



Cross-border cooperation

*It ain't what you do,
it's the way that you do it ...*

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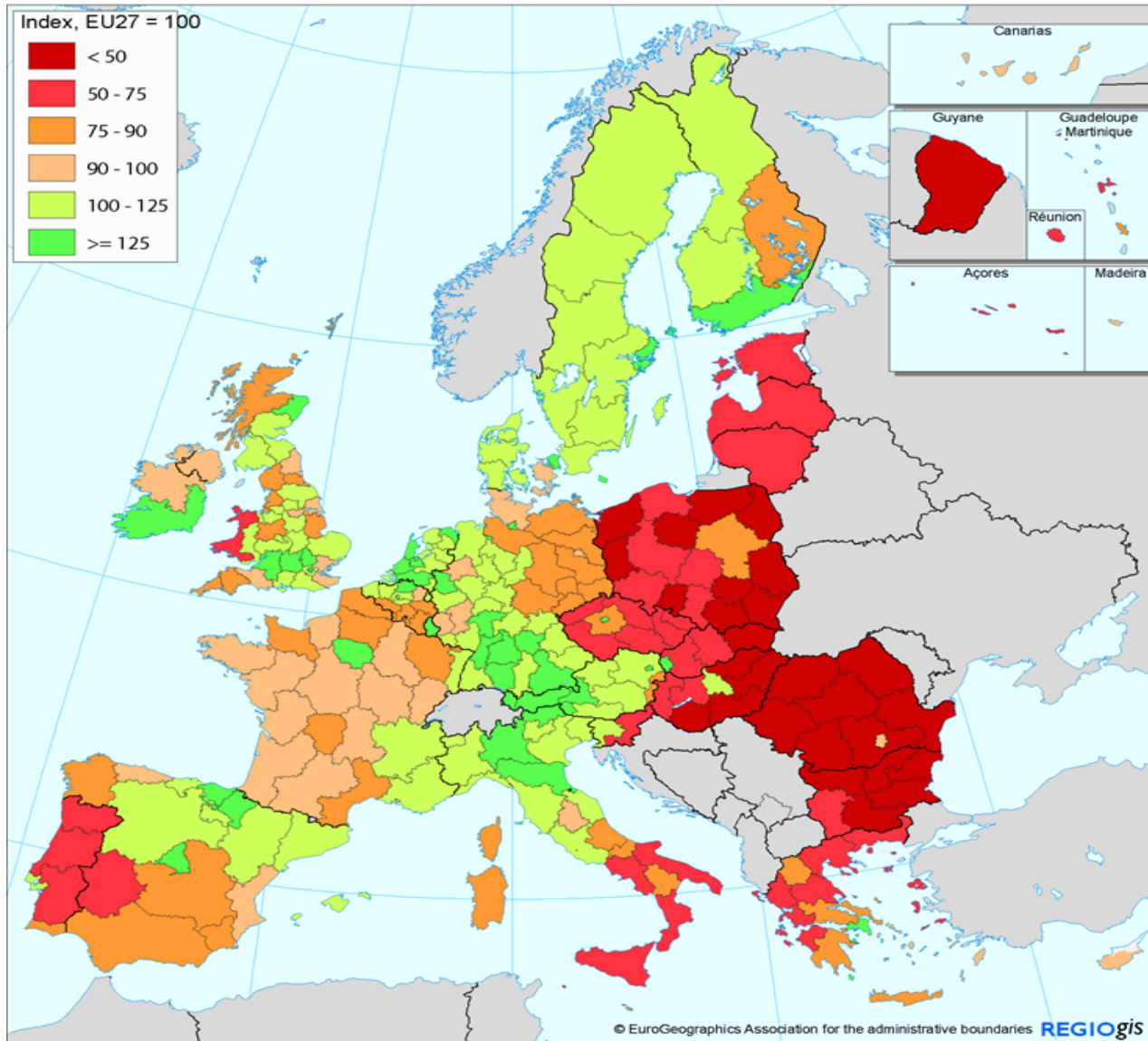
1. Cohesion policy 2014-2020

- Why do we have Cohesion Policy?
- How does it work?
- Proposals for the period 2014-2020
- Where are we now in the preparation process

Cohesion policy: why?

- Treaty (TFEU), art.174: "... to promote its overall harmonious development, ... leading to the strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion
- Excessive disparities endanger the internal stability, the internal market, monetary union, and the credibility of the integration process itself
- Every union needs a stabilisation mechanism

GDP/head (PPS), 2007



Cohesion policy: how?

- Multi-annual programming
- Shared management - partnership
- “Horizontal multi-level governance”
- Not a subsidy, but joint investment
- EU money as vehicle for better policy cycle

Reform of cohesion policy

- Key improvements needed:
 - Better management systems, governance
 - Thematic concentration - focus on key needs
 - Result orientation - what change?

- Two goals:
 - Investment for growth & jobs
 - European Territorial Cooperation

Legislative package

- Common provisions regulation
- Fund specific regulations - ERDF, ESF, CF
- ETC regulation
- EGTC regulation

Rules 2014-2020: main points

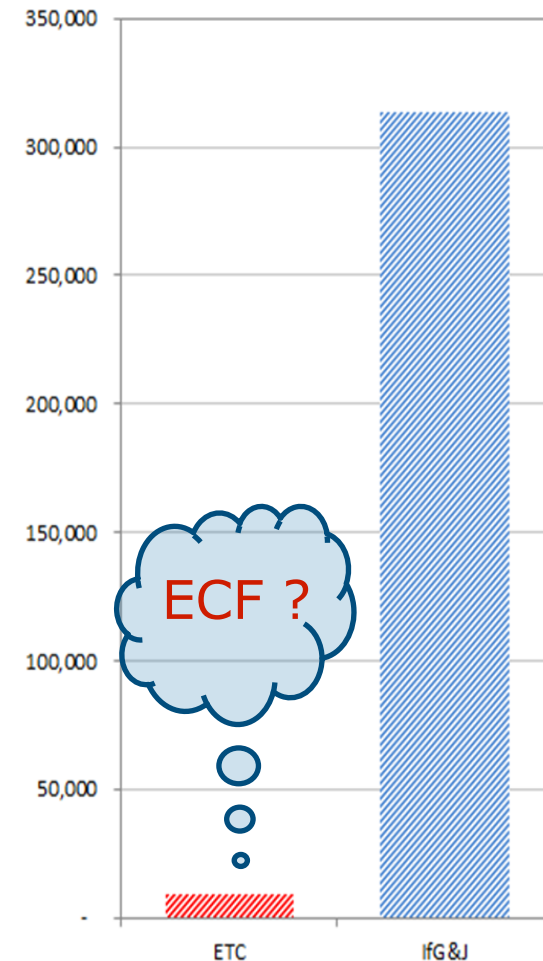
- Thematic concentration: max 4 TOs (ETC 80%)
- Cooperation: preparation + implementation
+ financing or staffing
- Simplifications: incl. lump sum < 100,000 €
- Instruments ITI, CLDD, JAP

2. European Territorial Cooperation

- Art.174: “Among the regions concerned, particular attention shall be paid to rural areas, areas affected by industrial transition, and regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps such as the northernmost regions with very low population density and island, **cross- border** and mountain regions.
- Cross-border regions: just another handicap ?
- Eliminating the detrimental impact of borders is the essence of EU integration

ETC is about ...

- Partnership - trust - transparency
- Long-term, stages, maturity
- People, not countries
- Good for all, but does not come naturally > some help needed
- Something special ...



3: CBC Germany - Poland

- *2007-2013*

- 3 programmes
- Not easy (geography, partnership)
- Not fast (absorption, decommitments?)

- *2014-2020*

- Working basis: continue with 3, but ...
- EC: reflect on common approach / merge ?
- Possible structure like DE-NL?

Geography

- Symmetry
- Central level
- Money
- Euroregions



Joint approach because ...

- Administrative borders \neq reality, needs
- Single management structure, subsidiarity
- Common procedures, rules, criteria, control
- Strategic context, flagships
- A political signal

Common structure can work if ...

- ✓ Core needs of each partner are met
- ✓ Strategy differentiated
- ✓ Decentralised project selection
- ✓ Assurances on shares in funding

The process ...

- EC draft list of programme areas
 - consultation MS expert group
 - Council, EP to agree on budget & rules
 - Commission adopts regulations
 - Acts on funding, geography, etc.
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- Draft programmes - March 2014 ?
 - Adoption of programmes, start < end 2014



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