



European Structural and Investment Funds

&

ICT investments

State of Play

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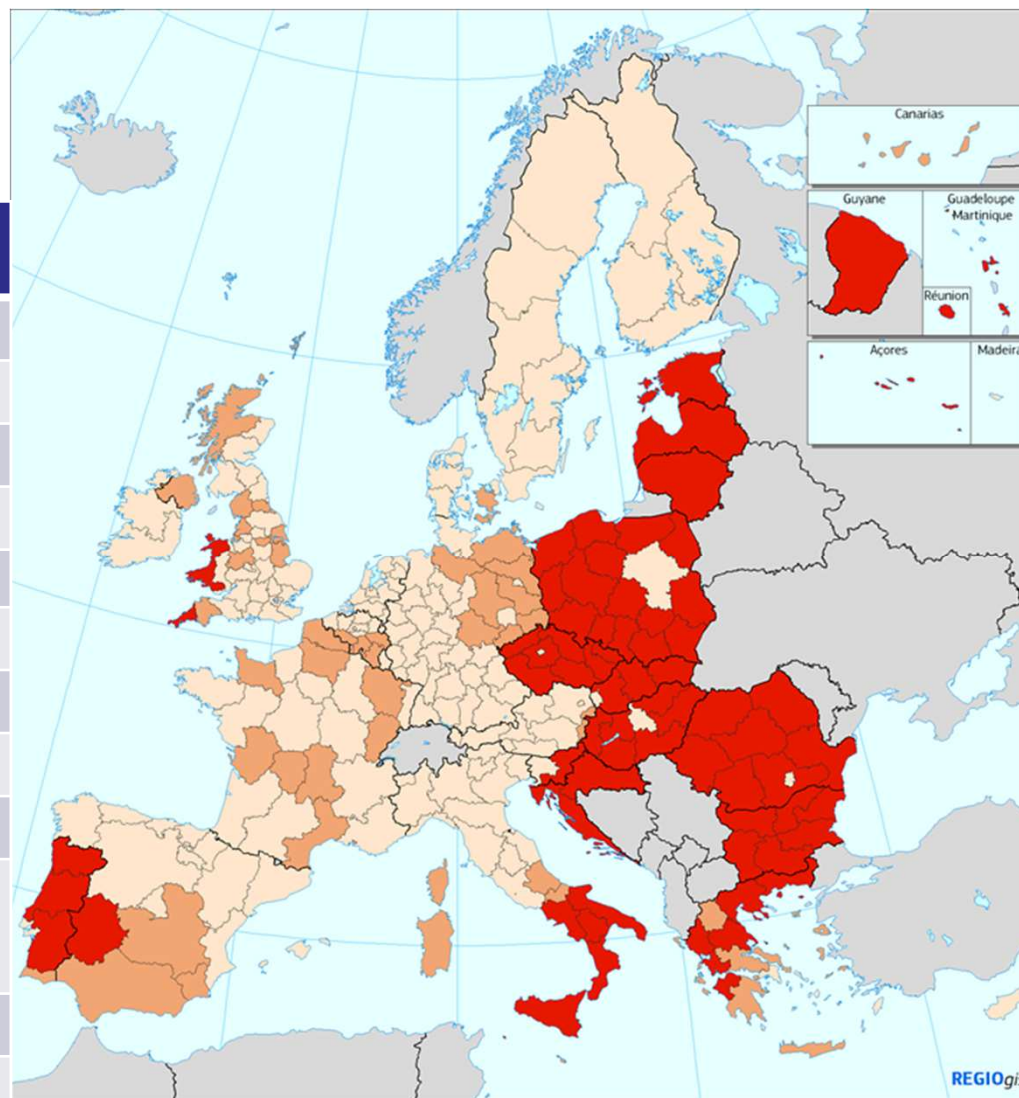


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Eligibility map 2014-20

- Less developed region (GDP/head: less than 75%)
- Transition regions (GDP/head between 75% and 90%)
- More developed region (GDP/head: more than 90%)

	Billion EUR
Less developed regions	164.3
Transition regions	31.7
More developed regions	49.5
Cohesion Fund	66.4
European territorial cooperation	8.9
<i>Of which</i>	
<i>Cross border cooperation</i>	6.6
<i>Transnational cooperation</i>	1.8
<i>Interregional cooperation</i>	0.5
Outermost regions and northern sparsely populated regions	1.4
Youth Employment initiative	3.0
TOTAL	325.1




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Thematic objectives

1. **Research and innovation**
2. **Information and Communication Technologies**
3. **Competitiveness of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME)**
4. Shift to a low-carbon economy
5. Climate change adaptation and risk management and prevention
6. Environmental protection and resource efficiency
7. Sustainable transport and disposal of congestion on major network infrastructure
8. Employment and support for labour mobility
9. Social inclusion and poverty reduction
10. Education, skills and lifelong learning
11. Increased institutional capacity and effectiveness of public administration

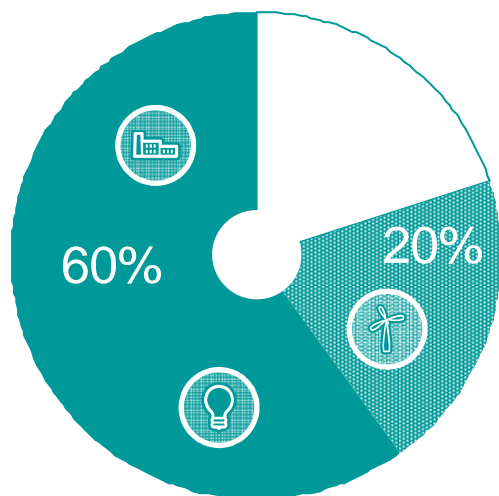
Thematic concentration of the ERDF

 Research and Innovation

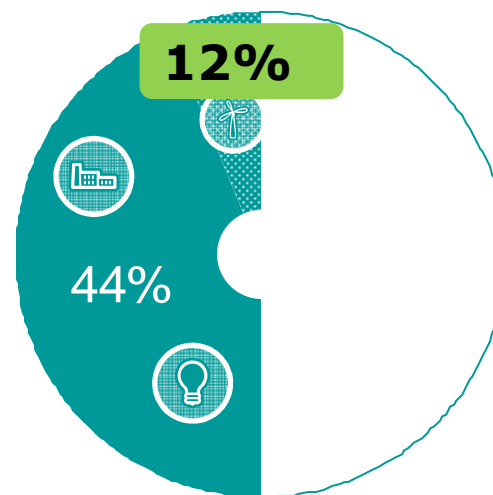
 Energy efficiency and renewable energy

 SMEs competitiveness

+ ICT access, quality and use



Concentration on "two or more of the thematic objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4"



Developed regions and Transition regions: **60 % concentration (incl. 15% for energy/renewables)**

Less developed regions

Transition regions: 60 % concentration (incl. 15% for energy/renewables)

(Different regions present different needs)
 (Different needs for the previously convergence regions)



Thematic Objective 2 translates into **ERDF Investment Priority 2: Enhancing access to + use and quality of ICT**

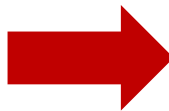
Investment priorities under TO 2:

Ex ante conditionalities:

- a) Extending broadband deployment and the roll-out of high-speed networks and supporting the adoption of emerging technologies and networks for the digital economy;
- b) Developing ICT products and services, e-commerce, and enhancing demand for ICT;
- c) Strengthening ICT applications for e-government, e-learning, e-inclusion, e-culture and e-health

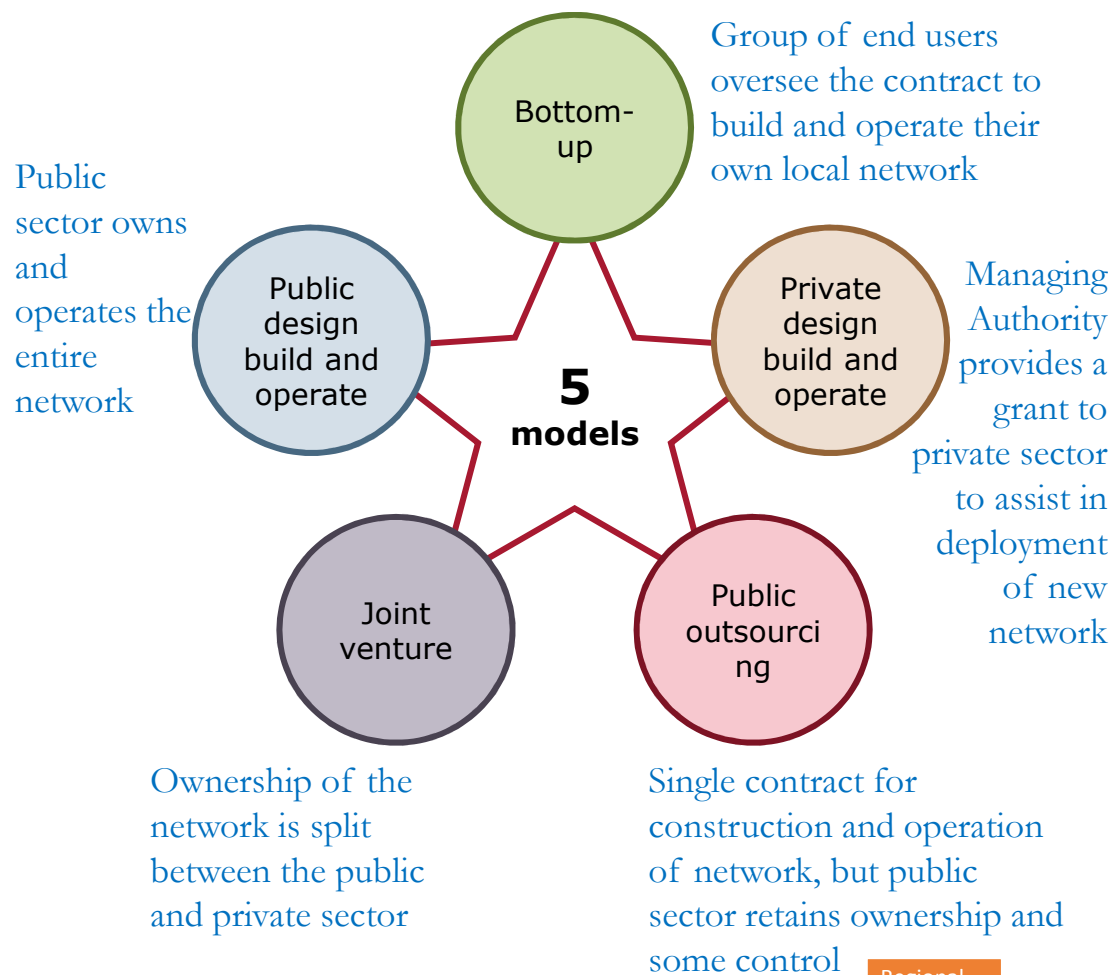


**Next Generation Access
Plan**



**Strategic policy
framework for digital
growth (also in RIS3)**

Five investment models provide a broad spectrum of funding options



<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/home>



Guideline for Major Projects Application Form in Broadband

The purpose of this JASPERS paper is to provide specific instructions to fill up the application for funding in the case of broadband projects.

However, it should not be regarded as official guidelines and it might be updated and/or complemented from time to time with other papers based on experience gained in new projects.



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**Guidelines to fill up the Application for Funding in
Broadband Projects**

November 2011

<http://www.jaspersnetwork.org/jaspersnetwork/display/for/Guideline+for+Major+Projects+Application+Form+in+Broadband>



State Aid in Broadband infrastructure projects

The purpose of this JASPERS paper is to provide guidance for the identification of State aid in broadband infrastructures projects in the context of Article 107 of Treaty of Functioning of the European Union, as well as the understanding of when the aid can be considered compatible.



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State Aid in Broadband Infrastructures

Pedro Cruz Yábar (*)

August 2012

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How about EAFRD broadband investments?

- *broadband networks in **rural areas***
- ***No restrictions on minimum connectivity/speed** under EAFRD, but: **advanced as possible technical characteristics**, should be the major aim.*
- ***synergy with the networks in the neighbouring urban areas,***
- *Coordination and complementarity between ERDF and EAFRD priorities need therefore to be sought at programme level*

ABSORPTION RATE

72.9%	86.9%	47.5%	90.6%	42.9%	71.3%	78.4%
Telephone infrastructures (including broadband networks)	Information and communication technologies (...)	Information and communication technologies (TEN-ICT)	Services and applications for citizens (e-health, e-government, e-learning, e-inclusion, etc.)	Services and applications for SMEs (e-commerce, education and training, networking, etc.)	Other measures for improving access to and efficient use of ICT by SMEs	ICT Average
10	11	12	13	14	15	



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Thank you

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