



Cohesion policy , innovation and clusters are natural allies

Innovation and Clusters

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Cohesion policy reporting

- End of 2007
- Staff Working Doc (2007)1547 Regions delivering innovation through cohesion policy/ November
- Comm. MS and regions delivering the Lisbon Strategy for growth and jobs through EU cohesion policy (2007) 798/December

Cohesion policy nurtures innovation and 'coopetition'

- System of regional and multilevel governance
- Design and delivery of integrated and innovative regional development strategies
- Concentrates finances on the poorer regions: EU support > own resources
- Increase exchange of good practices
- The EGCT – new legal entity



How much?

2007-2013 planned

- By old and new MS
 - EU 27: EUR 83 billion (25% of total envelope)
 - EU 12: EUR 35 billion
 - EU 15: EUR 48 billion
 - 2000-2006
 - EUR 26 billion (11%)
- By objective
 - Convergence: EUR 61 billion (22% of objective)
 - Employment & Competitiveness: EUR 21 billion (40% of objective)
 - Territorial Cooperation
 - EUR 1 billion (27% of objective)



How ?

- **RTDI:**
- Supporting the creation of regional and trans-regional clusters
- Development of science parks, incubators, etc
- Supporting RTD activities, investment and technology transfer in SMEs
- Promotion of environmentally-friendly products and processes in SMEs: eco-innovation
- RDT infrastructure and researchers





How ?

- **Entrepreneurship**: to support self-employment and business start-up and advanced support services for businesses/ JEREMIE



- **Innovative ICT** : services to businesses and citizens, such as e-government, e-health, etc.





How?

- **Human resources:**
- development of skills and mechanisms related to innovation capacity of staff at work
- training and services for employees to step up their adaptability to change
- design and dissemination of innovative and more productive ways of organising work



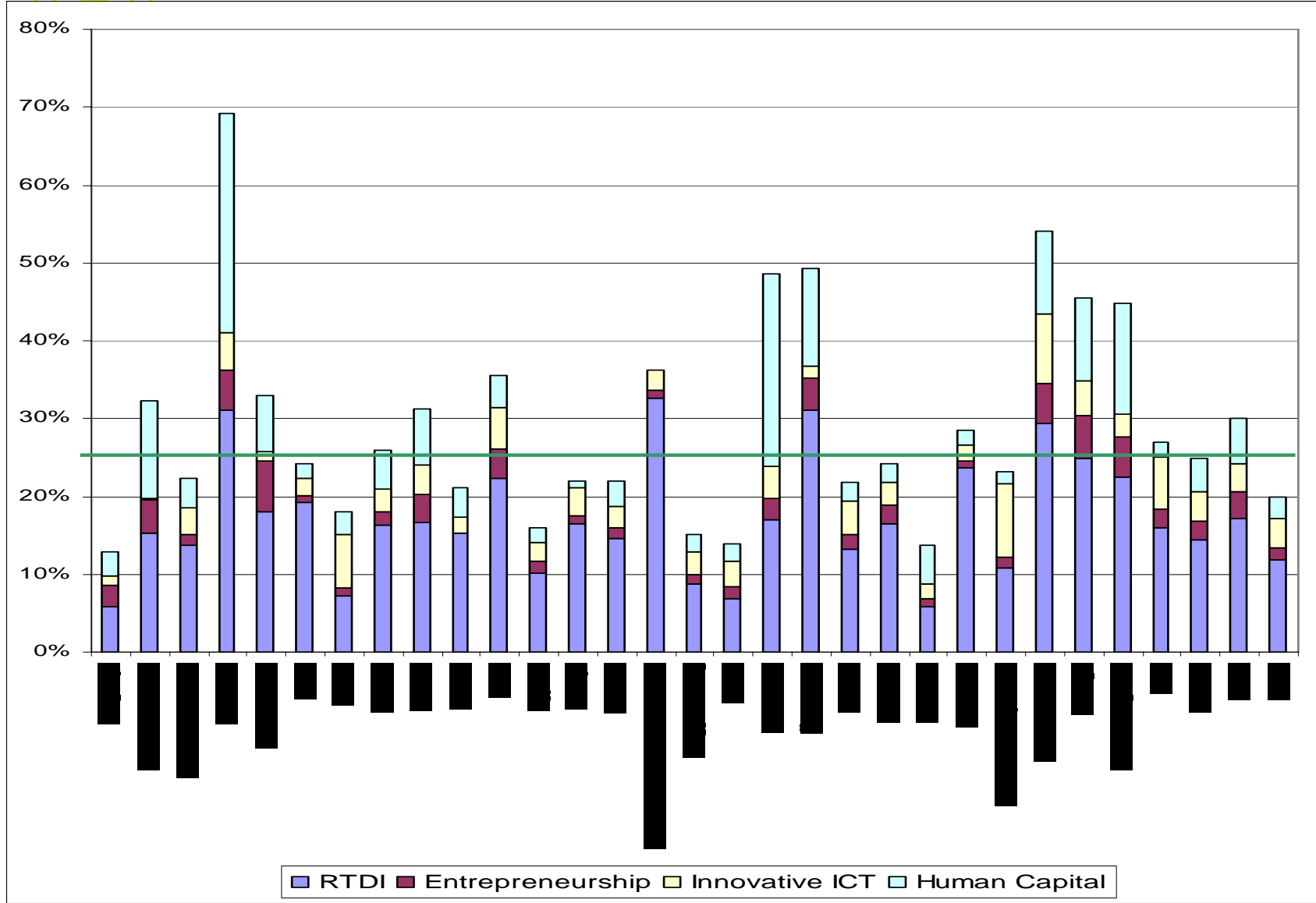


Integrated strategies and experimentation

- More than just technologies and products: experimentation and the development of integrated innovation strategies
- For the 2007-2013 period 22 Member States will experiment innovation within 175 Operational Programmes of Convergence and Competitiveness and Employment Objectives and in 15 cross-border programmes

Planned investment in Innovation by country - 2007-2013

All objectives



A good start that needs to be followed

- Financial resources are available
- Need: a coherent vision for the socio-economic development of the MS / region with an emphasis on innovation
- => Encouraging regions to develop regional innovation strategies



Regions for Economic Change

Interregional cooperation +
urban development network = 375 m€



New aspects:



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Themes

Bridge to mainstream programmes

Communication

Fast Track option

CLOE: a pilot project of RFEC

- Theme 'bringing innovation quickly to the market'
- Fast track option: a process to increase synergies and speed up results
- Deep delegations involving managing authorities and other decision-makers: MoUs
- An action plan to each region and financing from the ERDF and other sources

Cluster Management Guide –
Guidelines for the Development and
Management of Cluster Initiatives



<http://www.clusterforum.org/>



http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/interregional/ecochange/index_en.cfm

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