



# **EUROPEAN COHESION POLICY: CITIES AND JOBS**

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# COHESION POLICY 2014-2020

- **Informal Dialogue on programming** with Member States underway
- Enhanced **integrated approach**, including of ERDF and ESF
- Increased **strategic focus**: geared to addressing objectives of **Europe 2020**
- Emphasis on **effectiveness and results**
- **Territorial dimension** strengthened

# TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

- Twice as high as for adults: **23.5%** end first quarter 2013, **> 50% in some countries**
- 7.5 million in age group 15-24 **neither in employment, education or training** ( NEETs)
- Youth Employment Package with recommendation on **Youth Guarantee**
- To be implemented through **ESF** and **Youth Employment Initiative**
- Key issue in Informal Dialogue

## ERDF SUPPORT FOR JOBS

- Supports **productive investment**, especially through **aid to SME's**, thus contributing to creating and safeguarding sustainable jobs
- Concentration on investments in **innovation, ICT applications and the green economy**
- **Provides finance:** loans, venture capital, guarantees
- ERDF and ESF together: **Action Teams 2012** target € 16 billions in 8 Member States

# REINFORCED URBAN DIMENSION

- Ring-fenced financing for **sustainable urban development** (minimum 5% ERDF allocations)
- Based on **strategies** setting out **integrated actions** tackling challenges affecting urban areas (economic, environmental, social, demographic)
- Cooperation of cities through continuation of **URBACT** programme

# EXAMPLES OF INCLUSION PROJECTS 2007-2013 PERIOD

- **Bremen: Robinsbalje Learning Neighbourhood**, single facility offering education, health and employment services in deprived area
- **SusseS**: cross-border cooperation project in **UK, Belgium and France** developing new approaches to employment in disadvantaged neighbourhoods

# MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES: THE PRESENT

- Aim to address issues that require **transnational strategic framework**, networks and projects
- Bring together all relevant financing sources in a **coherent framework**
- **Baltic Sea strategy**: first strategy with participation of Union of Baltic Cities
- Actions to combat **youth unemployment**, life-long learning, mobility etc.

# MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES: THE FUTURE

- To **continue** in 2014-2020 period
- **Closer linkages with new programmes** (national and territorial cooperation) will help enhance content and coordination
- **Improved governance:** transnational programmes to support role of core functions ( Priority Area Coordinators, National Contact Points).