

European Associacion of Development Agencies. Cohesion Policy

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«Priorities and Challenges of the Cohesion Policy post-2020»

Dialogues with the actors involved in regional development



- Cohesion policy approach
- EURADA's position paper on Cohesion policy

Conclusions



EURADA and the regional development actors



Eurada and its network

European Association of Regional Development Agencies



•Reference point for regional policies at EU level, lobbying



Best practices exchange



Valorisation of RDAs as actors of regional development



Projects development and implementation



Networking



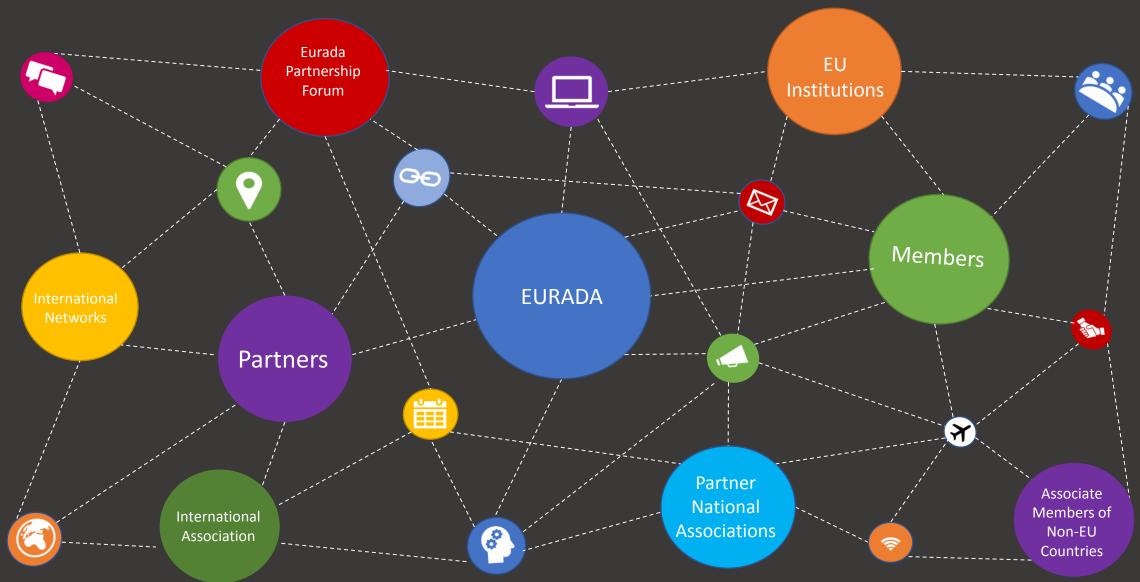
Analysis, studies and training







EURADA: a HUB for networking at international and European level





Eurada and its members

- **EURADA OFFICE Brussels**
- 74 Members
- 22 countries
- Over 2.500 regional practitioners working in development agencies





Main events 2019

- Brokerage event for innovation agencies
 In Brussels, January 2019 to support the preparation of new project proposals and the exploitation of research results. This event gathers more than 75 representatives from agencies. It is going to be co-organised with IVACE in close cooperation with DG GROW, IGLO and ERRIN
- Agorada2019 "Exploiting the full potential of social enterprises"
 In Brussels on 26th of March. The event is organised in cooperation with the social economy partnership of the industrial modernisation platform and the SocialSeeds Interreg Europe project
- Summer Course "Preparation of European projects"
 In Brussels from July 2nd to 4th with the participation as speakers of experienced experts already retired from agencies and responsible for EU projects in development agencies.
- Agorada+2019 "Innovative defence technologies for the virtual battlefield"
 In Kajaani 18th and 19th September. The event is organised by Kainuun Etu in cooperation with DG GROW and the Finish Association of Defence Industry.



Main activities 2019

- Working Groups
 - New working group on finance of innovation
 - Working Groups in Social innovation
 - Working Group in Industry 4.0
- Position papers:
 - Position papers done in 2017 on RIS3 and COSME
 - Position papers for 2018: Cohesion Policy
 - Position papers for 2019
- Prepare a comprehensive profile of European Development agencies
 - Previous drafts Romania, Spain
 - Already contacts with Turkish Minister of Development, RADEI-Serbia, CNER, Foro ADR
- Develop internally better communication processes among the members



Cohesion Policy



Regional Development and cohesion Policy beyond 2020

5 objectives EU investments (2020-2027)

- Smarter Europe
- Greener, carbon free Europe
- More connected Europe
- Social Europe
- Europe closer to citizens

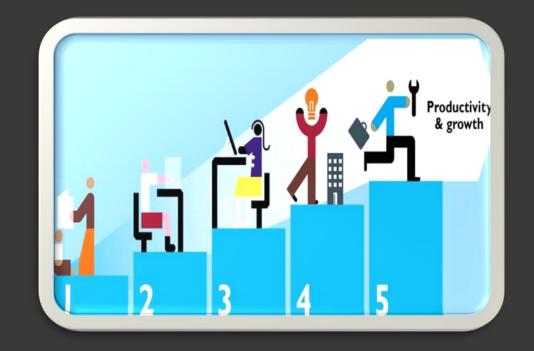
APPROACH TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cohesion policy keeps investing on the basis: *less-develope *transition *moredevelope

GDP (per capita) New criteria: - Youth unemployement - Low education level - Climate change - Reception and integration of migrants

6% of the ERDF dedicated to sustainable urban development, Networking and capacity-building

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EURADA and the RDA's position on cohesion policy: "Dialogue meeting with the Directorate General of Regional and Urban Policy Marc Lemaître-January 2018"

The 7 suggestions from EURADA and the development agencies members

- Stable legislation environment
- Budget: flexibility, simplification and standardization regarding Financial Instruments
- Fully explotation of RIS3: synchronization of RIS3 and OP
- Timing for the transition from the current programming period to the next one
- Better monitoring RIS3
- Improving the effectiveness of Interreg Projects
- Highlighting the positive effects of Cohesion Policy



On going projects and tenders

Projects in execution

Interreg Europe: "Improve the RIS3 effectiveness through the management of the entrepreneurial discovery process (Beyond EDP)" From April 2016 to March 2021.

Interreg Europe: "Efficient support services portfolios for SMEs (ESSPO)" From April 2016 to March 2021. From April 2016 to March 2021

Interreg Europe: "Exploiting Potentials of Social Enterprises through Standardized European Evaluation and Development System (Social-SEEDS)". From April 2016 to March 2021.

Erasmus+: "Digitalisation of traditional wood and furniture industries" (IN4WOOD). From 1st November 2016 to 31st October 2019.

COS-MigrantsENT-2016-4-02: "Migrants Entrepreneurship Support Schemes. "European Migrant Entrepreneurship Network. Fostering Inclusive Business **(EMEN)**". From 1st October 2017 to 31st September 2020.

H2020-INNOSUP-07-2017: "Optimizing Support for Innovating SMEs (OaSIS)". From 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2019.

H2020-SwafS-2018-2020: "Territorial Responsible Research and Innovation Through the involvement of local R&I Actors (**TeRRItoria**)" From 1st of January 2019 to 31st December 2021.

<u>Tenders</u>

Tender ReConfirm the Industrial Modernisation Platform (EASME). From February 2017 to January 2019. (Extended two years)

Tender DIH Enhanced-Learning Programme. From August 2018 to December 2019. (Digital Innovation Hubs)



Conclusion



Regional development agencies have a central role to lead the economic growth of territories

EURADA will be pleased to support you!

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Thank you for your attention

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