

# The ABC of 'Programming'

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- Cohesion policy does not fund individual projects but **multi-annual programmes** aligned on EU objectives and priorities
- Each Member State produces a **Partnership Agreement**, which outlines the country's strategy and proposes a list of

CEE Bankwatch Network programmes.

## CHAPTER I Partnership Agreement

### *Article 7*

#### *Preparation and submission of the Partnership Agreement*

1. Each Member State shall prepare a Partnership Agreement which sets out arrangements for using the Funds in an effective and efficient way for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2027.
2. The Member State shall submit the Partnership Agreement to the Commission before or at the same time as the submission of the first programme.
3. The Partnership Agreement may be submitted together with the relevant annual National Reform Programme.
4. The Member State shall draw up the Partnership Agreement in accordance with the template set out in Annex II. It may include the Partnership Agreement in one of its programmes.
5. Interreg programmes may be submitted to the Commission before the submission of the Partnership Agreement.

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- The document sets out a Member State's framework for support from the ESI Funds.
- It lays down the list of **thematic objectives to be supported under the ESI Funds, the respective financial allocations** and the links between the different programmes.



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## Summary of the Partnership Agreement for Poland, 2014-2020

### Overall information

The PA covers five funds: the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund (CF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

The PA focus on the following priorities:

- Promoting business environment and facilitating entrepreneurship and innovation,
- Social cohesion and active labour market participation,
- Network infrastructure for growth and jobs,
- Environment and resource efficiency.

These funds are the cornerstone of Poland's medium and long-term development strategy. They will mobilize additional public national and private funding for growth and job creation and will reduce regional disparities in Poland. Investments will focus on catching-up and building new competitive advantages. Catching-up will consist of pursuing the reduction of infrastructure gaps in transport, energy sector, environment,

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**Table 1: Allocation: breakdown by thematic objective and by fund (except territorial cooperation).**

Thematic objective	ERDF	ESF	Cohesion Fund	EAFRD	EMFF <sup>2</sup>	Ogólem
	Euro					
1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation	9 920 577 133	0	0	68 720 000		9 989 297 133
2. Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, ICT	3 082 161 211	0	0	0		3 082 161 211
3. Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs, of the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and of the fishery and aquaculture sector (for the EMFF)	5 608 753 712	0	0	3 792 292 519		9 401 046 231
4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors	5 652 297 109	0	3 537 614 632	0		9 189 911 741
5. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management	418 974 997	0	700 000 000	264 046 000		1 383 020 997
6. Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	2 764 009 074	0	3 108 174 167	2 946 000 000		8 818 183 241
7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures	8 963 943 906	0	14 832 076 880	0		23 796 020 786
8. Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility	219 214 988	5 032 446 285	0	263 383 000		5 515 044 273
9. Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination	2 634 044 018	2 673 616 270	0	1 103 951 100		6 411 611 388
10. Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning	551 234 567	3 439 718 091	0	27 361 000		4 018 313 658
11. Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration	0	188 979 120	0	0		188 979 120
<b>Total</b>	<b>39 815 210 715</b>	<b>11 334 759 766</b>	<b>22 177 865 679</b>	<b>8 465 753 619</b>		<b>81 793 589 779</b>
						in addition
Technical assistance	398 659 520	1 186 872 322	1 030 123 363	132 527 195		2 748 182 400
Mobility programmes social innovation, transnational cooperation	0	670 532 150	0	0		670 532 150
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 213 870 235</b>	<b>13 192 164 238</b>	<b>23 207 989 042</b>	<b>8 598 280 814</b>		<b>85 212 304 329</b>

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Table 2: Allocation to national OPs

Operational programme	Thematic objectives covered	ESI Fund	Allocation (mln EUR)
OP Infrastructure and Environment	TO 4, 5, 6, 7, 9	ERDF, CF	27. 413
OP Smart Growth	TO1, TO 3	ERDF	8. 613
OP Knowledge, Education, Development	TO 8,9,10,11	ESF	4. 436
OP Digital Poland	TO 2	ERDF	2. 172
OP Development of Eastern Poland	TO 3, 4, 7	ERDF	2. 000
OP Technical Assistance	N/A	CF	0. 700
16 Regional OPs	TO 1 – TO10	ERDF, ESF	31. 276

Table 3: Allocation for less developed regional OPs

Region	Total allocation (EUR)	including	
		ERDF	ESF
DOLNOŚLASKIE	2 252 546 589	1 618 916 106	633 630 483
KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE	1 903 540 287	1 368 083 592	535 456 695
LUBELSKIE	2 230 958 174	1 603 400 406	627 557 768
LUBUSKIE	906 929 693	651 814 747	255 114 946
ŁÓDZKIE	2 256 049 115	1 621 433 387	634 615 728
MALOPOLSKIE	2 878 213 972	2 068 587 710	809 628 262
OPOLSKIE	944 967 792	679 152 913	265 814 879
PODKARPACKIE	2 114 243 760	1 519 517 194	594 726 566
PODLASKIE	1 213 595 877	872 217 214	341 378 663
POMORSKIE	1 864 811 698	1 340 249 168	524 562 530
ŚLASKIE	3 476 937 134	2 498 891 499	978 045 635
ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE	1 364 543 593	980 704 066	383 839 527
WARMINSKO-MAZURSKIE	1 728 272 095	1 242 117 496	486 154 599
WIELKOPOLSKIE	2 450 206 417	1 760 975 177	689 231 240
ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE	1 601 239 216	1 150 818 353	450 420 863
<b>Total 15</b>	<b>29 187 657 412</b>	<b>20 976 879 028</b>	<b>8 210 178 384</b>

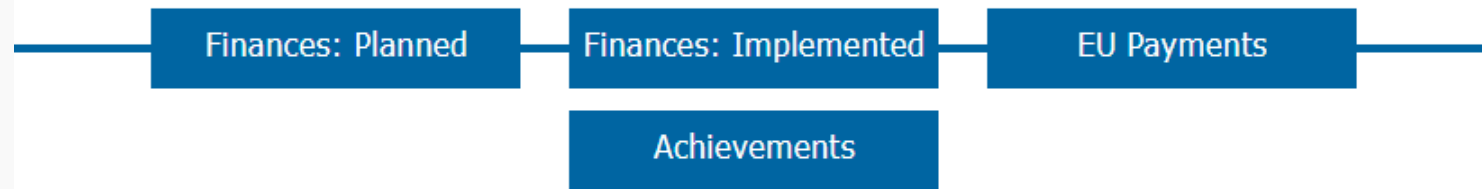
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- In addition to this Member States also present **operational programmes (OP)** which cover entire Member States and or regions.
- **OP contains regional or sectoral objectives, measures and financial allocations.** The programmes present the priorities of the country and/or regions or the cooperation area concerned.

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Programme: Infrastructure and Environment - PL - ERDF/CF

EU Fund(s): ERDF/CF  
Member State(s): Poland  
Programme Description



Total	EU	National
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Programme Budget for 2014-2020:

€32 263 409 646

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The Commission negotiates with the national authorities on the final content of the Partnership Agreement, as well as each **programme**.

Workers, employers and **civil society bodies can all participate in the programming and management of the OPs.**

# Partnership principle

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Each programme is developed through a **collective process** involving authorities at European, regional and local level, social partners and organisations from civil society.

This partnership applies to **all stages** of the programming process, from design, through management and implementation to monitoring and evaluation.

This approach help ensure that action is adapted to **local and regional needs and priorities**



# Partnership principle

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## *Article 6*

### *Partnership and multi-level governance*

1. Each Member State shall organise a partnership with the competent regional and local authorities. That partnership shall include at least the following partners:
  - (a) urban and other public authorities;
  - (b) economic and social partners;
  - (c) relevant bodies representing civil society, environmental partners, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, fundamental rights, rights of persons with disabilities, gender equality and non-discrimination.
2. In accordance with the multi-level governance principle, the Member State shall involve those partners in the preparation of Partnership Agreements and throughout the preparation and implementation of programmes including through participation in monitoring committees in accordance with Article 34.

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Monitoring Committees are set up to check that operational programmes: are correctly implemented;

These committees are chaired by the relevant Member State (or managing authority) and comprise regional, economic and social partners.

## *Article 33*

### *Monitoring committee*

1. The Member State shall set up a committee to monitor the implementation of the programme ('monitoring committee') within three months of the date of notification to the Member State concerned of the decision approving the programme.

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## **A monitoring committee's key tasks include:**

- assessing the effectiveness and quality of OPs,
- approving criteria for financing under each OP,
- making periodical reviews of OPs and their progress towards specific targets,
- examining the results of implementation to assess whether those targets have been met,
- where necessary, proposing revisions to OPs, including changes related to their financial management

# Partnership principle

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Member States are required to:

- Ensure that regional, local and urban **public authorities**, trade union, employers, NGOs and other **civil society bodies are involved in all stages** of the process, from planning to evaluation
- Be **transparent** in the selection of partners
- Provide sufficient **information** to partners and give them sufficient time to make their voice heard in the consultation process
- Support **capacity building** of partners
- Create **platforms** for mutual learning and exchange of good practice

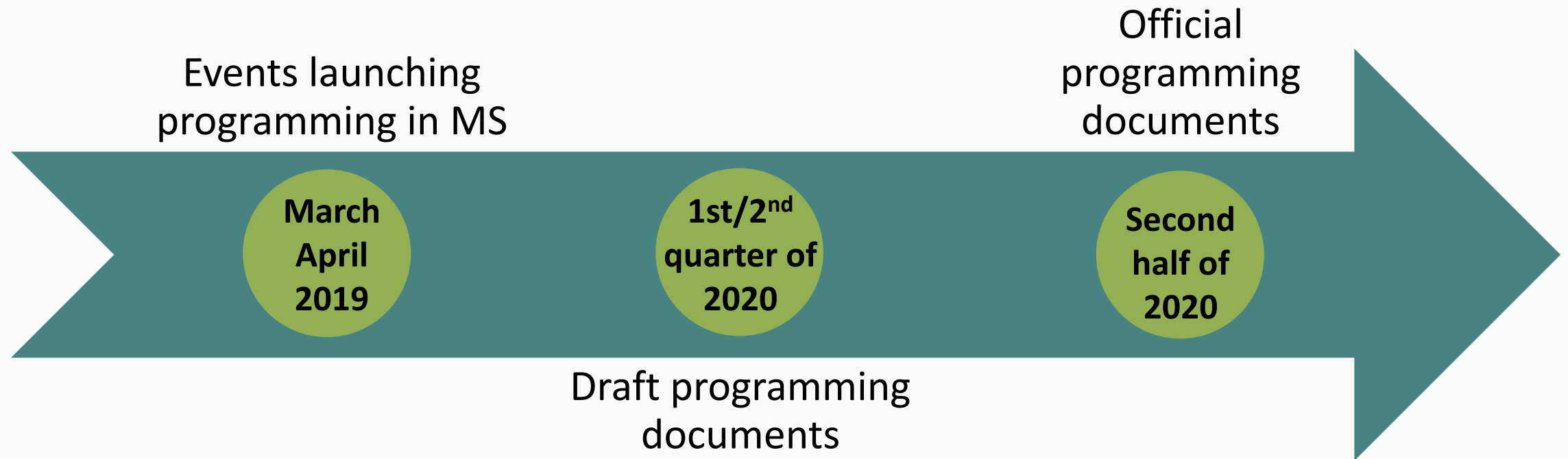
# Implementation

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- The **programmes are implemented by the MS and their regions**: selecting, monitoring and evaluating hundreds of thousands of projects
- This work is organised by '**managing authorities**' in each country and/or region: provides information on the programme, selects projects and monitors implementation
- The Commission **commits the funds** (to allow the countries to start pending on their programmes).
- **The Commission pays the certified expenditure** to each country
- The Commission **monitors each programme**, alongside the country concerned

# Programming timetable

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