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effectively during the workshop)*

The Thematic Objectives and Investment Priorities for ERDF

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Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL

on specific provisions concerning the European Regional Development Fund and the
Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006

Article 5

Investment priorities

The ERDF shall support the following investment priorities within the thematic objectives set
out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [CPR]:

(1) strengthening research, technological development and innovation:

(a) enhancing research and innovation infrastructure (R&I) and capacities to develop R&I
excellence and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest;

(b) promoting business R&I investment, product and service development, technology
transfer, social innovation and public service applications, demand stimulation, networking,
clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation;

(c) supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions,
advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production in Key Enabling Technologies and
diffusion of general purpose technologies;

(2) enhancing access to and use and quality of ICT:

- (a) extending broadband deployment and the roll-out of high-speed networks;
- (b) developing ICT products and services, e-commerce and enhancing demand for ICT;
- (c) strengthening ICT applications for e-government, e-learning, e-inclusion and e-health;

(3) enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs:

- (a) promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms;
- (b) developing new business models for SMEs, in particular for internationalisation;

(4) supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors:

- (a) promoting the production and distribution of renewable energy sources;
- (b) promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in SMEs;
- (c) supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in public infrastructures and in the housing sector;
- (d) developing smart distribution systems at low voltage levels;
- (e) promoting low-carbon strategies for urban areas;

(5) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management:

- (a) supporting dedicated investment for adaptation to climate change;
- (b) promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems;

(6) protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency:

- (a) addressing the significant needs for investment in the waste sector to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis;
- (b) addressing the significant needs for investment in the water sector to meet the requirements of the environmental acquis;
- (c) protecting, promoting and developing cultural heritage;
- (d) protecting biodiversity, soil protection and promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures;
- (e) action to improve the urban environment, including regeneration of brownfield sites and reduction of air pollution;

(7) promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures:

- (a) supporting a multimodal Single European Transport Area by investing in the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) network;
- (b) enhancing regional mobility through connecting secondary and tertiary nodes to TEN-T infrastructure;
- (c) developing environment-friendly and low-carbon transport systems and promoting sustainable urban mobility;
- (d) developing comprehensive, high quality and interoperable railway system;

(8) promoting employment and supporting labour mobility:

- (a) development of business incubators and investment support for self-employment and business creation;
- (b) local development initiatives and aid for structures providing neighbourhood services to create new jobs, where such actions are outside the scope of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [ESF];
- (c) investing in infrastructure for public employment services;

(9) promoting social inclusion and combating poverty:

- (a) investing in health and social infrastructure which contribute to national, regional and local development, reducing inequalities in terms of health status, and transition from institutional to community-based services;
- (b) support for physical and economic regeneration of deprived urban and rural communities;
- (c) support for social enterprises;

(10) investing in education, skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure;

(11) enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration by strengthening of institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions in institutional capacity and in the efficiency of public administration supported by the ESF.

Specific Investment Priorities for CBC OP's

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on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal

In addition to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No [...] /2012 [the ERDF Regulation], the ERDF shall support the sharing of human resources, facilities and infrastructures across borders under the different investment priorities, as well as the following investment priorities within the thematic objectives:

under cross-border cooperation:

(i) integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility, joint local employment initiatives and joint training (within the thematic objective of **promoting employment and supporting labour mobility**);

(ii) promoting gender equality and equal opportunities across borders, as well as promoting social inclusion across borders (within the thematic objective of promoting **social inclusion and combating poverty**);

(iii) developing and implementing joint education and training schemes (within the thematic objective of **investing in skills, education and lifelong learning**);

(iv) promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions (within the thematic objective of **enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration**);

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Article 9

Community-led local development

Community-led local development under Article 28 of Regulation (EU) No./2012 [CPR] may be implemented in cross-border cooperation programmes, provided that the local development group is composed of representatives of at least two countries, of which one is a Member State.

Article 10

Integrated territorial investment

For cooperation programmes, the intermediate body to carry out the management and implementation of an Integrated territorial investment referred to in Article 99(3) of Regulation (EU) No./2012 [CPR] shall be an EGTC or other legal body established under the laws of one of the participating countries provided that it is set up by public authorities from at least two participating countries.

General purpose of CBC OP's

Cross-border cooperation should aim **to tackle common challenges identified jointly** in the border regions (such as poor accessibility, inappropriate business environment, lack of networks among local and regional administrations, research and innovation and take-up of information and communication technologies, environmental pollution, risk prevention, negative attitudes towards neighbouring country citizens) and **exploit the untapped potentials in the border area** (development of cross-border research and innovation facilities and clusters, cross-border labour market integration, cooperation among universities or health centres), **while enhancing the cooperation process** for the purpose of the overall harmonious development of the Union.