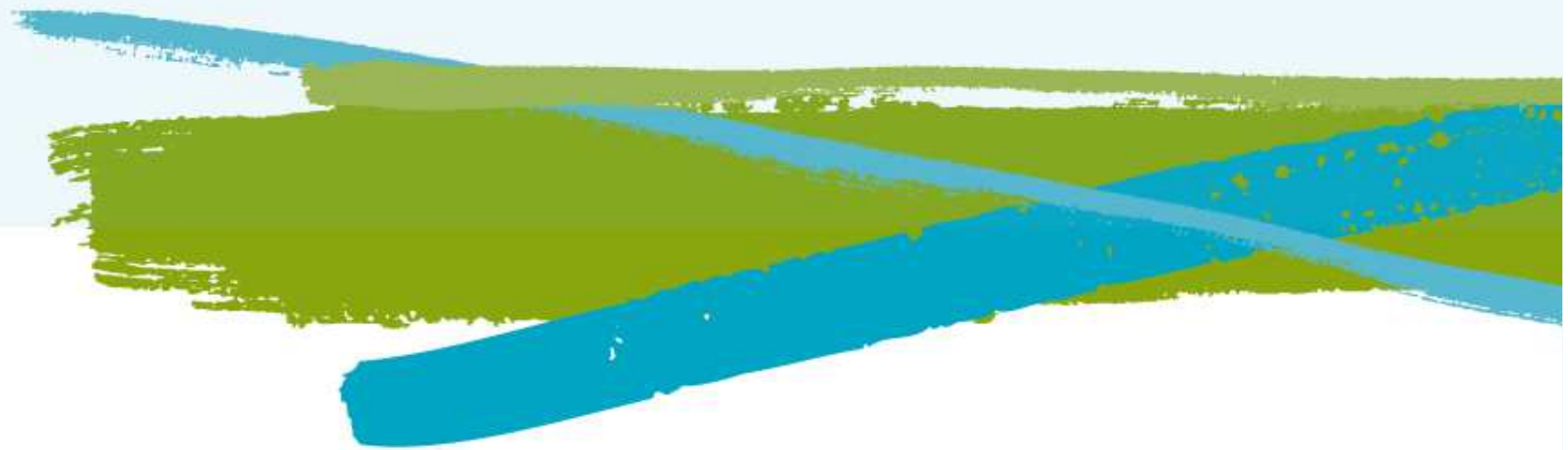


Climate Change and the future Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

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What's new? – legislative proposal

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Article 8

Sustainable development

The objectives of the CSF Funds shall be pursued in the framework of sustainable development and the Union's promotion of the aim of protecting and improving the environment, as set out in Articles 11 and 19 of the Treaty, taking into account the polluter pays principle.

The Member States and the Commission shall ensure that environmental protection requirements, resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster resilience and risk prevention and management are promoted in the preparation and implementation of Partnership Contracts and programmes. Member States shall provide information on the support for climate change objectives using the methodology adopted by the Commission. The Commission shall adopt this methodology by means of an implementing act. The implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 143(3).



http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/regulation/pdf/2007/publications/guide2007_en.pdf

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/what/future/proposals_2014_2020_en.cfm



What's new?

The Commission's proposal for a multi-annual budget for 2014-2020:

- The Commission intends to increase the proportion to at least 20% for climate related spending, with contributions from different policy fields
- Mainstreaming of climate change into e.g. cohesion; climate proofing of investments
- Tracking of climate-related expenditure
- Reference to the climate change objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy



<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/799&format=PDF&aged=1&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

http://europa.eu/press_room/pdf/a_budget_for_europe_2020_-_part_ii_policy_fiches_en.pdf



The 5 targets for the EU in 2020

1. Employment

- 75% of the 20-64 year-olds to be employed

2. R&D / innovation

- 3% of the EU's GDP (public and private combined) to be invested in R&D/innovation

3. Climate change / energy

- **greenhouse gas emissions 20% (or even 30%, if the conditions are right) lower than 1990**
 - **20% of energy from renewables**
 - **20% increase in energy efficiency**
- + strengthening resilience to climate risks, and our capacity for disaster prevention and response

4. Education

- **Reducing school drop-out rates below 10%**
- **at least 40% of 30-34-year-olds completing third level education**

5. Poverty / social exclusion

- **at least 20 million fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion**



What's new? ...in short for 2014-2020:

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- Climate change mitigation and adaptation significantly enhanced:
 - supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
 - promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
- Tracking of climate-related expenditure
- 20% (at least) of EU budget devoted to climate-related expenditure

Climate change and the legislative proposals

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Common Regulation (ERDF, ESF, CF, EAFRD, EMFF):

- Tracking of climate related expenditure towards the at-least-20% objective
- Member States and Commission shall ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation are promoted in the preparation and implementation of Partnership Contracts and programmes
- Thematic objectives including shift towards low-carbon economy and promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention/management
- Partnership Contract + Programmes shall indicate amount for climate change objectives
- Programmes shall describe climate change mitigation and adaptation actions
- Implementation Reports 2017+2019: report on climate related expenditure
- Environmental impact analysis of Major Projects shall take into account climate change adaptation and mitigation, and disaster resilience



http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/what/future/proposals_2014_2020_en.cfm#2



Shared management:

Mainstreaming climate change

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EU Policies – EU Law – Europe 2020 – MFF

Cohesion package – set of Regulations

Common Strategic Framework

EU

National legislation, policies

Negotiation
EC-MS

Partnership Contracts

Operational Programmes

National/regional priorities

Selection criteria

Calls for Proposals

MS

Projects on the ground





Some questions with regard to Bulgaria:

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- Has the preparation for 2014-2020 started?
- How are the climate change objectives being integrated in the planning process?
- Are the administrative responsibilities vis-à-vis incorporating climate change clear and adequately defined?
- How will Bulgaria increase the climate related expenditure to 20% for the shared management funds?
- What will be the main challenges?



EU Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change ⁹

- To be adopted in Spring 2013
- Will comprise the following elements:
 1. Enhancing the knowledgebase and widening access to information
 2. Mainstreaming adaptation into policies, strategies and programmes at EU level
 3. Capturing the potential of the market, market-based instruments and the private sector
 4. Support to and facilitation of collaboration, exchange of knowledge and best practice examples, etc. between Member States, regions, cities and other stakeholders



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Climate Change Adaptation in Europe

This platform aims to support Europe in adapting to climate change. It is an initiative of the European Commission and helps users to access and share information on:

- Expected climate change in Europe
- The vulnerability of regions and sectors at present and in the future
- National and transnational adaptation strategies
- Case examples of adaptation and potential future adaptation options, including their costs and benefits
- Tools that support adaptation planning

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Agriculture and Forestry

With farmers managing almost half of the EU's land area, the agricultural sector is a major source of pressure on Europe's environment



Will be operational in March 2012





LIFE+ Programme 2014-2020

- € 3.2 billion of which 25% or € 800 million earmarked for climate action (2014-2020):
- **Mitigation**, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- **Adaptation**, increased resilience to climate change
- **Governance and Awareness**
- Commission scheduled to adopt the legal proposal in December



Thank you for your attention

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