

Open Days (7-10 Oct 2013) outcomes

<p>Title of workshop:</p> <p>EU Cohesion policy: economic context, governance challenges and outlook</p>
<p>Date & time of workshop:</p> <p>Tuesday, 8 October 2013, 9:00-10:30</p>
<p>Main outcomes:</p> <p>This module considered the key trends affecting European cities and regions from a long-term perspective reaching beyond 2020, and informed by current academic literature and debates in the field of regional and urban development studies. It comprised three sets of interventions with some questions raised by the audience. The topics presented focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EU cohesion policy: e.g. reform post-2013, including influences and key turning points leading to the renewed emphasis on good governance systems and a clear orientation towards results (performance measurement, evaluation) for the period 2014-2020.- Conflicts and compromises: A look back at the forces in play in the political and institutional debate that led to the reforms.- The longer-term view: EU cohesion policy post-2020: recent studies and debates, introducing academic discussions and positions in regional and urban development studies.
<p>Conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Need to keep reflecting on what the objectives should be. More knowledge/evidence needed on the effects of the policy, i.e. on what works, why and for whom.- There is still a conflict between competitiveness-solidarity/equity. This tension influences the investment priorities and the impact assessment that is done. More precise objectives for individual programmes and agreement on how to assess the achievements is still a matter of discussion.
<p>Useful sources:</p> <p>The session web stream can be found in the following link: https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/index.php?es=2&sessionno=861637a425ef06e6d539aaaff113d1d5</p> <p>The following reading and sources were provided: Barca, Fabrizio and Bachtler, John (2009): An Agenda for a Reformed Cohesion Policy report: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/archive/policy/future/pdf/report_barca_v0306.pdf</p> <p>Committee of the Regions website: http://cor.europa.eu/Pages/welcome.html</p> <p>Dunford, Michael/Perrons, Diane (2012): Regional equality in the EU: how to finance greater cohesion? European Planning Studies, Vol. 20 (6)</p> <p>European Commission, Regional and Urban Policy DG website – Inforegio: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.cfm</p> <p>European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion DG website – policies and activities: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1</p> <p>European Commission (2013): EU cohesion policy contributing to growth and employment in Europe. Joint paper from the Directorate-General for Regional & Urban Policy and Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/studies/pdf/cp_employ_growth_en.pdf</p> <p>European Commission (2013): Eighth progress report on economic, social and territorial cohesion COM(2013)463: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/information/reports/index_en.cfm</p> <p>European Commission (2013): Cohesion Policy: Strategic Report 2013: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/how/policy/strategic_report_en.cfm</p>

European Commission (2013): DG Regional and Urban Policy's Guidance documents for 2014-2020 and Evaluation evidence at:
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European Commission, Regional and Urban Policy DG (2012/13): Future of EU cohesion policy 2014-2020 (legislative proposals, programming process)
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European Commission, Regional and Urban Policy DG (2012/13): Evaluating EU cohesion policy. Guidance documents for the 2014-2020 funding period:
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