



Urban dimension of the EU Cohesion Policy – legislative proposal 2021- 2027

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Cohesion Policy support to cities in 2014-2020

Investments in sustainable urban development:

- Around **EUR 17 billion (8%) of European Regional Development Fund** and **EUR 1,5 billion of European Social Fund** to sustainable urban development
- More than **900 integrated urban strategies** being implemented on ground
<https://urban.jrc.ec.europa.eu/strategy-board/#/home>

Capacity building (EUR 96 ml.):

- **Urbact III** programme
<https://urbact.eu/>
- **Urban Development Network**

Experimentation (EUR 372 ml.):

- **Urban Innovative Actions**
<https://www.uia-ii>



European Structural and Investment Funds - integrated strategies (urban/territorial) in Italy in the current programming period 2014-2020

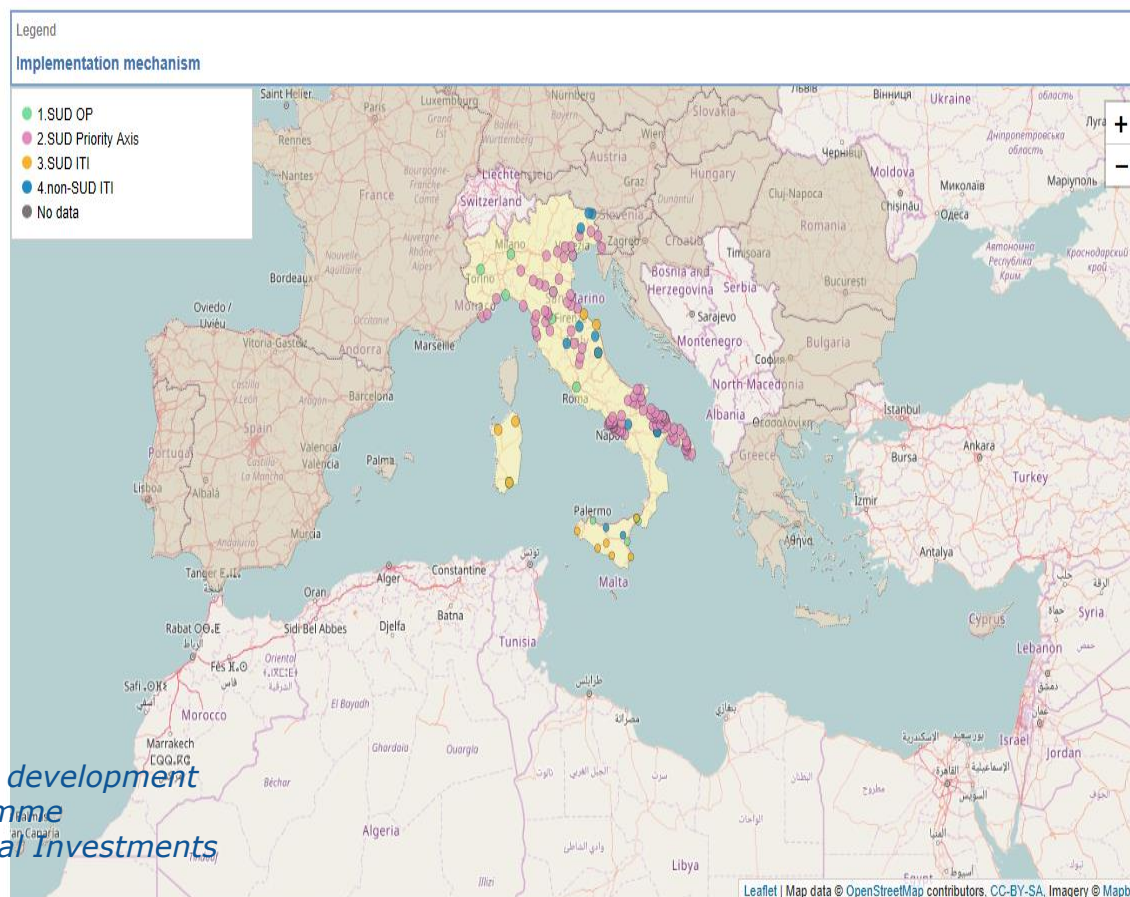
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Abbreviations:

SUD: sustainable urban development
OP: Operational Programme
ITI: Integrated Territorial Investments

Urban Innovative Actions - €372 million

Main objectives

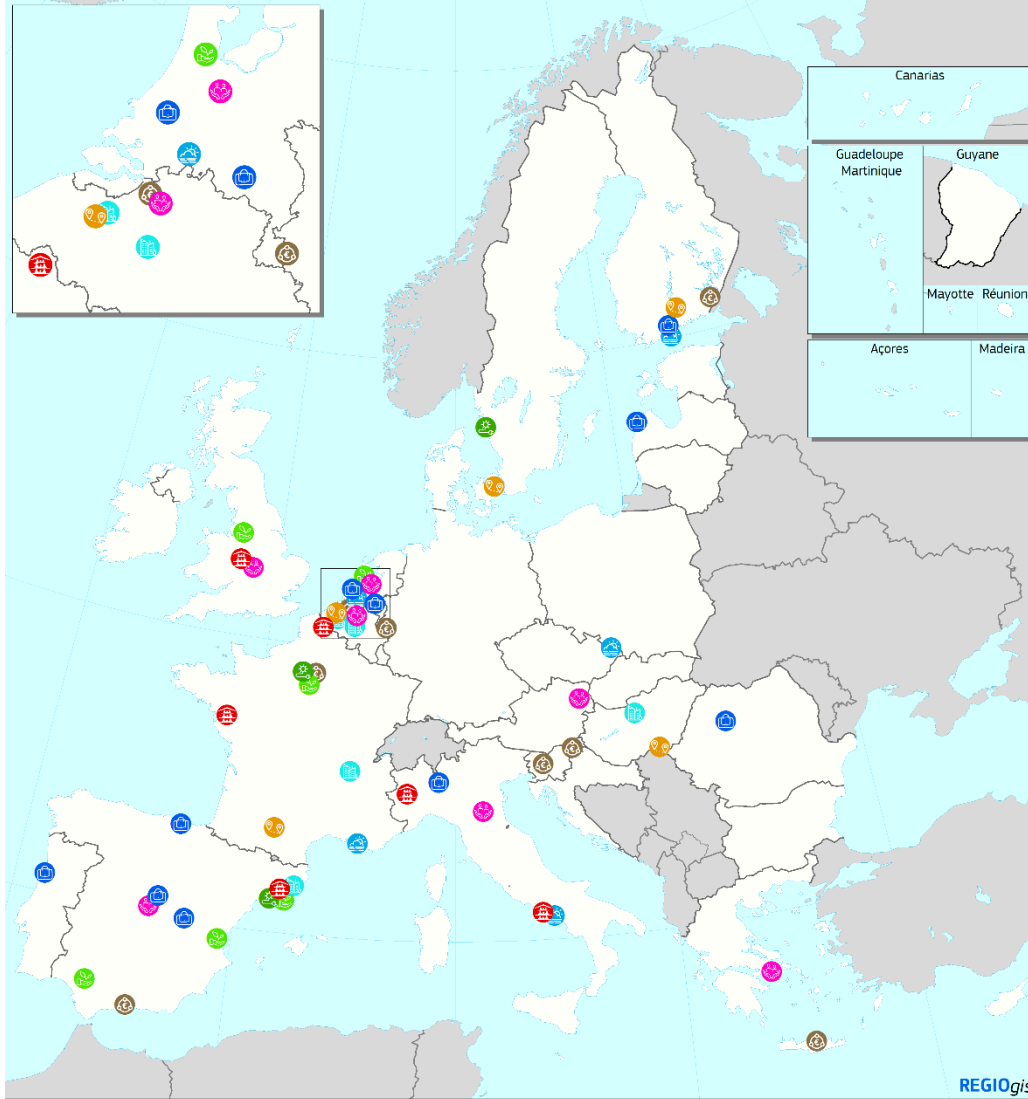
- ...“To identify and test new solutions which address issues related to sustainable urban development and are of relevance at Union level.”... (*Art.8 ERDF Regulation 2014-2020*)
- To provide urban authorities with resources **to test how new and unproven solutions work in practice** and how they respond to the complexity of real life
- To draw lessons and share knowledge with other urban authorities across Europe

Urban Innovative Actions

- **Thematic coverage:**
topics of the Urban Agenda for the EU
- **Beneficiaries:** main urban authority (at least 50 000 inhabitants), delivery partners + wider group of stakeholders
- **State of play:**
 - 3 Calls for Proposals completed
 - More than 700 proposals received
 - 55 projects currently ongoing
 - 4th Call in evaluation
- **Last 5th Call for Proposals:**
 - Opening in September 2019
 - Budget: **€80-100 ml**
 - Topics:
 - Air Quality
 - Circular Economy
 - Demographic change
 - Culture and cultural heritage

<https://www.uia-initiative.eu/en>





Urban Innovative Actions: Approved projects

- Adaption to climate change
- Integration of migrants and refugees
- Air quality
- Jobs and skills in the local economy
- Circular economy
- Urban mobility
- Energy transition
- Urban poverty
- Housing

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Urban Innovative Actions - examples

- **City of Budapest, HU:** 'E-Co-Housing - Co-creating a Regenerative Housing' will build a collaborative social housing community that is co-created by residents to house approximately 100 people in a social community; the building will be a multi-story prefabricated modular construction, with different unit sizes to house families of different size (EU contribution: **EUR 4,5 million**)
- **City of Matero, ES:** 'Leveraging vacant private property to build up a cooperative affordable housing scheme' aims at increasing affordable rental housing in the city. Innovative solutions will be explored such as creation of cooperatives of tenants offering favourable conditions to homeowners and generating affordable and stable rental supply in the long term (EU contribution: **EUR 2,5 million**)
- **City of Ghent, BE:** 'Improving housing Conditions for CAptive Residents' will renovate houses of 100 households; candidates will be supported technically, financially, administratively and socially. By using a recurring fund, the public finance is not only used for a limited group, but can be used over and over again (EU contribution **EUR 4,8 million**)

Urban Innovative Actions

Main criteria of proposal evaluation

- **Innovation** (40%): **new solutions** (processes, products, services) untested and able to add value
- **Partnership** (15%): quality, complementarity and level of innovation of the local partnership
- **Measurability** (15%): clear results indicator able to capture the change generated by the project and to generate a learning loop for all actors involved
- **Transferability and scaling up** (10%): new solutions with the potential to be scaled up within the city and transferred to other cities in EU and beyond
- **Quality** (20%): solid intervention logic, coherent budget, clear value for money and efficient management structures

Cohesion Policy support to cities in 2021-2027

Policy Objective (5) Europe closer to citizens

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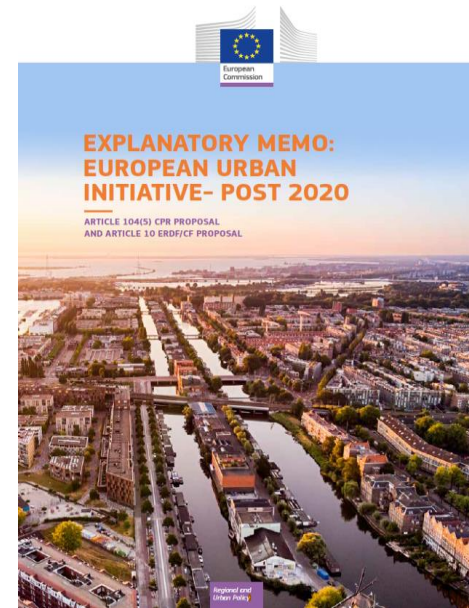
- Minimum **6% of ERDF** to sustainable urban development

Minimum requirements for integrated territorial/urban development:

- Integrated territorial/urban strategies in place
- Territorial/local bodies involved in selection of operations

European Urban Initiative:

- Explanatory Memo published on 18 March 2019



https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index.cfm?action=publications.details&languageCode=en&publicationId=1282

European Urban Initiative: rationale (1)

- Number and intensity of challenges facing urban areas will be more pressing in the future
- Responding to challenges in efficient and effective manner will require cities to scale up cooperation, seek new solutions, share knowledge, provide basis for bottom-up evidence-based policy making
- Tackling fragmentation of support offered to cities



European Urban Initiative: rationale (2)

- Coherent block of funding and support for cities
- Improved governance, higher effectiveness and efficiency of support for cities
- Support for the Urban Agenda for the EU

European Urban Initiative (EUI) - legislative proposal (1)

CPR Article 104:

5. **EUR 500 000 000** of the resources for the Investment for jobs and growth goal shall be allocated to the European Urban Initiative under direct or indirect management by the Commission.

implemented by the Commission in direct and indirect management. ... This initiative shall cover all urban areas and shall support the Urban Agenda for the EU.

ERDF Article 10 European Urban Initiative:

1. The ERDF shall also support the European Urban Initiative,



European Urban Initiative (EUI) - legislative proposal (2)

ERDF/CF Article 10 European Urban Initiative:

2. The European Urban Initiative shall consist of the following three strands, all with regard to sustainable urban development:

- a) support of capacity-building;**
- b) support of innovative actions;**
- c) support of knowledge, policy development & communication**

Upon request from one or more Member States, the European Urban Initiative may also support inter-governmental cooperation on urban matters.



European Urban Initiative (EUI) - objectives

- 1. To strengthen integrated and participatory approach to sustainable urban development**
- 2. provide a stronger link to EU policies and the Cohesion Policy in particular**

Strand a: capacity building

What?

a.i) To improve capacities of cities in the design and sustainable urban policies and practises in an integrated and participative way

a.ii) To improve the design and implementation of sustainable urban strategies and action plans in cities

Strand b: innovative actions

What?

b.i) Develop transferable and scalable innovative solutions to urban challenges

- Investment projects as proof of concept
- Capitalisation: populating of registry of conditions for successful scale up and transfer UIA projects;
- Adaptation: confronting and combining evidence from other EU programmes and initiatives
- ...

Strand c: knowledge, policy and communication

What?

c.i) To develop knowledge base in support of better policy design, implementation and urban mainstreaming

c.ii) To ensure easier access to thematic knowledge and share know-how on sustainable urban development

The Urban Agenda for the EU



INCLUSION OF
MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



AIR QUALITY



HOUSING



URBAN POVERTY



CIRCULAR
ECONOMY



CLIMATE
ADAPTATION



ENERGY TRANSITION



URBAN
MOBILITY



DIGITAL TRANSITION



PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT



JOBS & SKILLS
IN LOCAL ECONOMY



SUTAINABLE USE
OF LAND AND
NATURE-BASED
SOLUTIONS

Two new partnerships kick-started in 2019:

- **Security in Public Place**
- **Culture and Cultural Heritage**

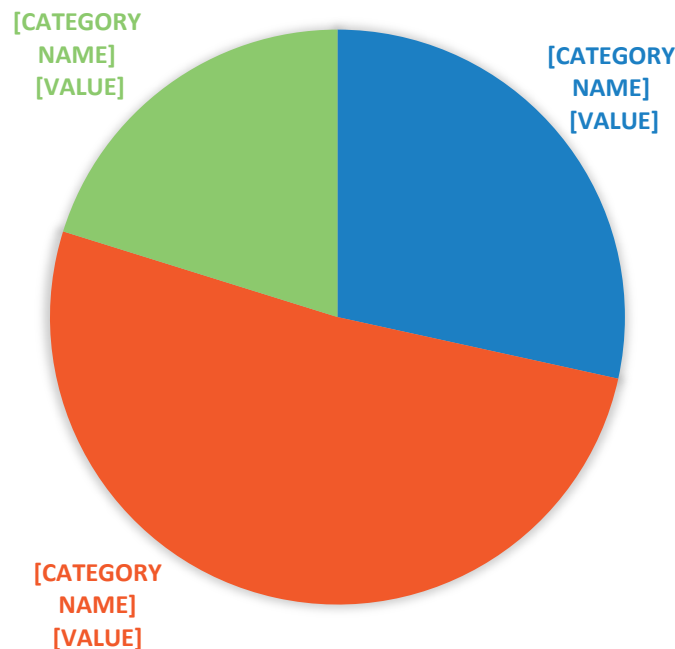
<https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/urban-agenda>



Out of 109 Actions
(status 1 May 2019):

- 22 are on **Better Funding** (20%)
- 31 on **Better Regulation** (28%)
- 56 on **Better Knowledge** (51%)

Objectives of the UA



Progress of the Partnerships

- **Amsterdam Partnerships** (Air quality, Housing, Inclusion, Urban poverty) – remain active as of now (continuation)
- **Bratislava Partnerships** (Circular Economy, Digital Transition, Jobs & Skills, Urban Mobility) – in full implementation mode
- **Malta Partnerships** – shifted to implementation mode (Climate Adaptation, Public procurement, Sustainable Land Use, Energy Transition)
- **Vienna Partnerships** (Security in Public Spaces, Culture & Cultural Heritage) – successful kick-offs and now working towards Orientation Paper



The Urban Agenda for the EU – focus of Housing Partnership

Better regulation: Guidance on state support and social housing to improve clarity for public and private investors

Better funding: Identification and sharing of good practice on innovative financial models

Better knowledge: Contribution to enhancing the knowledge base on social and affordable housing issues and exchange of best practices and knowledge, Elaborating Affordable Housing Policy Toolkit

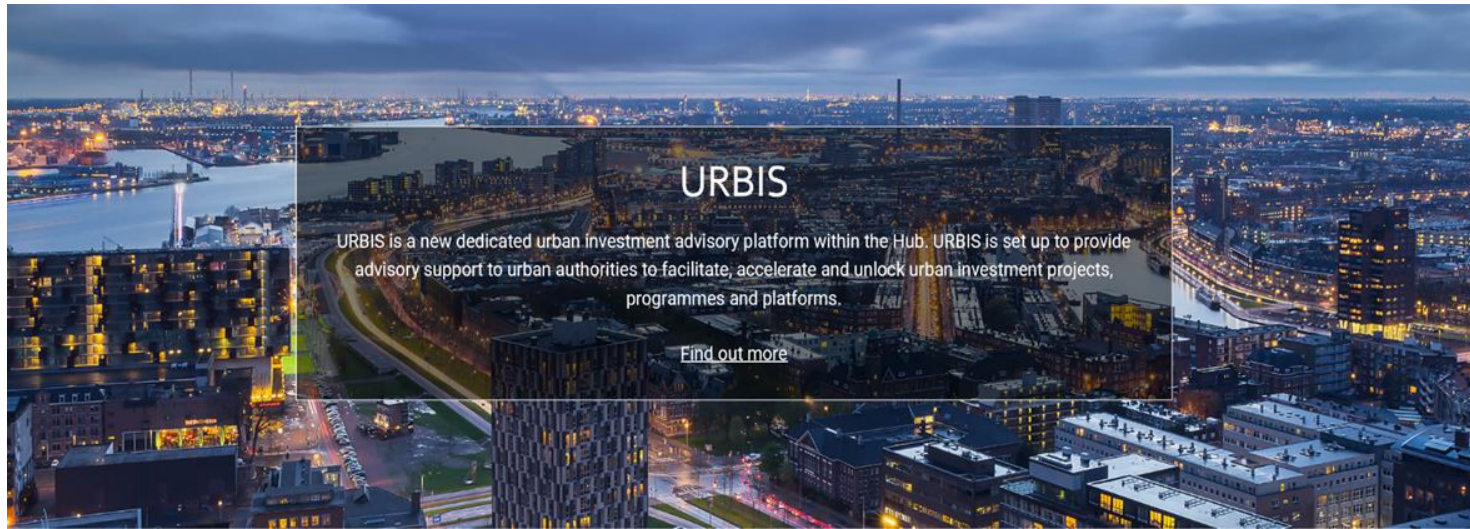
Coordinators: Vienna + Slovakia

Members: Cities of Lisbon, Poznan, Riga + Member States (LV, LU, NL, SI) + other organisations (e.g. EIB)



URBIS – Investment Support for Cities

- Launched in Rotterdam at the Cities Forum November 2017 in partnership with EU
- Provides advice to cities and urban authorities
- Focuses on investment support
- Available via the European Investment Advisory Hub and own web page



<https://eiah.eib.org/about/initiative-urbis.htm>

Investment mobilised by URBIS

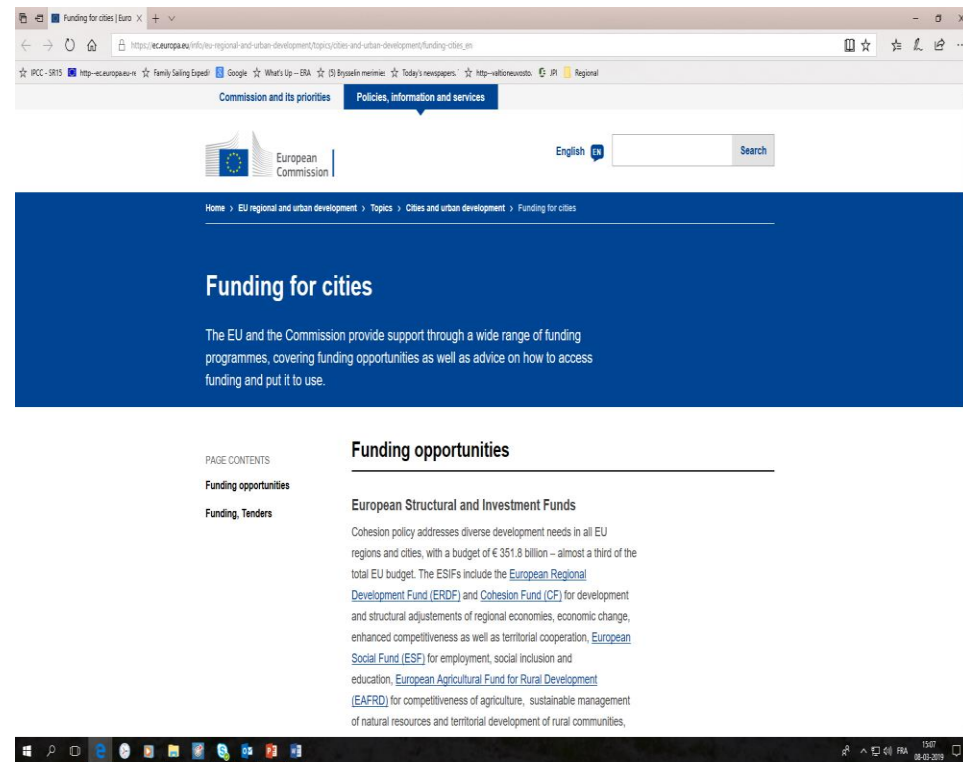
- Clear link between URBIS and investment mobilised
- Expected to support **EUR 4.3bn of investments** (EUR 2.7bn project related + EUR 1.6bn through investment platforms)
- Leverage **private capital** either directly or indirectly
- Some 65% of assignments have potential to lead to support under **European Fund for Strategic Investment** (EFSI)

URBIS geographical coverage



One Stop Shop – Cities Page

- **City-centered information hub** on Europa homepage
- Facilitates users' search for information on **funding, knowledge** and **legislation** in relation to **urban priorities**, e.g. climate change, circular economy, energy transition, transport, poverty etc.
- Soon available in all other EU languages



https://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-regional-and-urban-development/topics/cities-and-urban-development/funding-cities_en

Cooperation, complementarities and synergies:

Cohesion family:

- Interreg: potential for functional areas that require cross-border or transnational cooperation
- ESF+: integrated development in deprived neighbourhoods, social inclusion in local development
- EAFRD, EMFF: integrated strategies in rural and coastal areas, in particular multi-funded Community-led Local Development Strategies
- Technical assistance, TAIEX REGIO PEER 2 PEER, Structural Reform Support Programme

Other EU programmes and initiatives:

- **Horizon Europe:** development of novel concepts & technologies, including Communities & Cities; missions; European Partnership Initiatives (e.g. JPI Urban Europe), etc.
- InvestEU: market-based support for integrated strategies
- Other programmes, e.g. Life+, Erasmus+, etc.

ESIF for research and innovation in 2014-2020

- **ERDF support for Research, Technological Development and Innovation** (Thematic Objective 1): **€65.7bn** (incl. national/regional co-financing+over €10 bn private investment matching public support in R&I)
- **ERDF** broad support for Innovation (Thematic Objectives 1-3): **€100 bn**

Shared Management:

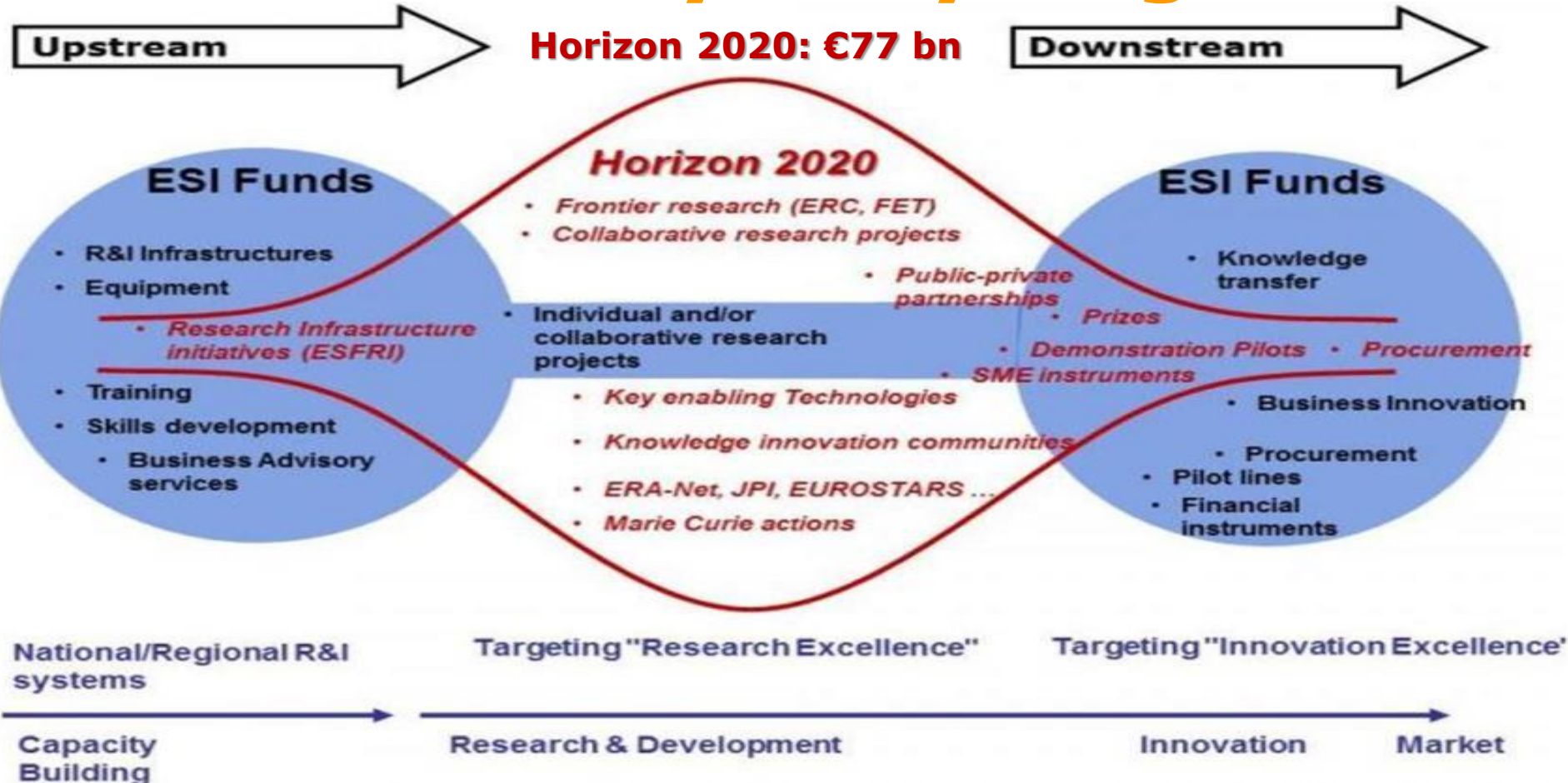
- ▶ In around 200 national / regional / Interreg programmes with R&I focus
- ▶ Managed by national / regional Managing Authorities and Monitoring Committees (COM does not select projects)
- ▶ Different co-funding rates, specific objectives, targets, delivery modes, etc. (adjusted to region's / MS needs, priorities, overall context ...)
- ▶ Funds mostly spent within a programme's territory

**€100 billion
support for
innovation!**

Source DG REGIO: open data available at

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

Taxonomy of synergies



Some upcoming key urban events – don't miss:

- **European Week of Regions and Cities:** a series of more than 10 urban-focused workshops on 7-10 October in Brussels
- **CITIES FORUM** on 30-31 January 2020 in Porto, Portugal

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