

# Funding for defence and dual use technologies – Structural funds in a wider perspective

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# Cohesion Policy post 2020

## *Focus on key investment priorities*

- Innovation, SMEs, digital technologies and industrial modernisation
- LC and circular Economy and Climate Change

## *For all regions and more tailored approach*

- Investment in all MSs; Tailored approach; Locally-led

## *Fewer, clearer, shorter rules and a more flexible framework*

- Less red tape and lighter control procédures
- Single Rule Book for 7 shared management EU funds
- Adaptive to needs
- Easier synergies with CAP, Horizon Europe, Life, Erasmus+

## *Stronger link with the EU Semester*

- Support for structural reforms

## *Increased use of Financial Instruments*

- **InvestEU** bring under one roof the EU financial instruments currently available to support investment in the EU, making EU funding for investment projects in Europe simpler, more efficient and more flexible.
- Possibility for MSs to transfer part of Cohesion resources to InvestEU

# R&I programmes post 2020

- **European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund 2021-2027-** The ERDF will focus mainly on smart growth and the green economy, and the CF on environmental and transport infrastructure.
- **ESF+:** merges the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI), the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation and the EU Health Programme.
- **European Defence Fund** - minimising fragmentation and boosting competitiveness and innovation of the EU defence industry
- **Horizon Europe** focus on European research and innovation excellence, the generation and exploitation of new knowledge and disruptive, market-creating innovations (€100 bn)
- **Digital Europe** €9.2bn investment program to improve the EU's competitiveness and develop its capacities in the fields of high performance computing (HPC), AI, cyber security, and digital skills development, as well as make digital facilities prevalent and accessible to all.
- **Single Market Programme** aims to empower and protect consumers and enable Europe's many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to take full advantage of a well-functioning Single Market.
- **Erasmus+:** learning mobility of individuals and cooperation, for education and training, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations (€30bn)
- **New EU Space Programme:** consolidates all space-related activities of the EU into a single Regulation: Satellite navigation systems, Earth Observation and new security components.

# Example of synergies: EIT

## *EIT Digital – ex.*

- Programmes of the EIT Digital Master School includes an EIT labelled technical major on Security and Privacy (S&P) (now under the name of Cyber Security)
- One of 4 themes focuses on Digital Infrastructure: high-performing, secure digital infrastructures

## *EIT Raw Materials & Copernicus – ex.*

- RawMatCop 2018-2020 Programme to develop skills, expertise, demonstrations and applications
- Copernicus: Security dimension; Start-up and Incubation programmes, Accelerator, Hackatons,...

## *A potential future thematic area: Security and Resilience*

- Relates to the identification of threats to citizens, goods and organisations, risk and crisis management, resilience of systems, protection of infrastructures, information security, and human control of highly automated systems (International security issues, military defence and actions concurrent to armament are not included)

# General considerations

## *Importance of optimal financial engineering*

- Examples of innovative collaborations between national and regional authorities and JUs, EIT KICs,...
- Need for codifying and disseminating both practices and bottlenecks
- Additional collaboration models tested under Stairway to Excellence IV

## *Considering different levels of granularity*

- In the search for funding, as well as for partners and territories

## *Need for stronger thematic focus on EU funding*

- Very scattered funding/financing landscape

## *Consider all EU territories for collaboration*

- Each territory has its specificities; critical mass needed