


EU Cohesion Policy supporting health for regional development


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EU cohesion policy in a nutshell

 **Disparities in levels of development** between EU27 regions are significant and have doubled compared to EU15 (measured in GDP/head). Disparities as well in life expectancy at birth (14 years gap between Latvia and Sweden for males)

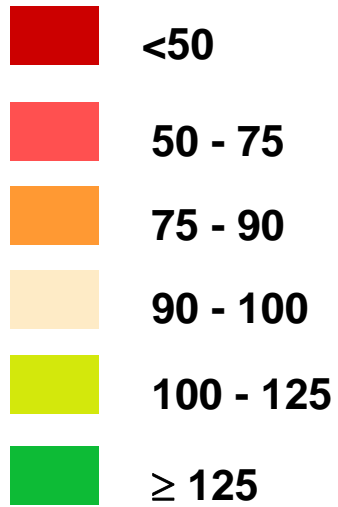
 Based on a **strategic approach** (Community Strategic Guidelines on Cohesion), cohesion policy instruments invest in endogenous growth potential, competitiveness of regional economies and infrastructure.

 **Cohesion policy** instruments account for one third of the EU budget or EUR 347 billion over the 2007-2013 period.

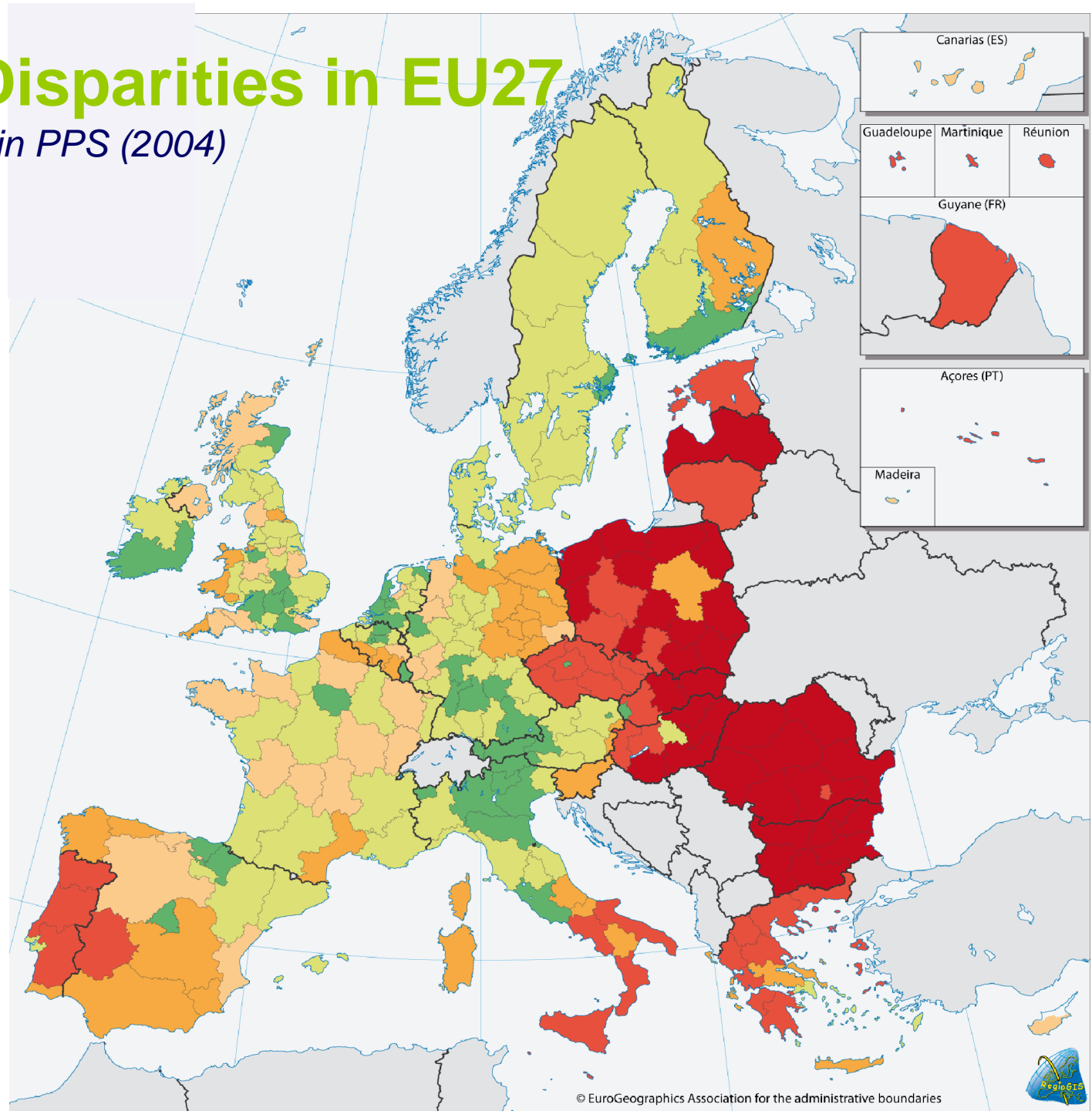
 Based on the policy's principles of concentration, programming, partnership, additionality and efficiency, the funds' implementation follows **shared management** between the Commission, the Member States and the regions.

Regional Disparities in EU27

GDP per head n % in PPS (2004)







Index, EUR-27 = 100



EU Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

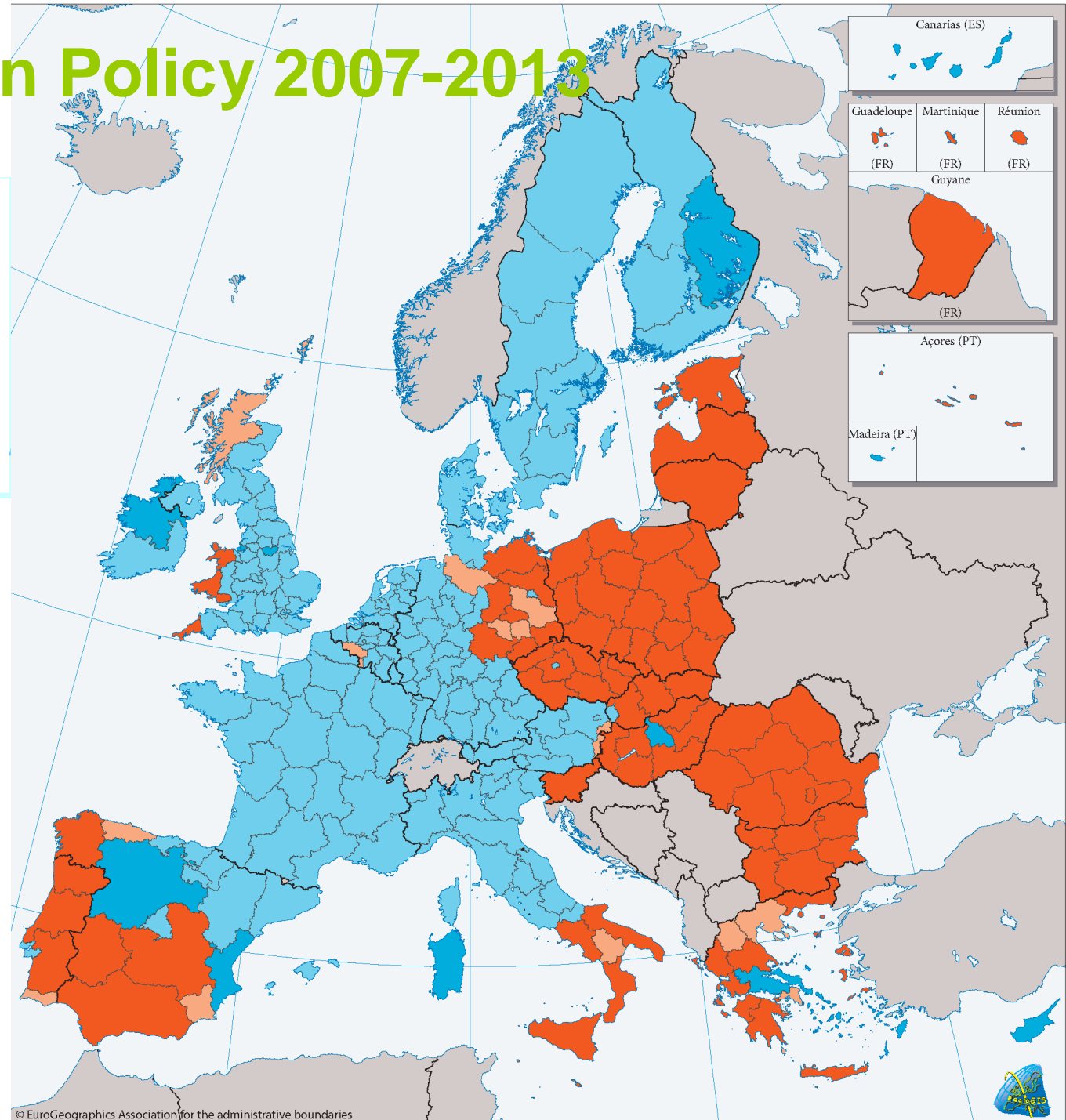
Eligible Regions

-  Convergence Regions
-  Phasing-out Regions
-  Phasing-in Regions
-  Competitiveness and Employment Regions

Total Budget:
EUR 347.4 Mrd.
(35,6% of the EU-Budget)

**Of which 82% for
Convergence Regions,
15% for the other.**

**25% earmarked for
innovation**

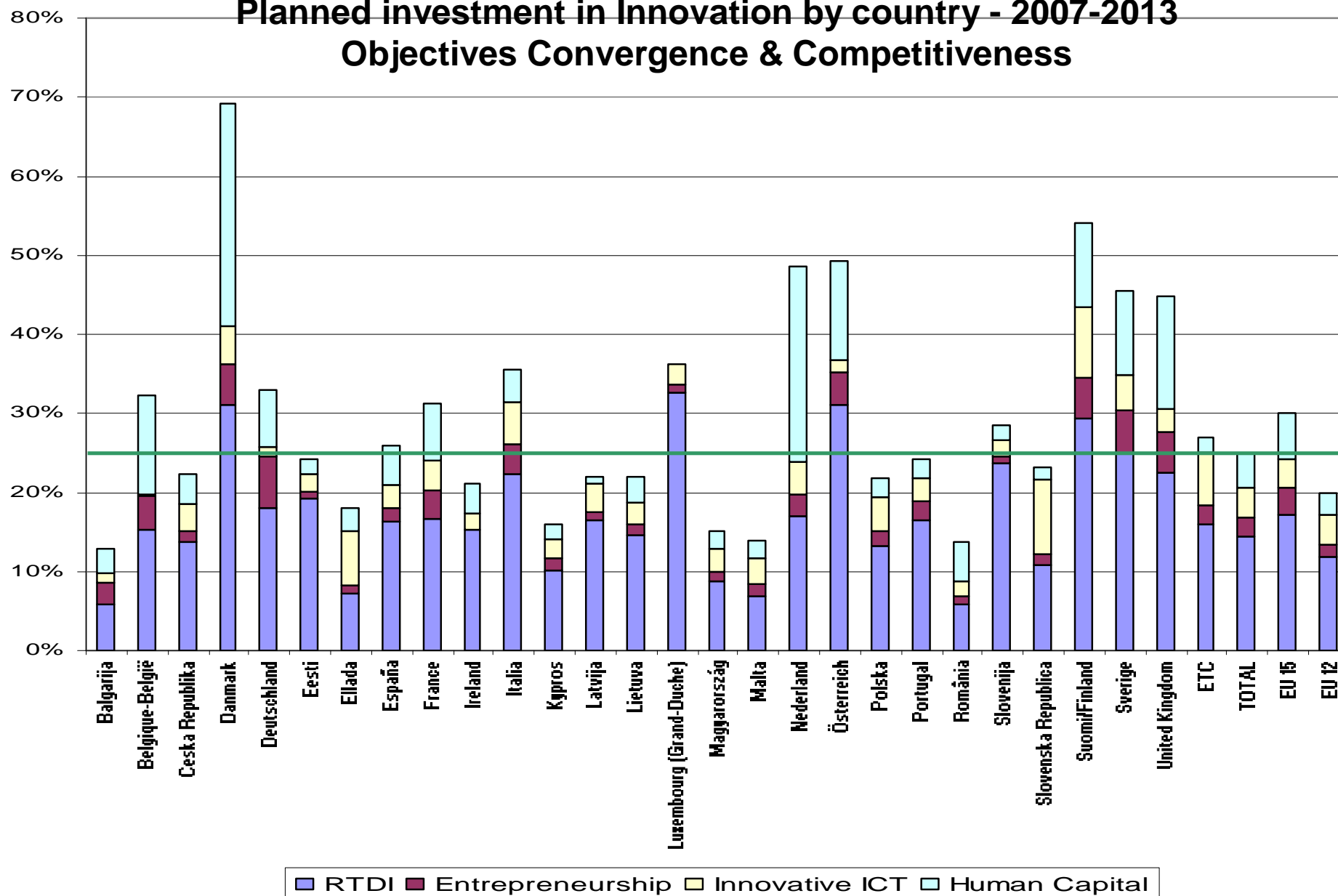


Health and regions

-  Cohesion Policy supports the **Lisbon Strategy** (economic modernisation, earmarking)
-  Health is social and technological innovation and research
-  Relevance of **health in Cohesion Policy**
 -  Health as a prerequisite for socio-economic development
 -  Health care “industry” R&D, SMEs
 -  Public health care initiatives

EU Cohesion Funding 2007-2013

Planned investment in Innovation by country - 2007-2013
Objectives Convergence & Competitiveness



Planned ICT Investments

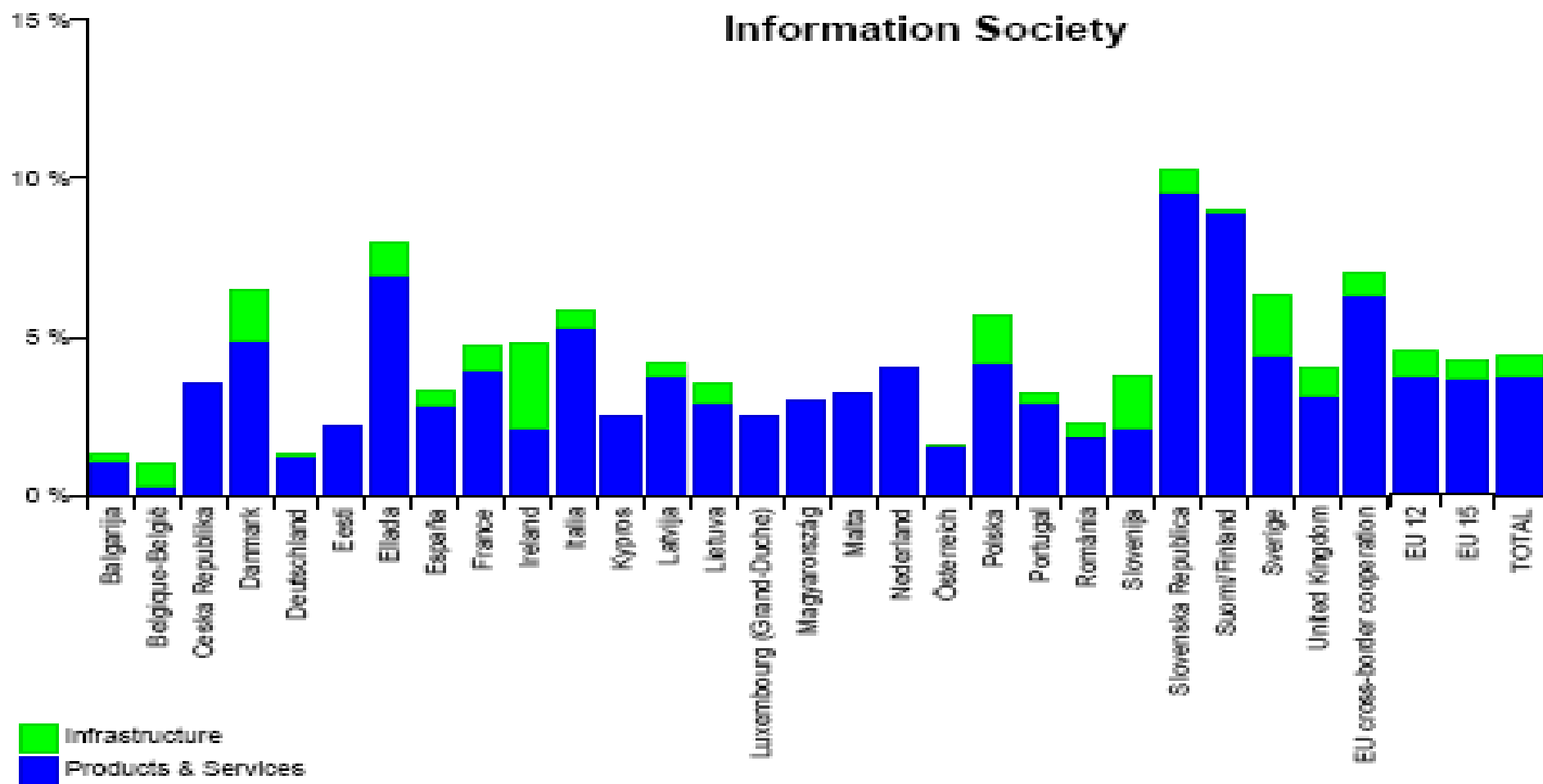
€15.2 billion (=4.4% of total SF) including:

- €12.3 bn in Convergence regions
 - €2.3 bn in Competitiveness & Empl. Regions
 - €0.5 bn territorial cooperation
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- Biggest spenders in absolute numbers:
Poland (€3.7bn), Greece (€1.6bn), Italy (€1.6bn),
Slovak Republic (€1.2bn), Spain (€1.1 bn)
- Biggest spenders in relation to total SF allocations:
Slovak Republic and Finland (both close to 10%)

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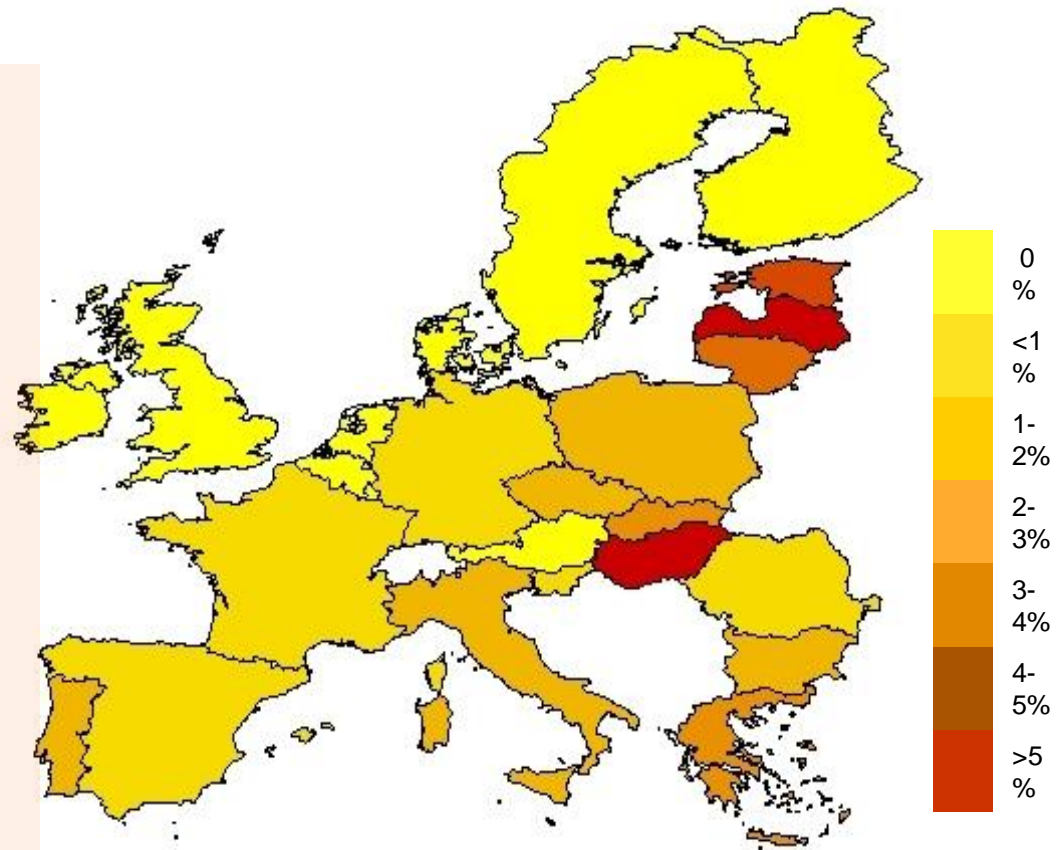
Overview of spending structure by country (as percentage of total SF)



EU Cohesion Funding 2007-2013

Between 2007 and 2013:

- €5.1 billion (1.5% of the total of cohesion policy funding) has been earmarked to support health infrastructure
- €5 billion have been earmarked for e-services (including e-health)
- €1 billion has been earmarked for active ageing, etc.



Health infrastructure: Percentage of planned investments in health infrastructure in relation to the total amount of Structural Funds allocated to Member States in 2007-13.

Structural Funds 2007-2013: health investments

Member States health priorities in NSRFs and OPs (by area of investment)

health promotion, prevention: BE, CZ, EL, HU, IE, LT, SK	7
Screenings: HU, LT, SK	3
health promotion, safety at work: BE, CZ, DE, DK, EL, ES, FI, HU, LX, RO, SK	11
eHealth: CY, DK, EL, LT, NL, RO	6
health infrastructure: BG, CZ, DE, EL, FR, HU, LT, LV, PL, RO, SK	11
Education of health care professionals: CY, CZ, EL, ES, HU, LT, LV, SK	8
Quality (management): CZ, EL, HU, LT, PL, SK	6
Environmental health: CZ, FI, HU, LT, MT, RO	6
Demographic change: AT, FI, FR, RO, SK	5
Access to health care: BE, CZ, EL, ES, FI, FR, HU, LT, LV, SK	10
Emergency care: HU, LT, LV, PL, SK	5

Cohesion policy 2007-2013

- **Health infrastructure is the most visible priority**
- **Additional range of actions to eligible for Structural Funding:**
 - Population ageing
 - Healthy workforce
 - Health innovation and research
 - Knowledge and information technology
 - Environment
- **Funding is available** : According to national, regional priorities, in the light of Community Guidelines.

Supporting interregional cooperation : Regions for Economic Change initiative

- Commit regions to the Lisbon strategy
 - Link networking activities to the implementation of the mainstream Structural Funds
 - Better communicate and capitalise on the experiences developed under SF
 - Create closer links with other Community policies
 - http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/index_en.cfm
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What is new in the RfEC Initiative

“fast track” connection between thematic development and mainstream programmes:


- Identify priorities for networking linked to mainstream Operational Programmes
- Transfer of good practices into the mainstream: concrete commitments and action plans
- Involvement of decision-makers, experts, partners
- Dissemination, transparency



What is new in the RfEC Initiative

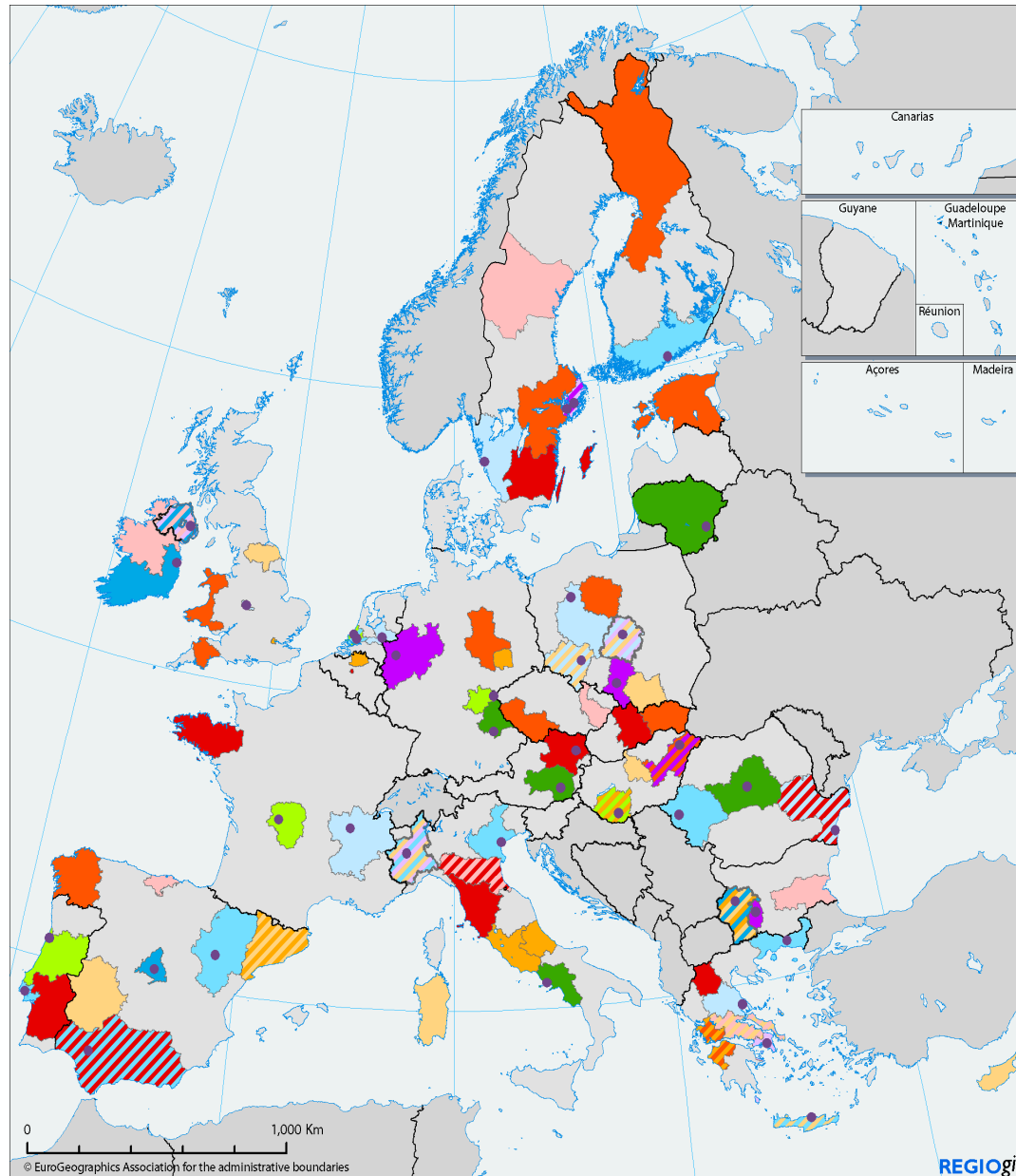
- **Commission's role in the Fast Tracking:**
 - Involvement of all relevant Commission departments
 - Contribution to peer review with Commission expertise
 - Make links to managing authorities, other projects, etc.
 - Administrative back-up & network animation
 - Dissemination

What is new in the RfEC Initiative

- **Communication**
- Annual thematic conferences
- RegioStars Award 
- Case studies & searchable database
- Website:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/index_en

Distribution of Network Partners



INTERREG IV C

- PIKE - Promoting Innovation and the Knowledge Economy
- B3 Regions - Regions for Better Broadband connection
- ESF6 CIA - Capitalising Innovative Approaches towards Demographic Change
- RAPIDE - Regional Action Plans for Innovation Development and Enterprise
- ERIK ACTION - Upgrading the innovation capacity of existing firms

URBACT II

- URBAMECO - The urban, social, economic and cultural of public housing estates in urban areas
- MILE - Managing Migration and Integration at local level
- OpenCities – Openness and the Competitive Advantage
- UNIC - Urban Network for Innovation in Ceramics
- HerO - Heritage as Opportunity: Sustainable Managemem for Vital Historic Urban Landscapes
- Building Healthy Communities - Urban Health network fo Healthy Communities"
- RegGov - Regional Governance of Sustainable Integrate of Deprived Urban Areas