



EU Cohesion Policy with focus on Scotland

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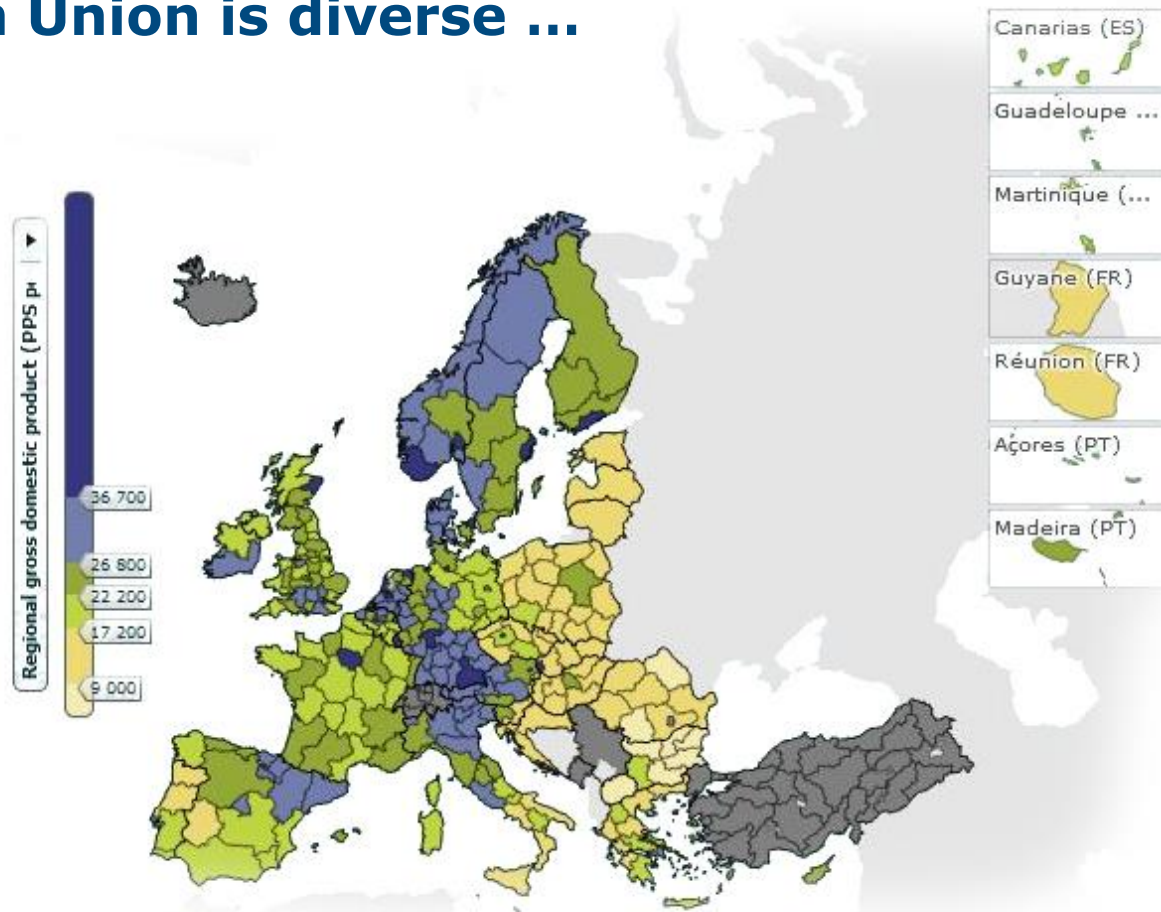
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The European Union is diverse ...

GDP/capita

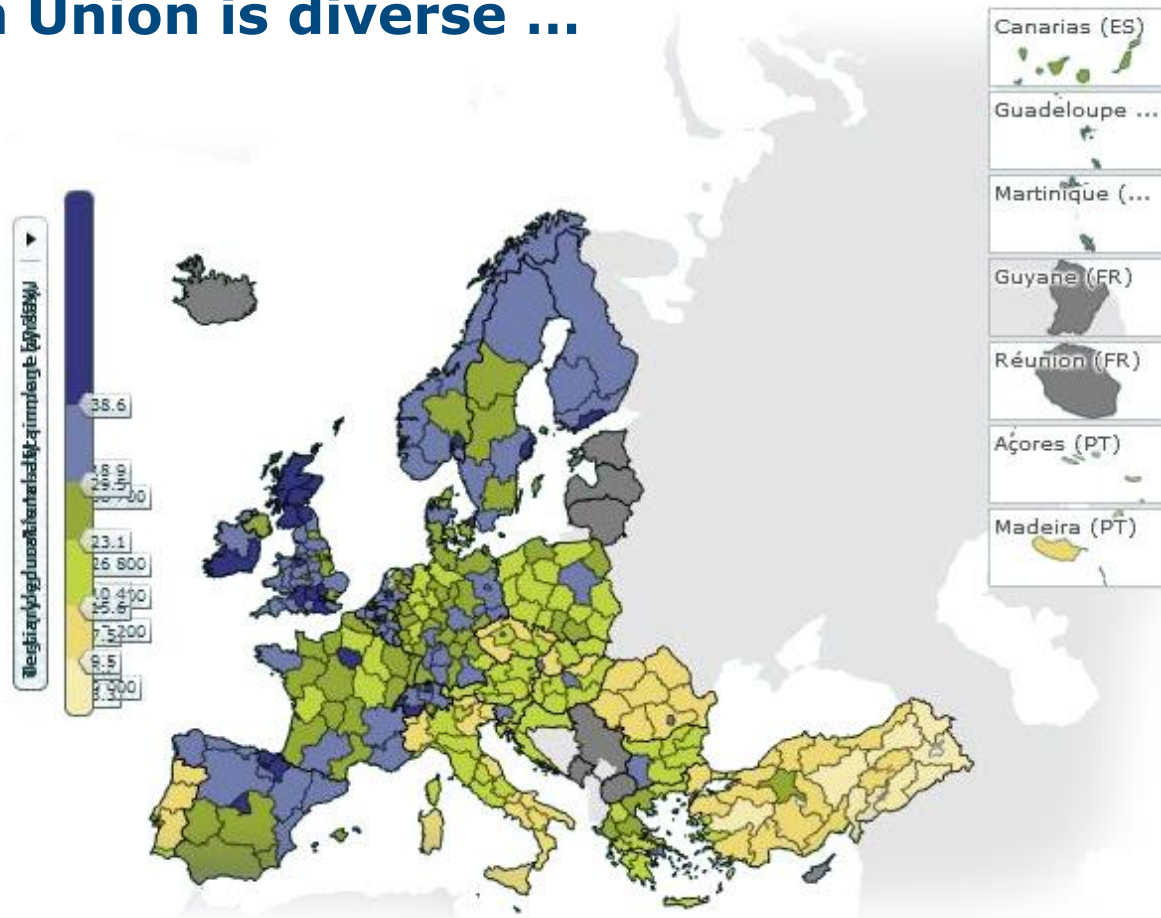




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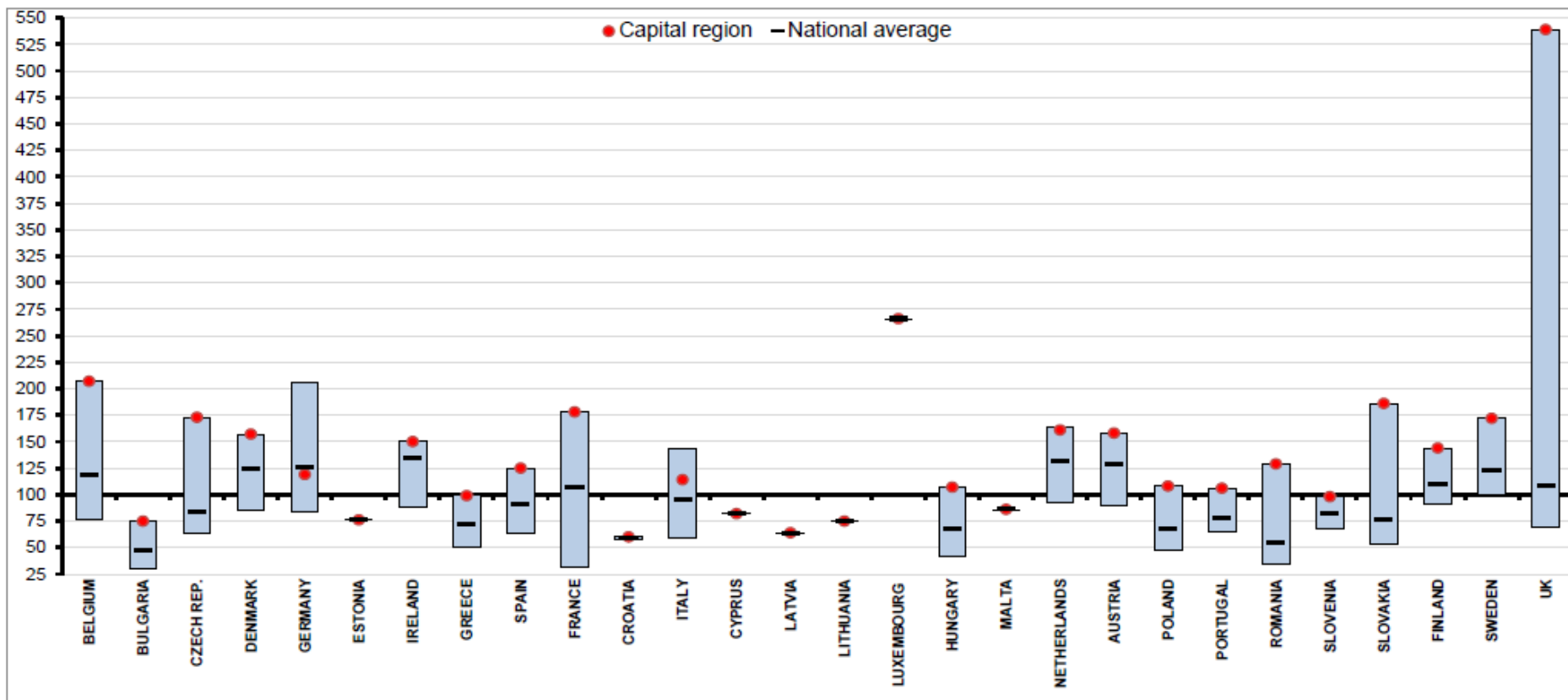
Third-level
Education





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Regional GDP per capita by EU Member State in 2014 in PPS, EU28 = 100



The bar shows for each Member State the range from the region with the lowest value to that with the highest value.



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Regional GDP in the European Union, 2014

Region (NUTS 2013)	GDP € million	GDP per capita €	GDP million PPS	GDP per capita PPS	GDP per capita PPS, EU28=100
EU	13 959 739	27 500	13 959 739	27 500	100
UNITED KINGDOM	2 254 297	34 900	1 933 613	29 900	109
<i>Wales</i>	<i>75 976</i>	<i>24 600</i>	<i>65 168</i>	<i>21 100</i>	<i>77</i>
West Wales & The Valleys	42 879	22 000	36 779	18 900	69
East Wales	33 097	28 900	28 389	24 800	90
<i>Scotland</i>	<i>172 744</i>	<i>32 300</i>	<i>148 171</i>	<i>27 700</i>	<i>101</i>
Eastern Scotland	65 091	31 700	55 831	27 200	99
South Western Scotland	68 059	29 100	58 377	25 000	91
North Eastern Scotland	25 639	52 400	21 991	44 900	164
Highlands & Islands	13 956	29 900	11 971	25 600	93
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	<i>48 078</i>	<i>26 100</i>	<i>41 239</i>	<i>22 400</i>	<i>82</i>

Why do we have a Cohesion Policy?

- **Preamble to the Treaty of Rome (1957):** necessity "to strengthen the unity of their economies and to ensure their **harmonious development by reducing the differences existing between the various regions and the backwardness of the less favoured regions**".
- **Article 174 Treaty of Lisbon (2010):** "In order to promote its overall harmonious development, the Union shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the **strengthening of its economic, social and territorial cohesion**. In particular, the Union shall aim at **reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions**".



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COHESION POLICY FUNDING

DELIVERED
THROUGH
3 FUNDS



€351.8bn
COHESION POLICY
FUNDING

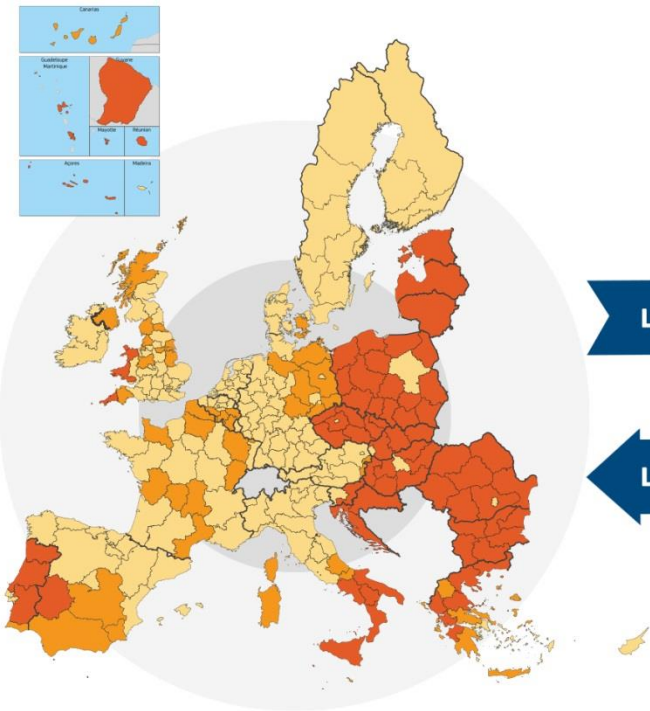
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EXPECTED PUBLIC &
PRIVATE NATIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS

=

LIKELY IMPACT OF
COHESION POLICY
€500bn +

Investing in all EU regions



ALL EU REGIONS BENEFIT

€182 billion
for less developed regions
GDP < 75 % of EU-27 average



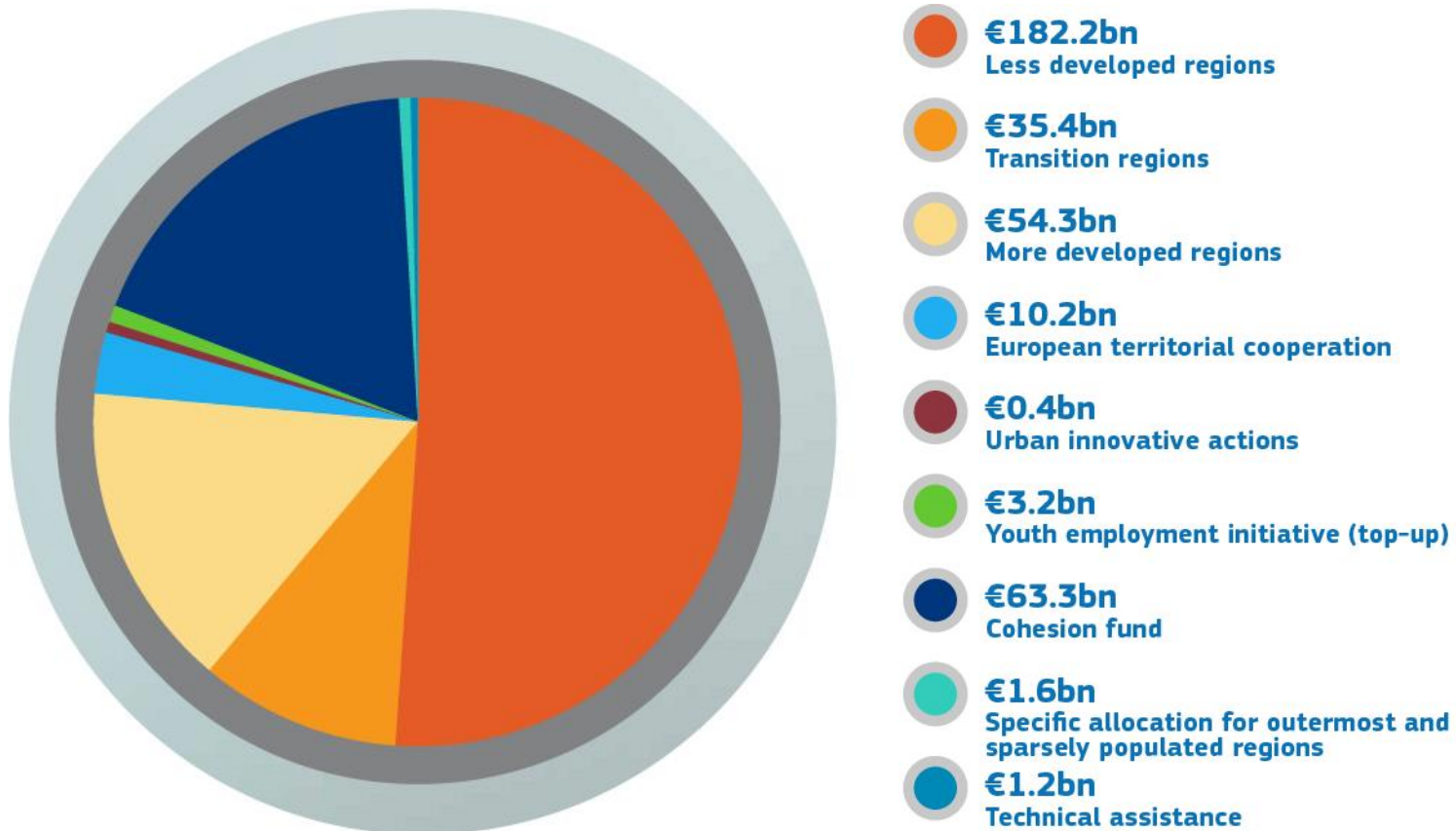
€35bn for transition regions
GDP 75-90 % of EU-27 average



€54bn for more developed regions
GDP > 90 % of EU-27 average

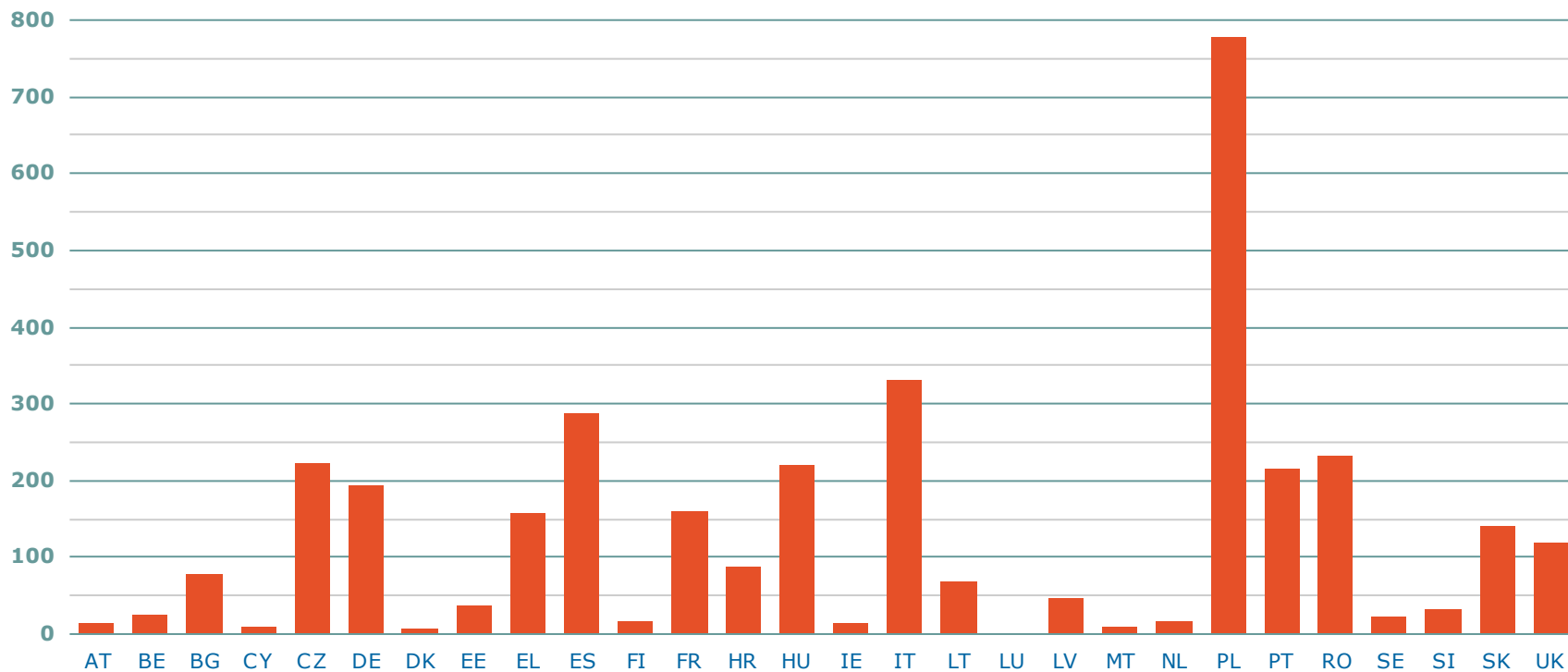


Cohesion Policy Funding 2014-2020 (€351.8 bn)



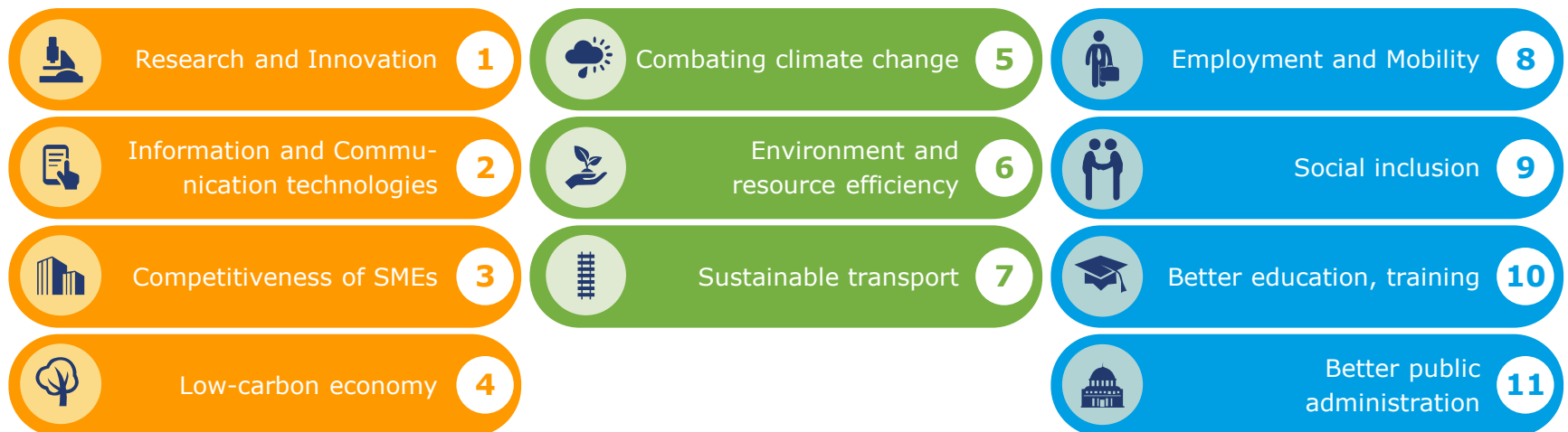
Allocations per Member State (2014-2020)

Total EU allocations of cohesion policy 2014-2020* (billion €, current prices)



* breakdown by category of allocations subject to transfers between categories at the request of the Member States

What: 11 thematic objectives



How: Multiannual programming + Shared Management

**Common
Strategic
Framework**

**Partnership
Agreements**

**Operational
Programmes**

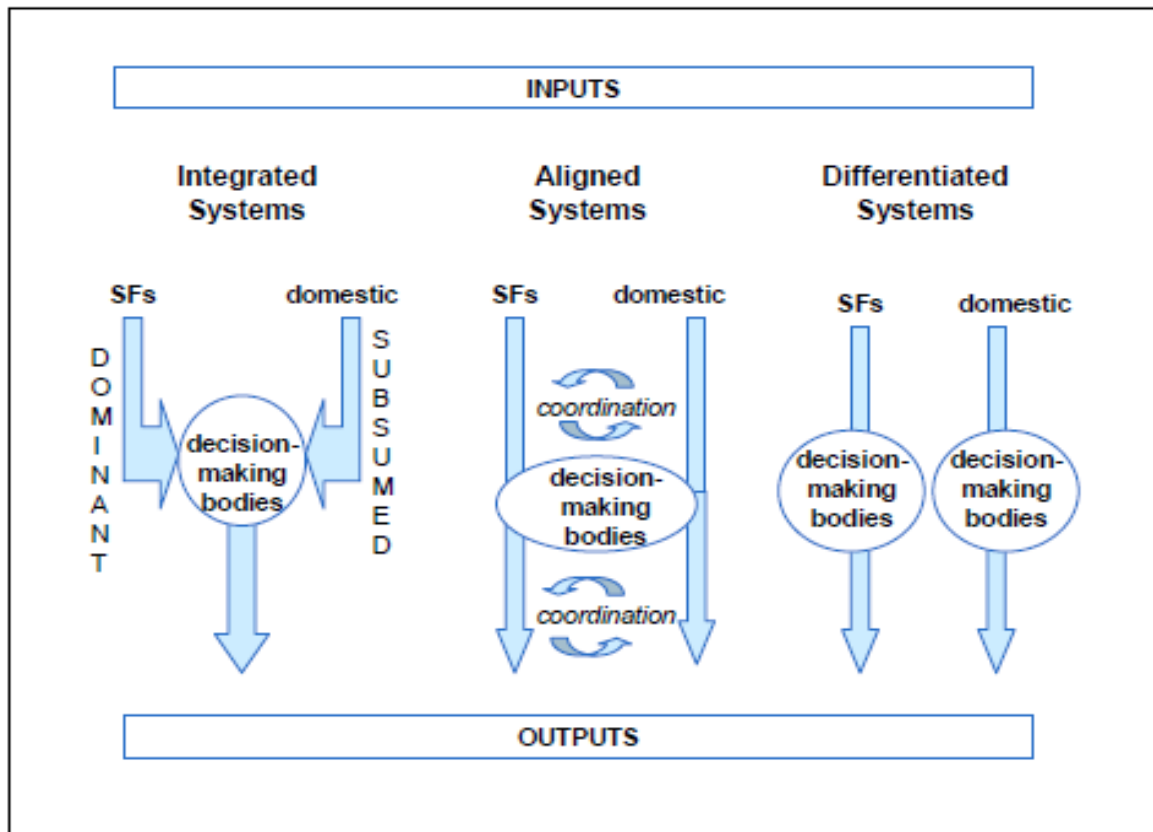
**Management of
programmes/
Selection of
projects**

**Monitoring/
Annual
reporting**



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Figure 35: Typology of Structural Funds resource allocation systems.



Source: Ferry *et al*, p. 29



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Focus on results: Open data platform

<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS DATA' platform. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text 'EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS DATA'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links: 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'EXPLORE EU DATA', 'EXPLORE BY THEME', 'EXPLORE BY COUNTRY', and 'EXPLORE BY FUND'. The main heading reads 'European Structural Investment Funds - explore our data'. Below the heading are four filter buttons: 'EU LEVEL' (blue), 'THEME' (red), 'COUNTRY' (green), and 'FUND' (grey). The page is divided into three columns: 'ABOUT THIS TOOL' (describing the platform's purpose for 2014-2020), 'HOW TO USE THIS TOOL' (explaining navigation options), and 'HELPFUL LINKS' (listing ESIF funds). A large banner features a scenic image of a harbor with the text 'The European Structural Investment Fund budget 2014-2020 is ... EUR 454 Billion' and a button for 'EU finances Overview'. The footer includes a 'Catalogue' section, 'Contact Us' information, and a 'Follow Us' section with social media links and a search bar.



Regional Policy in Scotland

What Are The Issues in Scotland?

Scotland possesses key resources that can enable the country to achieve its growth potential. It is home to internationally renowned academic institutions that can transfer knowledge to key sectors as well as the Small to Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) which make up 99% of the country's business base. Both can utilise this knowledge to build a stronger business base. In the field of sustainable development, the results are equally as impressive with Scotland's performance against EU2020 targets on emission reduction and renewable energy generation already exceeding headline targets¹. The low carbon economy also presents significant opportunities for job growth, with up to 40,000 new jobs predicted over the next decade.

In the period from 2014-20, Scotland will focus the Structural Funds on achieving **structural reforms** which facilitate sustainable economic growth. As EU Funds are deployed alongside significantly greater national resources, efforts will focus on quite **specific niche** investments which would not otherwise take place, or not to the same scale and timeframes, without Structural Funds. Deliberate efforts to create **alignment** between all EU Funds deployed in Scotland should ensure that the funds act together to support growth and jobs.



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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 11.12.2014

**approving certain elements of the operational programme “United Kingdom - ERDF
Scotland” for support from the European Regional Development Fund under the
Investment for growth and jobs goal for Scotland in the United Kingdom**

CCI 2014UK16RFOP004

(ONLY THE ENGLISH TEXT IS AUTHENTIC)

How much money ?

million € (1£ = 1.25 €)	Total	ERDF	ERDF-rate
Total	1,013	477	47%
Highland & Islands ('transition')	204	112	55%
Rest of Scotland ('more developed')	809	365	45%

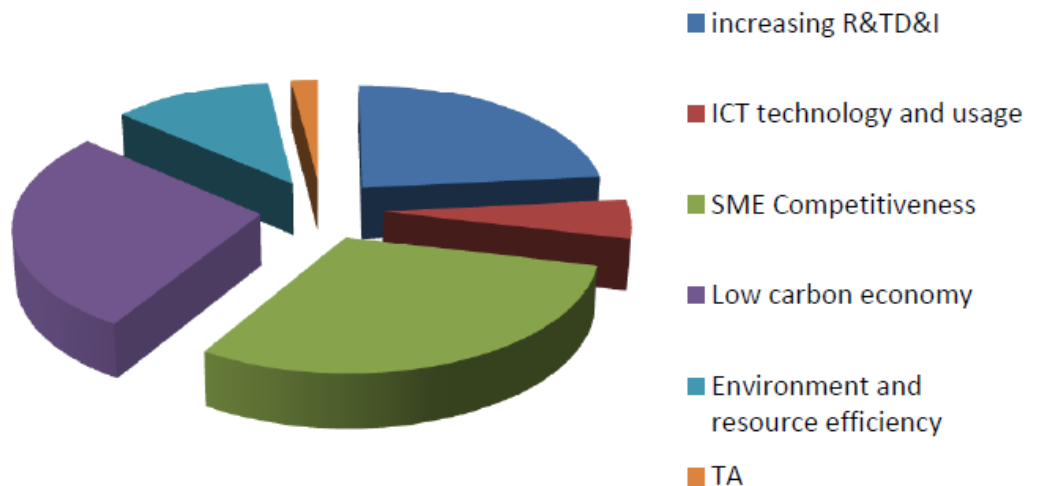


Table 2: Overview of the investment strategy of the operational programme

Priority axis	Fund	Union support (€)	Proportion of total Union support for the operational programme	Thematic objective / Investment priority / Specific objective	Common and programme-specific result indicators for which a target has been set
1	ERDF	111,500,000.00	23.39%	<p>→ 01 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation</p> <p>→ 1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies</p> <p>→ SO1 - Increase business commercialisation and investment in RTDI, particularly in sectors identified through Smart Specialisation</p>	[PR11, PR12]
2	ERDF	25,000,000.00	5.24%	<p>→ 02 - Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, information and communication technologies</p> <p>→ 2a - Extending broadband deployment and the roll-out of high-speed networks and supporting the adoption of emerging technologies and networks for the digital economy</p> <p>→ SO2 - Enable individuals and businesses throughout Scotland to access digital services and business opportunities</p>	[PR21]
3	ERDF	143,700,000.00	30.14%	<p>→ 03 - Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and the fisheries and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF)</p> <p>→ 3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes</p> <p>→ SO3 - support SME internationalisation as a route to growth and increasing employment, particularly in Smart Specialisation sectors and regionally important sectors in fragile areas</p>	[PR31, PR32]
4	ERDF	131,052,563.00	27.49%	<p>→ 04 - Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors</p> <p>→ 4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures</p> <p>→ SO4e - Increase the number of journeys undertaken by public and active travel or low energy vehicles</p> <p>→ 4f - Promoting research and innovation in, and adoption of, low-carbon technologies</p> <p>→ SO4f - Encourage investment in low carbon technology and development to exploit Scotland's vast potential</p>	[PR41, PR42, SO44, PR43]
5	ERDF	56,000,000.00	11.75%	<p>→ 06 - Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency</p> <p>→ 6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure</p> <p>→ SO5d - To improve the quality, accessibility and usage of greenspace in urban environments and exploit the opportunities consequently for positive environmental, economic and social benefit</p> <p>→ 6g - Supporting industrial transition towards a resource-efficient economy, promoting green growth, eco-innovation and environmental performance management in the public and private sectors</p> <p>→ SO5f1 - Making businesses in supported sectors more competitive through increased resource efficiency</p> <p>→ SO5f2 - Grow re-processing and re-manufacturing industries through the reuse of waste products.</p>	[PR51, PR61, PR62]
6	ERDF	9,535,768.00	2.00%	<p>TASO1 - support effective funds delivery</p> <p>TASO2 - Support synergies with other instruments</p>	[]



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Figure 3: Programmes³¹, representativeness of partnerships Figure 14: Involvement of partners in the implementation



Source: Project team 2015 (Sweco and Spatial Foresight)

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