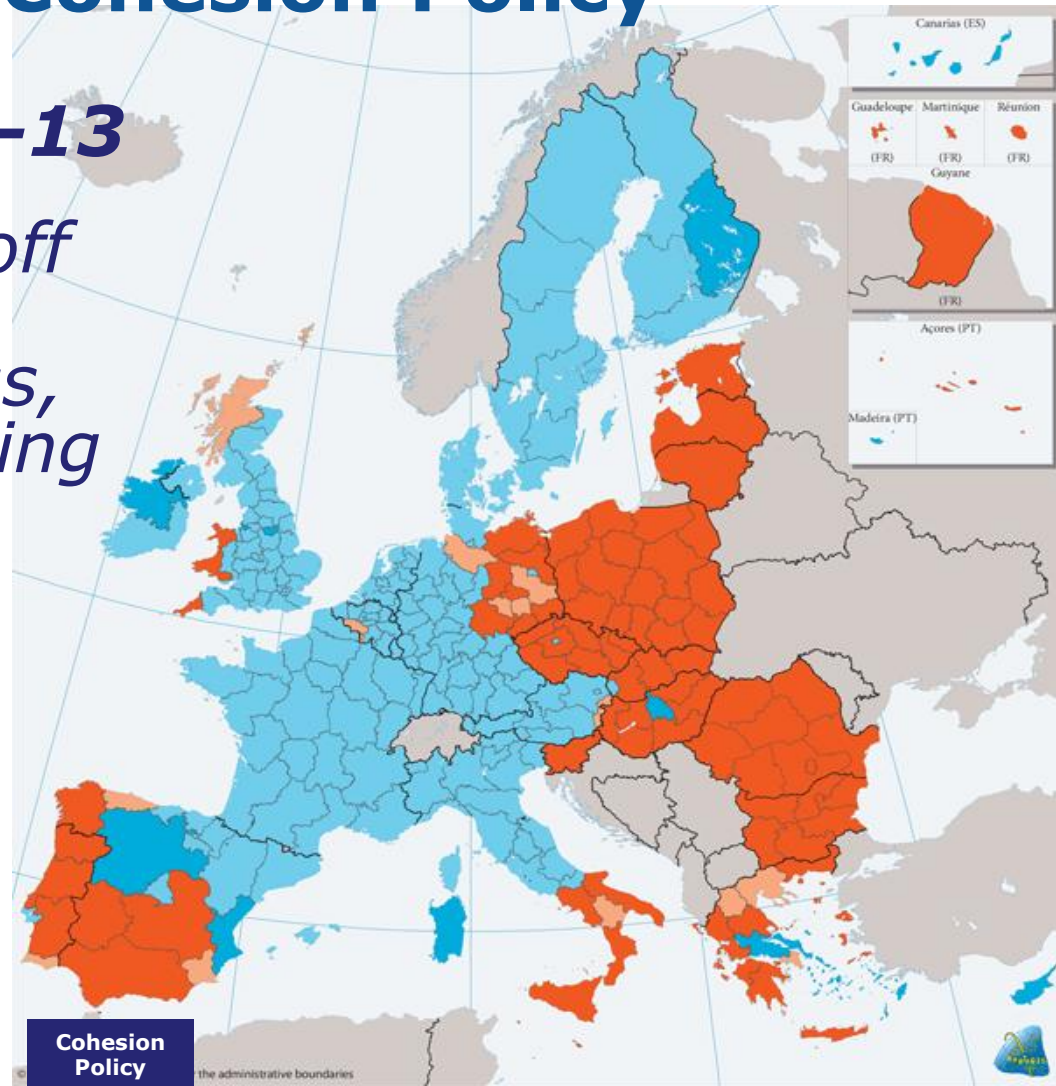
# Basics on current Cohesion Policy

**€347 billion in 2007-13**

*invested for less well-off regions or citizens in infrastructure, business, environment and training of worker*

 **Convergence objective:**  
 regions with GDP per capita under 75% of the EU average. 81.5% of the funds are spent on this objective.

 **Regional competitiveness and employment objective.**  



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# Future Cohesion Policy: **Less budget!**

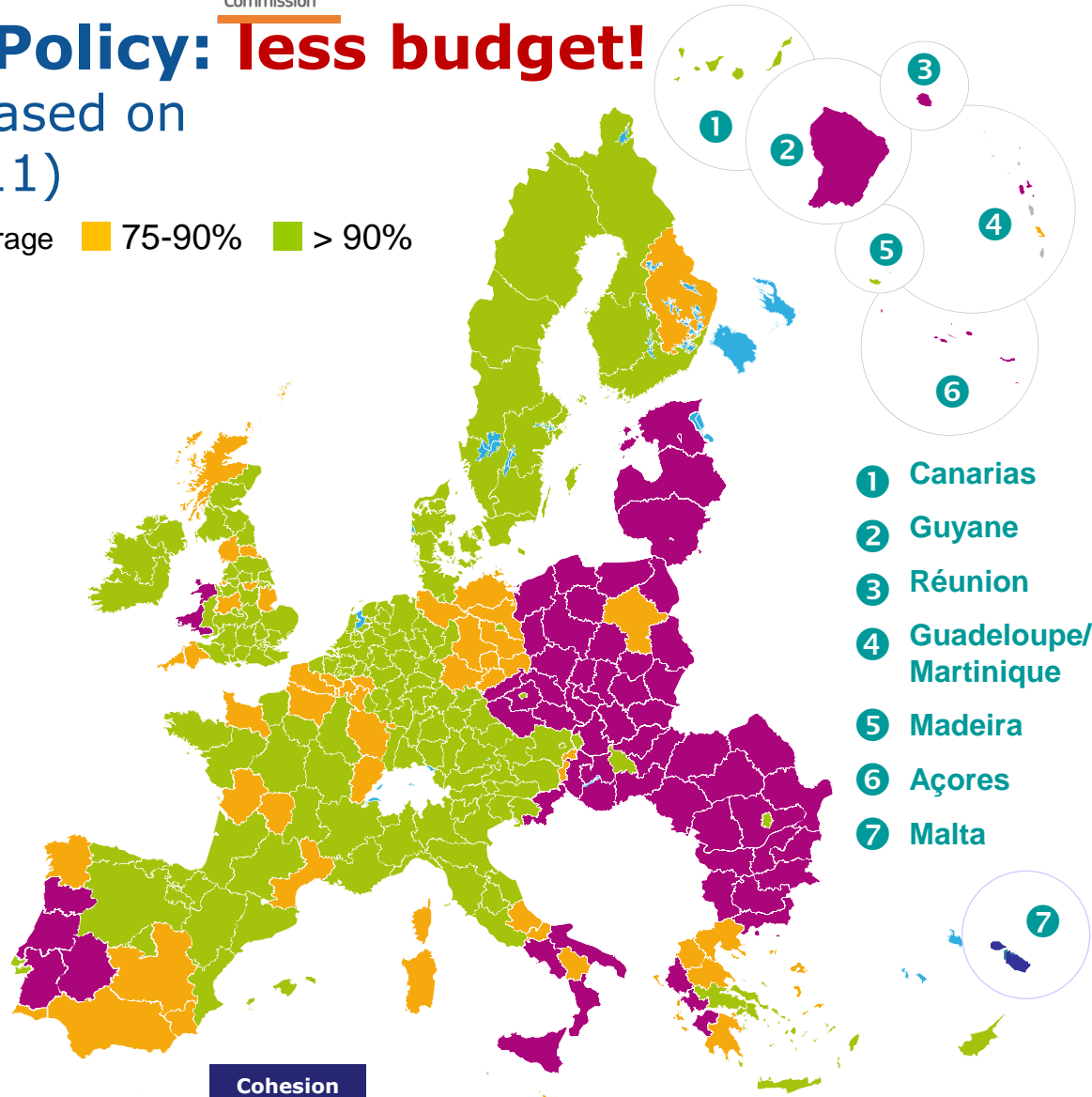
(eligibility simulation based on data available until 2011)

**GDP/capita\*** ■ < 75% of EU average ■ 75-90% ■ > 90%

\*index EU27=100

## 3 categories of regions

- Less developed regions
- Transition regions
- More developed regions



- 1 Canarias
- 2 Guyane
- 3 Réunion
- 4 Guadeloupe/ Martinique
- 5 Madeira
- 6 Açores
- 7 Malta

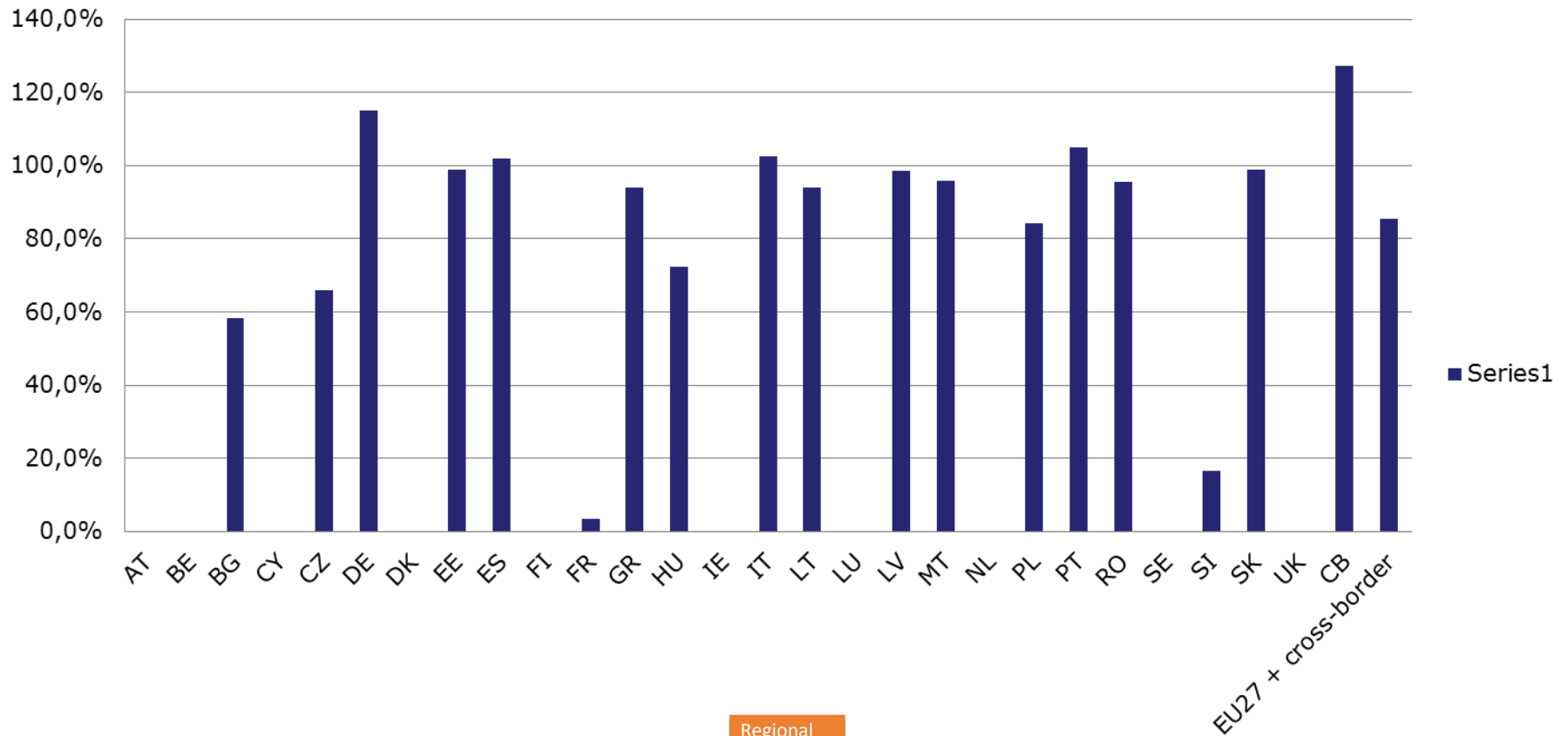
Regional GDP figures: 2006-07-08  
GNI figures: 2007-08-09

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Cohesion Policy

# Health investments 2007-2013

## Health infrastructure-allocation in % (2011)



# Health investments 2007-2013

## Challenges

Challenges of health provision and sustainability of national models

- Technology developments (diagnostics, treatments, pharmaceuticals)
- Inequalities
- Demographic change
- Costs => public vs private funding

National policy vs EU added value of SF

Structural/strategic or tactical objectives

- Programme objectives (strategic) vs projects (Ad-hoc/ tactical)
- Coordinated use of ERDF / ESF

# Regulatory package 2014-2020

## Health investments

### *Thematic objectives*

#### **Research & innovation**

#### **Information and communication technologies (ICT)**

*Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)*

*Shift towards a low-carbon economy*

*Climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management*

*Environmental protection & resource efficiency*

*Sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures*

*Employment & supporting labour mobility*

#### **Social inclusion & combating poverty**

*Education, skills & lifelong learning*

#### **Institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations**

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### ERDF Investment Priorities

#### 2. Improve the access, quality and use of ICT

- strengthening the application of ICT for eGovernment, eLearning, eInclusion and eHealth

#### 9. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty

- (a) investing in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, and transition from institutional to community-based services

# Health investments 2014-2020

## Critical factors

- **Linkage with European Semester process**
  - 2013 AGS - health sector as one of the areas of government expenditure
  - Reforms of healthcare systems - to ensure cost-effectiveness and sustainability
- **Linkage and complementarity with ESF**
  - ERDF operations should be consistent with those of ESF (synergies)



# Health investments 2014-2020

## Critical factors

- **Ex-ante conditionalities**
  - 10. Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
    - national or regional strategic policy framework for health
    - measures to improve access to health services and measures to stimulate efficiency in the health sector (including necessary infrastructure investments)
    - criteria: cost-efficiency, accessibility and demography
  - 1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
    - The existence of a national or regional research and innovation (strategy) (strategic policy framework(s)) for smart specialisation

# R&I Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

= **place-based economic transformation agenda**

- 1) **Focus policy support and investments** on key national/regional priorities, challenges and needs for knowledge-based development (= tough choices)
- 2) Build on each country's/region's strengths, **competitive advantages and potential for excellence** (= critical mass, differentiation)
- 3) Support **all forms of innovation**
- 4) Get **stakeholders fully involved** and encourage experimentation and private sector investment
- 5) **Evidence-based** and include sound monitoring and evaluation systems



See Fact-sheet:

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/docgener/informat/2014/smart\\_specialisation\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/informat/2014/smart_specialisation_en.pdf)

# **Regulatory package 2014-2020**

## **Health investments**

### **Reinforcing Integrated Programming**

#### **Integrated programme approach**

- The Common Strategic Framework at EU level and the Partnership Contract at national level covering all the CSF Funds
- Possibility for Member States to prepare and implement multifund programmes combining ERDF, ESF and the Cohesion Fund

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## Ex-ante conditionality - health

- **Realistic starting points** - taking into consideration the peculiarities of socialised, non-reformed health systems especially in the EU10
- **Commitment to transformational change** – prioritising the shift away from a hospital-centric model of care to more pluralistic community-based and integrated models of care contributing to sustainable health systems
- **Affordable investment priorities** – how ERDF spending can contribute to structural changes in the delivery of health services. This is likely to include e-health, infrastructure and equipment
- **Address health inequalities** - from an ERDF perspective this will include access to basic health services (GP, outpatient clinic, polyclinic, community based care) by poor and marginalised communities – the unequal distribution of poverty, population, and health infrastructure (NUTS3 targeting and allocation of ERDF, as it is requested in conditionalities, thematic objective 10)



# **Social Investment Package (February, 2013)**

## **Staff Working Document – Investing in health**

### **European financial instruments for investing in health**

- investing in health infrastructure that fosters a transformational change in the health system, in particular reinforcing the shift from a hospital-centred model to community-based care and integrated services;
- improving access to affordable, sustainable and high-quality healthcare, in particular with a view to reducing health inequalities between regions and giving disadvantaged groups and marginalised communities better access to healthcare;
- supporting the adaptation, up-skilling and life-long learning of the health workforce;
- fostering active, healthy ageing to promote employability and employment and enable people to stay active for longer.



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