

"Cohesion - Contributions of Capital Regions of the European Union for Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027"

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Key messages of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

1. EU Cohesion Fund must cover all European regions

- The potential of every region is needed to find effective solutions to current European and global challenges
- The strategic impact of the funding should be maximised
 - Potential for innovation, competitiveness and sustainable growth
 - Strong European added value
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) should be sufficiently funded in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

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- 2. Cohesion policy should focus on EU-added value, concrete results as well as cities and urban areas**
 - Cohesion Policy needs effective monitoring, evaluation criteria and result orientation
 - Helsinki-Uusimaa Region supports the continuation of EU's Urban policy and Urban Innovative Action
 - Cities as economic motors for growth and innovation needs to be emphasized in the EU's Urban policy
 - Helsinki-Uusimaa Region supports the important role given to cities and urban areas in the ERDF regulations

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- 3. Subsidiarity and multilevel governance should remain at the center of EU's cohesion policy**
 - The principle of subsidiarity has been a key precondition for the successful implementation of the ERDF programmes in Finland
 - Helsinki-Uusimaa region highly values the continuation of the inclusive bottom-up approach used in the ERDF programmes
 - This approach has helped us to get many applicants and beneficiaries from local and regional organisations into the ERDF programmes

4. Smart specialisation should remain a strong part of the EU cohesion policy

- The Smart specialisation strategy (RIS3) of the Helsinki-Uusimaa region has greatly boosted our regional innovation ecosystem. The Smarter Europe policy objective is important to our region in the cohesion policy 2020+
- Helsinki-Uusimaa region advocates for less administrative burden and further simplification of the regulation related to the ERDF.
- Synergies should be actively explored between the ERDF and other EU funds that echo the cohesion policy objectives
- Highly successful Interreg maritime cross-border programmes should continue as separate programmes

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