

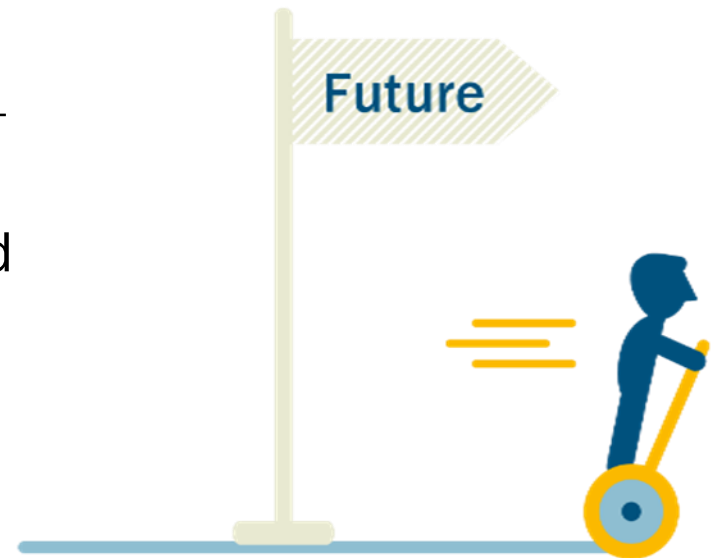
# Post 2020

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Arctic Project Clustering Event

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# Objectives

- Brief outlook on the post-2020 regulatory framework proposed by the European Commission
- Attempt to answer your questions ... but you know ... the story with crystal balls ...

# Draft Post 2020 – the great lines

- Reduced budget for EU Cohesion Policy – also for Interreg
- Reduced co-financing rate (70%)

## Components

- C1 (CBC): Landlocked programmes – no major changes
- C2A: TNC– raised profile of Macro-Regional Strategies
- **C2B: Maritime cooperation – new approach proposed combining TNC and CBC – programmes based on Sea Basins and related Strategies (SBS)**
- C3 – Programmes for Overseas Regions, cooperation with neighbouring countries
- C4 – ESPON, Interact
- C5 – networks for smart specialization and modernizing industries (directly managed)

# Approach to programme areas

- CBC: expected focus on core area, i.e. NUTS-3 regions along borders
- Impact on (core) area counts – no more relevance regarding seat of partners in a Member State (MS) for the eligibility – notion of eligible area is gone – support core areas where people cross, work & live
- Position paper from EC per border (CBC) respectively per programme area – understood as exchange of views & starting point for a dialogue

# Maritime cooperation

## Rationale

- More strategic approach: one strategy for one sea-basin should result in more coherence and increased impact
- Point of departure: sea-basin understood as functional area with possible functional sub-areas

DG Regio will come up with an input including proposals for the programme architecture and future governance & management

Issue	Explanation provided
Fixed link	Means it is a terrestrial programme (C1)
Themes	The general intent is 70% devoted to SBS; 30% to other issues

# Maritime ideas

... intent to have sea by sea meetings of key stakeholders in Q1/2019...

<b>Sea basin</b>	<b>Annotations</b>
North Sea	
Baltic Sea	Closely linked to MRS; e.g. cooperation Tallinn – Helsinki in sub-programme or ITI
Atlantic Ocean	
Arctic Ocean	
MED (EU)	
Adriatic Ionian	Not part of MED EU due to EUSAIR
<b>External</b>	
Black Sea	To be continued; maybe not in the framework of the
MED (ENI)	Interreg Regulation

# Policy Objectives ERDF

*Draft ERDF Regulation, Article 2*

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1: Smarter Europe	Research, innovation, ICT, competitiveness of SMEs - approx. current TO 1, 2, 3
2: Greener Europe	Energy transition, green & blue investment, circular economy, climate adaptation, risk prevention – approx. TO 4, 5, 6 (without IP 6c);
3: A more connected Europe	Transport, ICT – approx. TO 7 – TEN-T, (sustainable, intelligent - including regional, local, cross-border)
4: A more social Europe (EPSR)	ESF+ - approx. TO 8, 9 (without IP 9d), 10
5: A Europe closer to citizens	fostering integrated social, economic and environmental development, cultural heritage and security including for urban, rural and coastal areas also through community-led local development. – approx. IP 6c, 8c, 9b, 9d

# Interreg-specific Objectives

*Draft Interreg Regulation, Article 14*

Objective	Remarks
PO 4 (ERDF)	Text in draft regulation explicitly opening the objective ‘across borders’
Better Interreg governance <i>min. 15% allocation for Interreg programmes</i>	Institution and capacity –building; also related to MRS and SBS (the latter in programmes in C1 to 3); <i>also removal of administrative &amp; legal obstacles</i> ; in external programmes also p-t-p, support to democracy-building and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)
A safer & more secure Europe <i>min. 15% allocation for programmes with an <u>external</u> dimension</i>	Border crossing management and mobility and migration management, including the protection of migrants ... [ <i>‘... if it is not possible to cross a border, support to CBC does not make sense ...’</i> ]



# Simplification

By 2021 programmes should be ready with a solid system of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs):

- flat rates
- lump sums
- standard unit costs

Managing Authority (MA) in charge of **risk-based** management verifications (FLC) and accounting (payment) function. Audit sample by the EC; strengthened position of MA towards AA

# Timeline

Date	Milestone
05/2018	Draft legislations published
05/2019	European Parliament elections
<b>Date X:</b> <b>Regulations enter into force</b>	Submission of CP = <b>Date X + 9 months</b> (different for CP including external FI)
Observations by the EC	Within <b>3 months</b> following submission
Review	ASAP
Decision by the EC	Within <b>6 months</b> following <b>first</b> submission
<i>01/2021</i>	<i>Start of the new period</i>

# Σ - eventual key changes 2021-27

## **New:**

- M: Components (esp. 2B)
- H: Policy Objectives
- M: Co-financing rate
- H: Increased use of SCOs



## **Challenges:**

- New programme architecture
- Brexit
- Relation EU-Russia
- Interreg – new NDICI\*

## **Relation Programme Management – Beneficiary:**

- More functions of the Managing Authority (MA) – [control, payments]
- Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)
- Liquidity (cash flow)
- State aid (attempt to expand exemptions)

\*Neighbourhood, Development & International Cooperation Instrument intended to replace a broad range of current instruments, i.a. ENI, and the corresponding Implementing Regulation

# Cooperation works

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**Thank you!**

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