

Post-2020 Cohesion Policy negotiations: focus on the future of Territorial Cooperation

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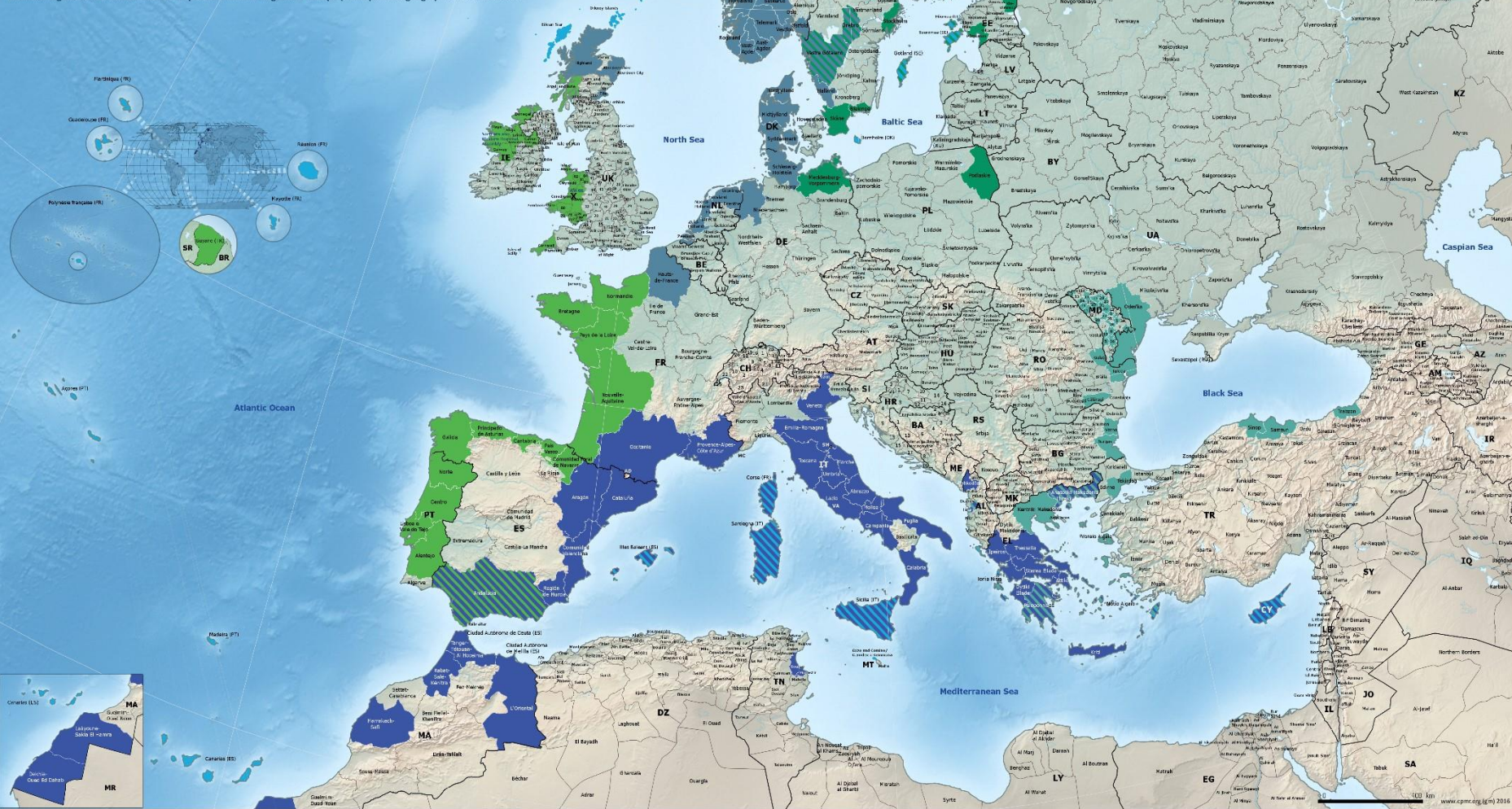


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Post-2020 Cohesion Policy proposal



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29 May: publication of Cohesion Policy legislative package

Main aspects (and innovations):

- Lower budget overall (-10%)
- Lower co-financing rates
- Simplification (through decentralisation at national level...)
- Closer link with EU 'semester'
- Thematic concentration of priorities at national level

Post-2020 ETC



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Main aspects (and innovations):

- Much lower budget
- From three strands to five 'components'. New:
 - Component 2B for maritime cooperation
 - Component 3 for outermost regions cooperation
 - Component 5 for innovation
- No INTERREG Europe programme
- No maritime cross-border cooperation programmes
- Closer link between geography of ETC programmes with macro-regional and sea-basin strategies

European Parliament position - I



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EP report on ETC (rapporteur: Pascal Arimont - EPP/BE) was adopted in REGI Committee on 3 December

Key points:

- Maritime cross-border cooperation programmes will be possible
- Third country participation would be possible for Components 4 (interregional cooperation) and 5 (interregional innovation investments)
- Support to keep INTERREG Europe programme
- Component 5 should be focused on linkages between less developed regions and 'lead' regions on innovations

European Parliament position - II



| | 2014-2020 | EC proposal 2021-2027 | CPMR proposal | EP report |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Total budget | 2,75% of ESI funds | 2,5 % ESI funds (EUR 8.4 bn) | EUR 11 571 840 000 3,5% of ESI funds | EUR 11 165 910 000 |
| Cross-border | 74,05% EUR 6.6 bn | 52,7% (without maritime CBC) EUR 4.4 bn | 65,5% EUR 7.6 bn | 67,16 % EUR 7 500 000 000 |
| Transnational | 20,36% EUR 1.8 bn | 31,4% (with maritime CBC) EUR 2.6 bn | 18,6% EUR 2.1 bn | 17,68 % EUR 1 973 600 880 |
| Interregional | 5,59% EUR 500 million | 1,2% EUR 100 million | 4,3% EUR 499 million | 3,27 % EUR 365 000 000 |
| Outermost | | 3,2% EUR 270 million | 3,2% EUR 370 million | 3,2 % EUR 357 309 120 |
| Innovation | | 11,5% EUR 970 million | 8,4%% EUR 970 million | 8,69 % EUR 970 000 000 |

Council discussion on ETC



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30 Nov: General Affairs Council policy debate on Cohesion Policy.

Extract from discussion paper presented by Austrian Presidency:

The Presidency suggests to adjust the 'architecture' proposed in the Interreg Regulation in a way that it stays as close as possible to the one of the 2014 – 2020 period, consisting of the following 'strands':

- Strand 'Interreg A' for maritime and terrestrial cross-border cooperation;*
- Strand 'Interreg B' for transnational cooperation; and*
- Strand 'Interreg C' for interregional cooperation.*

Existing programs of all three strands should be continued to a maximum extent.

As an exception to the above-mentioned 'continuity principle', cooperation of outermost regions should be organised as proposed by the Commission and defined as a separate, fourth strand 'Interreg D' for Outermost Regions.

At the same time, it is suggested to shift the proposed component 5 from Interreg to ERDF and to further define its scope as a dedicated initiative in the ERDF regulation.

Next steps

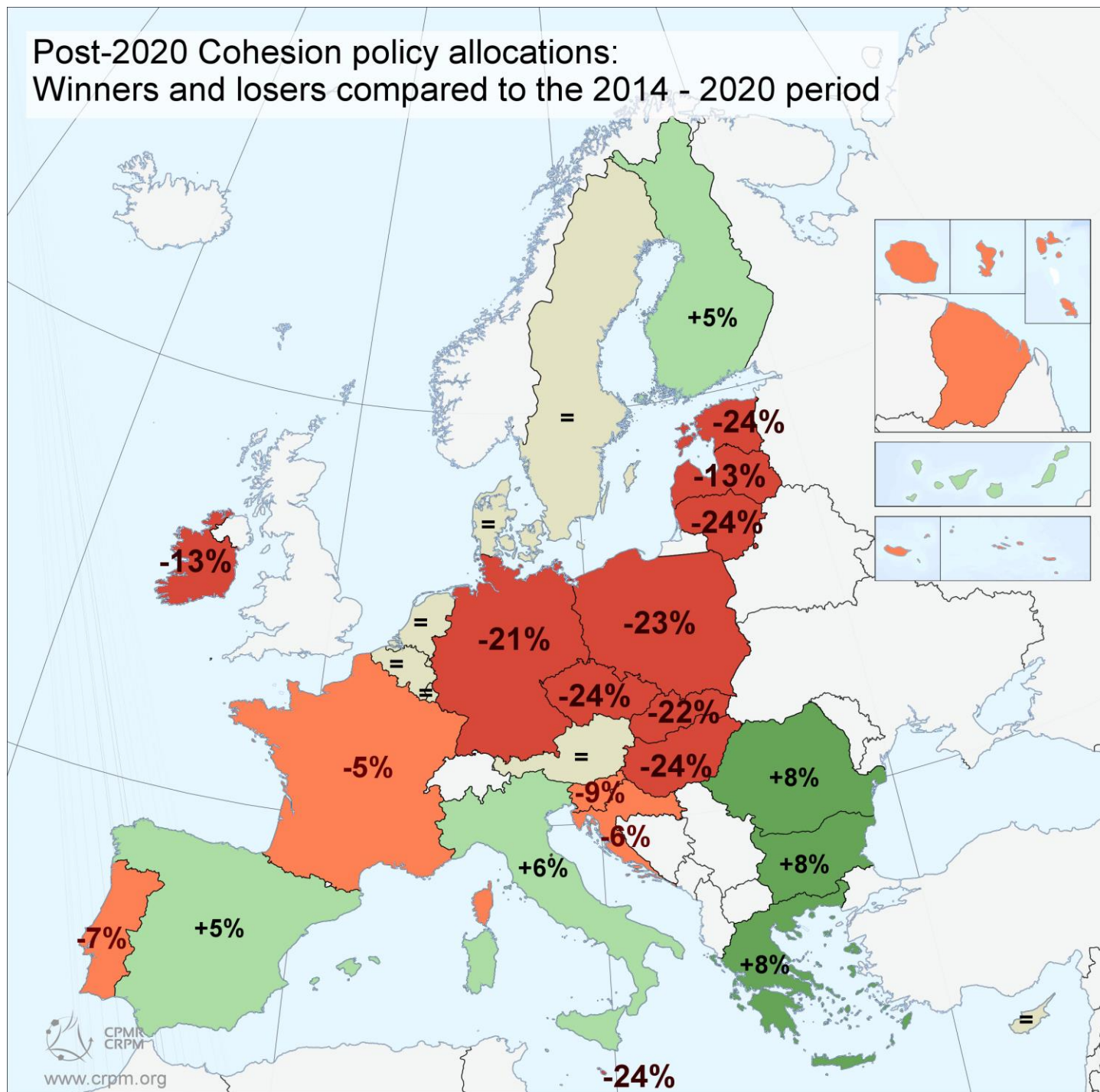


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- Link between Cohesion Policy negotiations and EU budget negotiations (EU summit 13-14 December)
- European Parliament wants a deal before EP elections in May... but Member States are more reluctant
- Slow progress of negotiations in the Council on Cohesion Policy package
- No deal before EP elections could lead to delays in starting operational programmes in 2021
- How will the Commission adapt the architecture of ETC components for post-2020?

Post-2020 Cohesion policy allocations: Winners and losers compared to the 2014 - 2020 period

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Many thanks for your attention!

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