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Territorial dimension of MFF and
legal regulations proposed by
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Key findings concerning territorial dimension (1)

- 1. All regions are beneficiaries of cohesion funds in 2021-2027,, intensity depends from GDP per capita (less than 75%, 75%-100%, more than 100% of EU average).
- 2. Financial allocations for cohesion policy slightly less than 30% of MFF budget for 2021-2027. In 2007-2013 MFF final allocation for cohesion policy was minus 8% compared with first EC proposal, in 2014-2020 minus 4%.
- 3. Visible relocation of structural funds from central to southern Europe. No chance to establish blocking minority.
- 4. One general regulation for 7 funds, but European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development left outside that regulation.

Key findings concerning territorial dimension (2)

- 5. Five objectives instead of eleven thematic areas of intervention. Key for addressing territorial issues is: „Union closer to citizens”.
- 6. In general regulation concerning funds whole chapter 2 in title 3 is addressing territorial development. It was never the case.
- 7. There is a will to continue and enlarge different tools implemented in 2014-2020. There are: Integrated Territorial Investment, Community Led Local Development, different instruments addressing urban development, Local Action Groups. Also promoting Territorial Impact Assessment.
- 8. Changing and increasing the role of cross-border cooperation, also on external EU borders. New regulation must be checked, because there are different opinions and comments about proposed changes.

Key findings concerning territorial dimension (3)

- 9. Different activities and instruments of territorial nature located outside cohesion policy: Common Agriculture Policy, Connecting Europe Facility, Connecting Europe Facility – Military Mobility etc.
- 10. Tendency to use much more often in MFF central management instead of shared management between governments and European Commission. No reaction to tendency of declining scope of regional operational programmes.
- 11. Very sensitive time framework. Willingness to get approval from member states during Sibiu summit (May 9-th 2019) after approval from old European Parliament. If it is not the case chances to start January 1-st 2021 are evaporating, but it is high probability that it will be the case, because composition of new EP after elections in May 2019.
- 12. Generally proposals are friendly to use territorial capacity and territorial assets of Europe. There is also room for discussion.