

DG Regional and Urban Policy - ERDF support for social and health infrastructure and social housing

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Health and EU Cohesion Policy

Health increasingly recognised as important asset for regional development and competitiveness and is eligible for cohesion policy funding:

- **ERDF**
 - **€5bn foreseen for health infrastructure investment in 2007- 2013**
 - **€5bn is allocated to e-governance, including e-health in 2007-2013**
- **ESF** – activities linked to **ageing, health promotion, training of healthcare provides, etc.**

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Challenges of health investments

- Demographic change
- Technology developments (diagnostics, treatments, pharmaceuticals)
- Inequalities
- Costs => public and/or private funding (effective model?)
- National policy vs EU added value through cohesion policy

Structural/strategic objectives

- Programme objectives (strategic) vs short term solutions
- Coordinated use of ERDF / ESF

Health and EU Cohesion Policy - new regulatory provisions 2014-2020

- **Ex-ante conditionality** – national and/or regional health policy framework (Common Provisions Regulations)
 - Access to quality health services
 - Stimulate efficiency in the health sector (i.e. innovative technologies)
 - Monitoring and review system
- **Integrated programming** - to prepare and implement multifund programmes combining ERDF, ESF and the Cohesion Fund
- **Performance framework**
 - Achievement of programme objectives
 - Milestones and targets for performance of programme priorities for 2016, 2018 and 2022
 - A performance reserve of 5%
 - In the absence of sufficient action, Commission can suspend payments

New regulatory provisions 2014-2020

propose **various links between cohesion policy support and health, directly or indirectly relevant to strategies and projects accompanying housing** and housing for specific groups (ageing population, marginalised communities, homeless)...

ERDF 2014-2020 and links to health

- **ICT applications** that contribute to meeting future societal challenges and opportunities such as eHealth and ageing population
- Development of SMEs in emerging areas linked to European and regional challenges such as (...) **innovative services reflecting new societal demands or products and services linked to ageing population, care and health**
- **Energy** efficiency and renewable energies **in public buildings and housing**
- **Adaptation to climate change and risk prevention** and management, including (...) **protecting human health**
- Development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment and business creation, in particular in areas offering new sources of growth, such as (...) **health and social services**

ERDF 2014-2020 and links to health under social inclusion and combating poverty (1)

- **investment in social and health infrastructure** to improve access to health and social services and reduce health inequalities, with special attention to marginalised groups such as the Roma and those at risk of poverty
- **modernisation of health systems** in order to ensure the sustainability, cost-effectiveness and accessibility

... social inclusion and combating poverty (2)

- **infrastructure investments to support the shift from institutional to community based care**, which enhances access to independent living in the community with high quality services;
- **infrastructure investments in childcare, elderly care and long-term care;**

...social inclusion and combating poverty (3)

- support for the **physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural communities** including the Roma, which reduces the spatial concentration of poverty
 - including the promotion of **integrated plans where social housing is accompanied** notably by interventions in education, **health** including sport facilities for local residents and employment

EP Pilot project: Study on sustainable regeneration in urban areas – promoting social integration in deprived neighborhoods through ERDF housing interventions 2007-2013 (1)

- From January 2012 to February 2013 – work in progress
- Focus on investments during 2007-2013, following regulatory modifications of 2009 and 2010
- Based on literature review and ten case studies (UK, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, France, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Germany)
- Main output: Final synthesis report and case studies.
Dissemination: February onwards

EPP: Study on sustainable regeneration in urban areas through ERDF housing interventions (2)

- Cohesion policy 2007–2013 support to housing originally concerned only EU12 for
 - integrated urban development for deteriorated areas or social exclusion
 - multi-family housing and social housing (renovation only)
- As a response to economic crisis and prompted by poor housing conditions in EU12, coverage was extended 2009–2010 for
 - energy efficiency and renewable energies in housing, for social cohesion
 - housing in favour of marginalised communities, including in rural areas

ERDF support for housing towards 2014-2020

- Regulatory modifications during 2007-2013 have **extended ERDF eligibility in housing for all MS.**
- EU focus on **social integration and marginalised communities, and policies to reduce carbon emissions come together and are reinforced in EU2020** and future cohesion policy proposal for 2014-2020
- ERDF promoting **integrated approach** which is particularly important for urban neighbourhoods, local development, social housing, inclusion of marginalised communities

ERDF and social housing 2014 -2020

- ERDF **target groups for social housing are the very deprived and marginalised** groups. Integrated approach can also apply to Roma, de-institutionalisation and homelessness
- Housing should not be a stand-alone policy but needs **preparation and accompanying measures** to ensure sustainability (education, health, social inclusion, employment, training, capacity building, entrepreneurship, security)
- ***health is both a direct and a derived benefit***

Links

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm

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

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0776:FIN:EN:PDF>

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