



Staff Working Document on the elements for a Common Strategic Framework 2014-2020

Purpose of the CSF and Staff Working Document

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"The Commission should adopt by delegated act a Common Strategic Framework which translates the objectives of the Union into key actions for the CSF Funds, in order to provide clearer strategic direction to the programming process at the level of Member States and regions. The Common Strategic Framework should facilitate sectoral and territorial coordination of Union intervention under the CSF Funds and with other relevant Union policies and instruments."

(Recital 14 of the Common Provisions Regulation)

Purpose of Staff Working Document

To set out the main elements of the CSF as a basis for discussion with European Parliament and Council

Elements of the CSF

- *Thematic objectives and key actions – the role of the CSF funds in relation to Europe 2020*
- *Coherence and consistency with EU economic governance*
- *Reinforcing coordination and integration among the CSF Funds and with other EU policies and instruments*
- *Horizontal principles and policy objectives*
- *Meeting the territorial challenges of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth*
- *Annex setting out for each thematic objective: targets and policy objectives, key actions, implementation principles, coordination and complementarity*
- *Annex setting out priorities for cooperation activities*

Thematic objectives and key actions – role of the CSF funds

Europe 2020 as the overarching framework for the Funds translated into eleven thematic objectives:

- *ERDF: all thematic objectives.*
- *Cohesion Fund: environment, sustainable development and TEN-T;*
- *ESF: employment and labour mobility; education, skills and lifelong learning; promoting social inclusion and combating poverty as well as administrative capacity building but will also contribute to the other thematic objectives;*
- *EAFRD: smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the agricultural, food and forestry sectors and in rural areas as a whole.*
- *EMFF: viability and competitiveness of fisheries and aquaculture, environmental sustainability, social cohesion and job creation in fisheries dependent communities.*

Coherence and consistency with EU economic governance

Annual Growth Survey

Euro Plus Pact

- Growth-enhancing measures



National Reform Programmes
Stability and Convergence Programmes

- Policy measures to address AGS policy priorities



Country-specific Recommendations

- BEPG: R&I, ICT, SMEs, low-carbon technologies, energy-efficiency and renewable energy, etc.
- Employment Guidelines: active labour market policies, capacity of Public Employment services, gender equality, etc.

Coordination mechanisms among the CSF Funds

- *A common legal framework at EU level*
- *A partnership contract at national level*
- *Need for all managing authorities and ministries to work together:*
 - **Identifying areas of common intervention to deliver together through coordinated programming or multifund programmes**
 - **Involvement of all relevant ministries in development of schemes to promote synergies and avoid overlaps**
 - **Establishment of joint monitoring committees and management and control arrangements**
 - **Greater use of joint eGovernance solutions and one-stop shops for beneficiaries**

Coordination with other EU policies and instruments

Consistency with EU policy framework:

- *EU policy objectives in areas of such as environment, climate, employment*
- *CAP, CFP and IMP for EAFRD and EMFF respectively*
- *EU policy areas such as environment, climate, employment*

Complementarities with directly managed instruments:

- *Common identification of priorities for different instruments in partnership contract and programmes*
- *Development of jointly funded schemes to support individual operations*
- *Making use harmonization of rules at EU level to simplify implementation for beneficiaries*
- *Developing coherent and streamlined funding opportunities*

Integrated approaches

Promoting integrated approaches to territorial development

- *Community-led Local Development*
- *Integrated Territorial Investments*

Promoting integrated projects

- *Legal certainty for integrated Operations*
- *Joint Action Plans*

Horizontal principles and policy objectives

Promotion of equality between men and women and anti-discrimination:

- *Involving the relevant bodies and partners*
- *Analysis and monitoring*
- *Self-assessment, evaluation and structured reflection*
- *Accessibility across funds and programmes*

Sustainable development:

- *Compliance with EU acquis*
- *Climate change and biodiversity tracking*
- *Guidance on application of the polluter pays principle*

Meeting the territorial challenges of Europe 2020

Differentiated impact of global challenges (e.g. globalisation, demographic change, climate change, economic crisis)

Member States and Regions need to take into account their specific circumstances in their Partnership Contracts and programmes

- 1. Analysis of development potential and capacity*
- 2. Assessment of challenges for growth and jobs*
- 3. Consideration of the cross-sectoral and cross-jurisdictional issues*
- 4. Coordination across different territorial levels*
- 5. Developing of Partnership Contract and programmes meeting thematic objectives*

Annex I: Thematic objectives

- *Key targets and objectives addressed by the CSF Funds, indentifying gaps where possible*
- *Key actions for each of the Funds*
- *General implementation principles to ensure effective and efficient use of the funds*
- *Coordination and complementarity*
 - **Between the CSF funds**
 - **Between the CSF funds and other EU instruments and policies**
 - **Between different thematic objectives**

Annex II: Priorities for cooperation activities

- ***Cross-border and transnational areas:***
 - Joint management of natural resources
 - Cooperation in R&I
 - Common public services: waste, water, health, education, etc.
 - Cross-border network infrastructure: transport, energy, ICT
 - Common public services: waste, water, health, education labour market
 - Governance: police cooperation, customs, anti-corruption
- ***Interregional cooperation:***
 - Exchange of experience in implementation of programmes
 - Cooperation between innovative clusters and research institutions
- ***Contribution of mainstream programmes to macro-regional and sea-basis strategies***
- ***Transnational cooperation under the ESF to enhance the effectiveness of policies***



Thank you for your attention!