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2007 – 2013 European Territorial Cooperation

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Business economist

Min. Agriculture:

- Rural land use
- Fisheries
- Environment

Min. Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment

- EU funding (INTERREG, Objective 3, Fin.Persp)

INTERREG IVB North West Europe.

- Territorial cooperation

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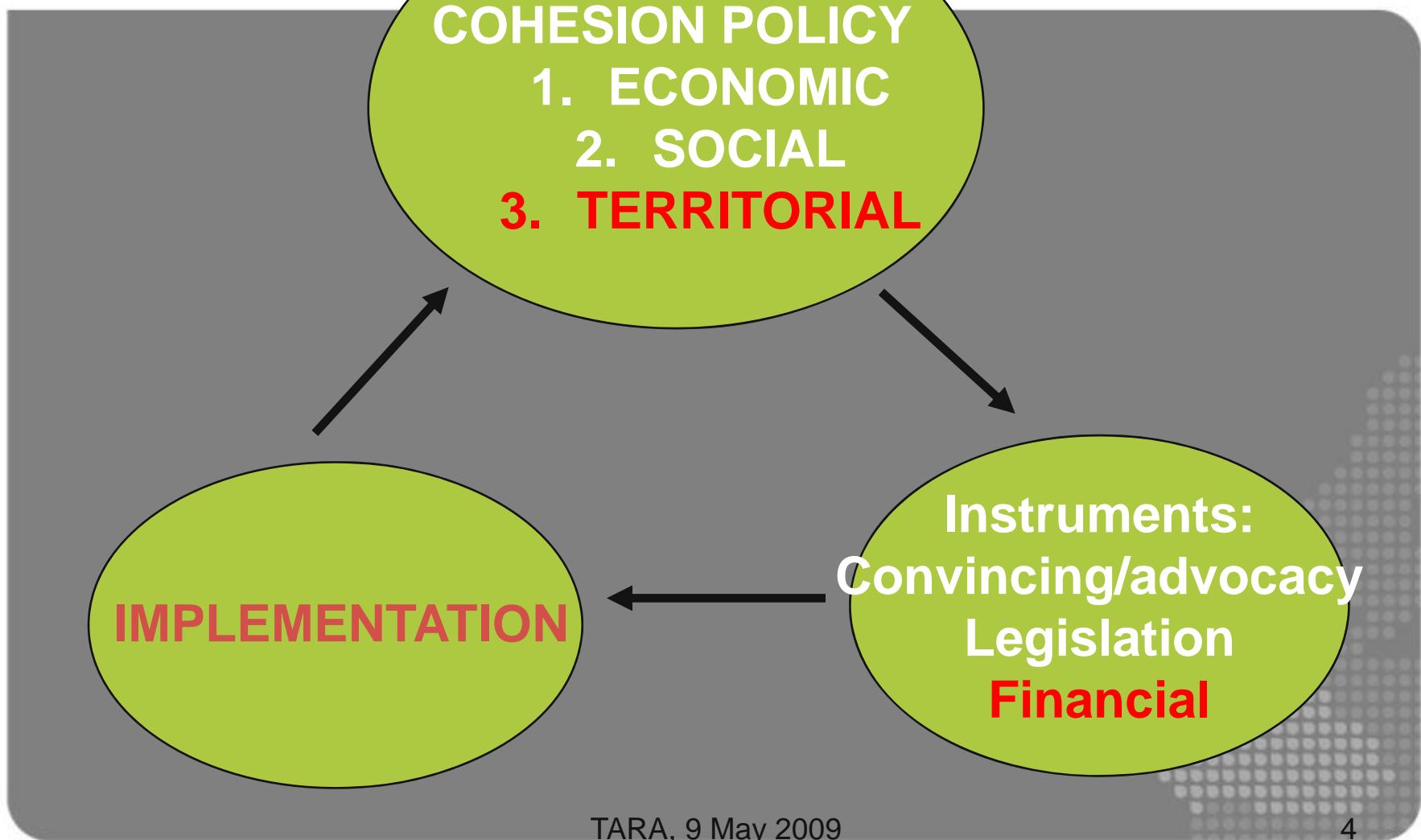
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Lay-out

- Policy cycles
- Financial instruments
- Cohesion policy
- EU territorial cooperation
- Back in the cycle
- Taboos?



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- EU TREATY SUSTAINABILITY
- COHESION POLICY
 - ECONOMIC
 - SOCIAL
 - TERRITORIAL
- AGRICULTURAL POLICY
- LISBON POLICY (75% earmark)
- GOTHENBURG POLICY



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Financial instruments of EU policies

- **FP (7)** fundamental research
- **CIP** applied research
- **Cohesion + agricultural programmes** implementation structural actions



Financial Perspectives 2007-13

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Cat 1a	Competitiveness/Market	72
Cat 1b	Cohesion	307
Cat 2	Objective 1: convergence of poor regions	
Cat 3	Objective 2: competitiveness and jobs in all regions	
Cat 4	Objective 3: territorial cooperation in all regions	50
Cat 5	Global partner	50
	Administration	50



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Programme Area North West Europe



Countries:

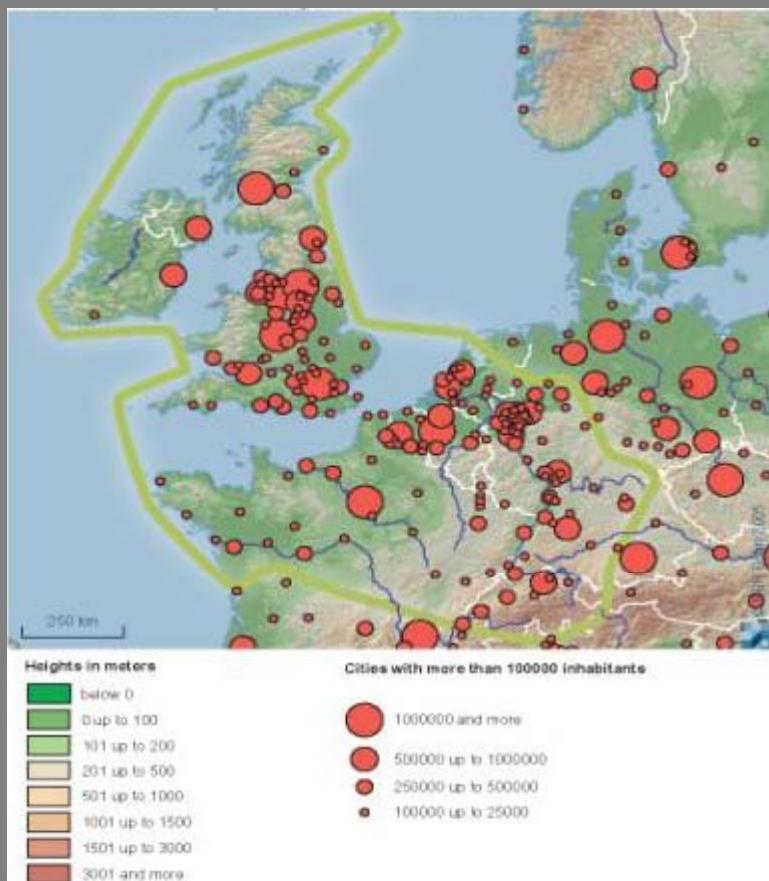
Belgium
Ireland
Luxemburg
United Kingdom
Switzerland

France
Germany
Netherlands



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Area Description



844,239 km² (21% EU25)
179 m people (40% EU25)
307 inhab/km² (118 EU25)
75% < 500 inhabitants/ km²

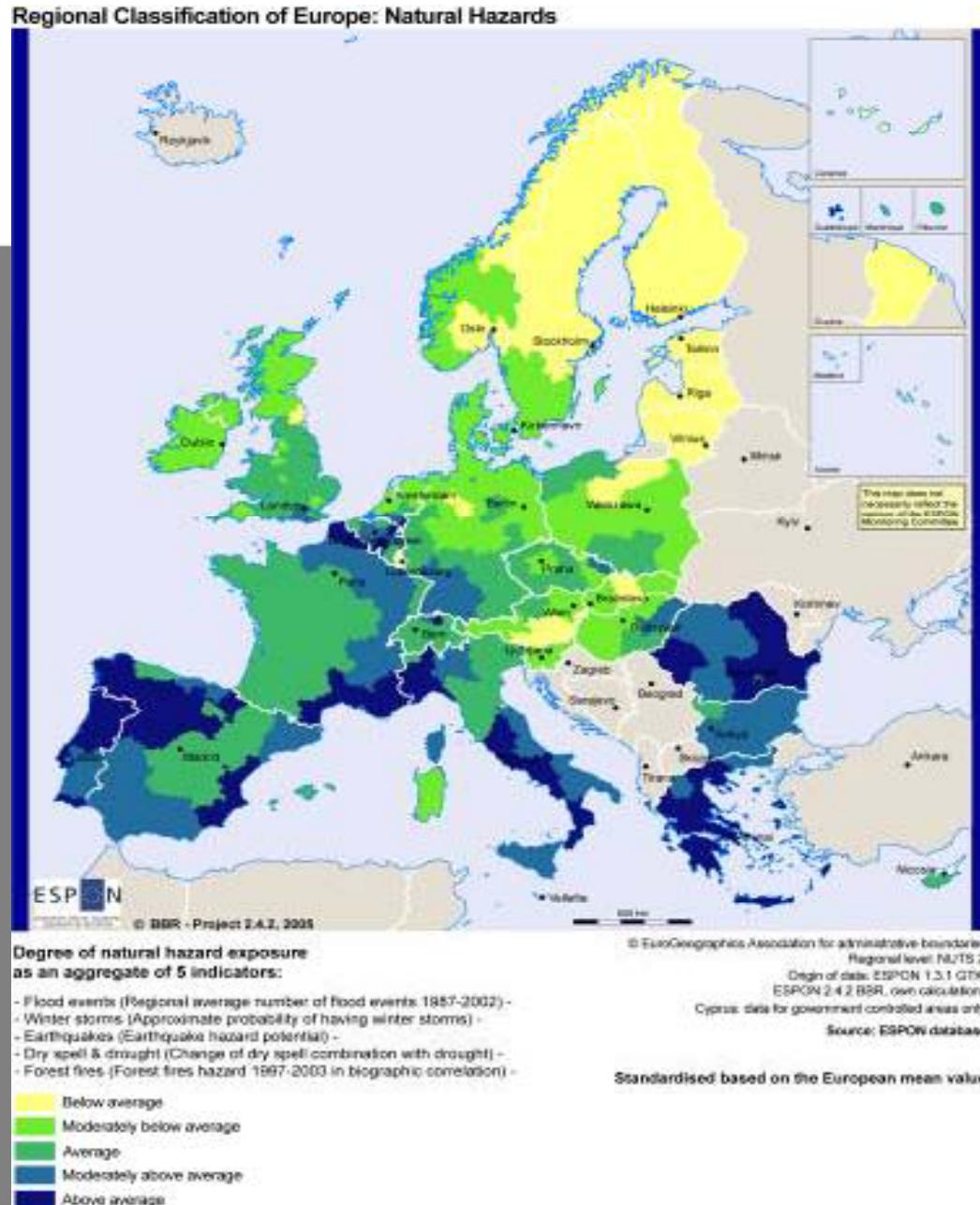
Relatively:

- **high GDP**
- **high employment rates**
- **skilled labour**
- **patent applications**
- **agriculture**
- **much transport**



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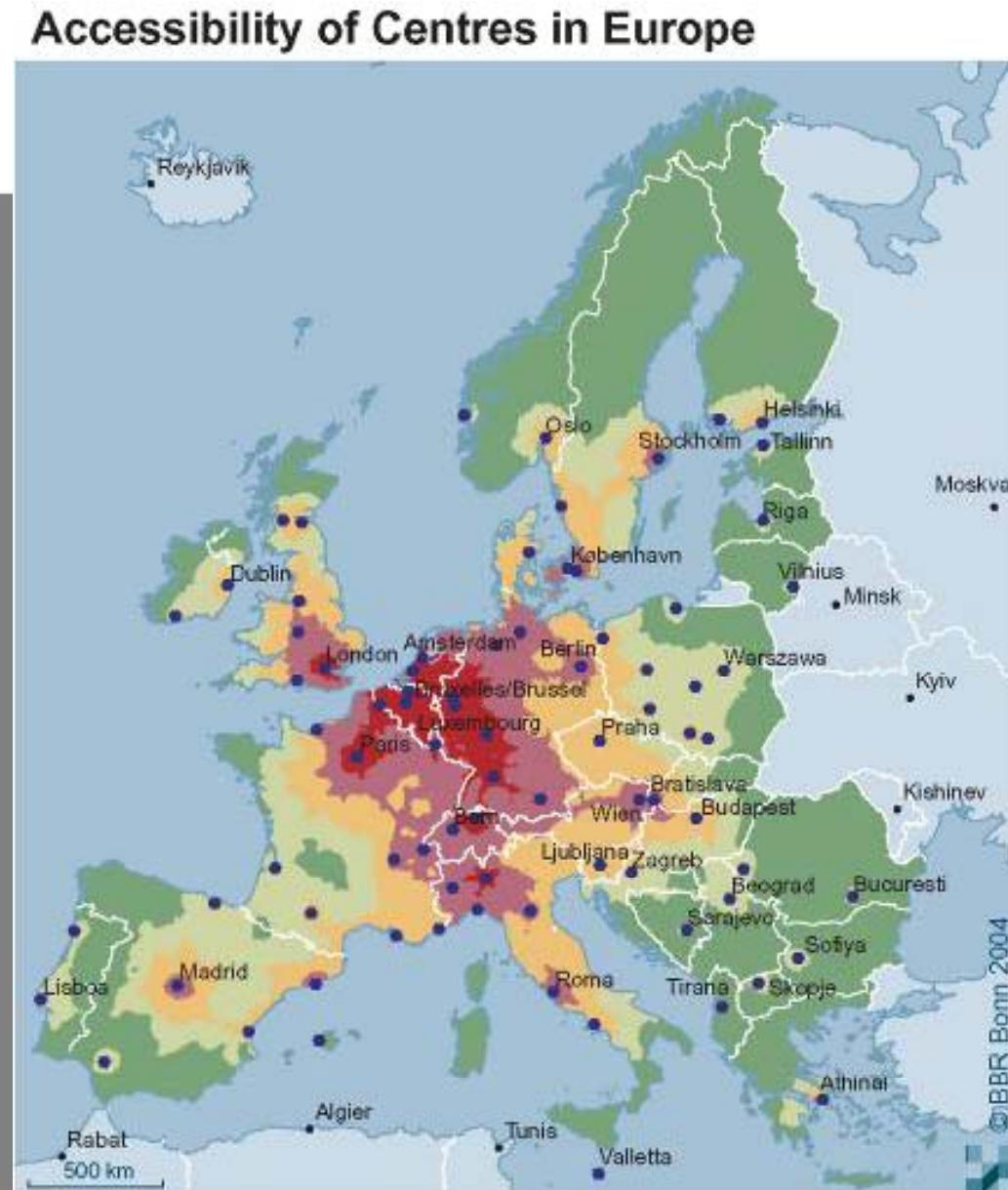
Natural Hazards according to ESPON





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Accessibility according to ESPON/BBR





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€355m
ERDF
up to
50%
grant





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Priority 1: NWE knowledge-based economy

€90 m ERDF

Priority 2: Natural resources + risk management

€87m ERDF

Priority 3: Improving connectivity in NWE

€90m ERDF

Priority 4: Strong and prosperous communities

€69m ERDF

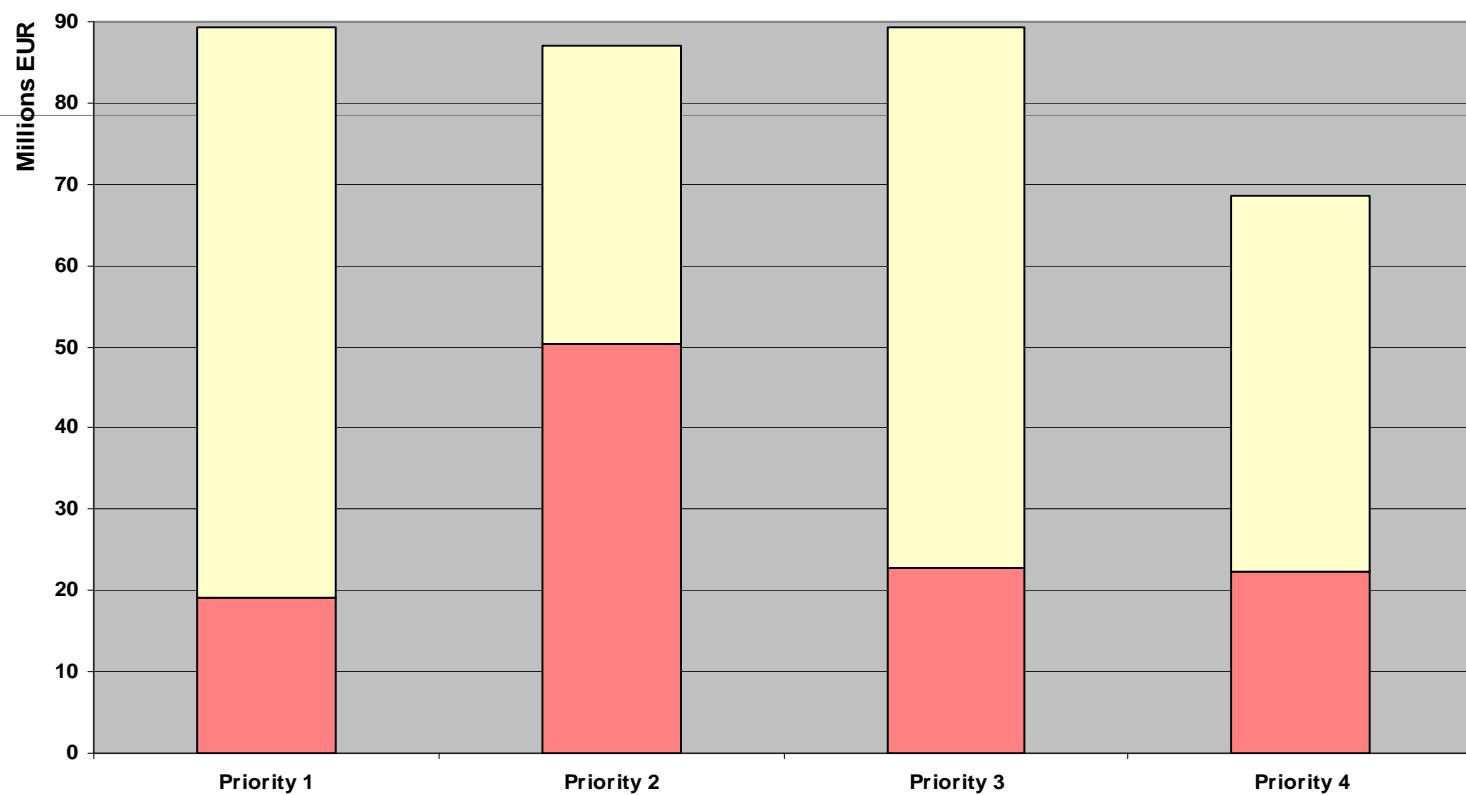
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Strategic Initiatives



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INTERREG IVB - NWE PROGRAMME ERDF APPROVED - OVERVIEW PER PRIORITY





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HOW ??

- BUILDING ON LOCAL AMBITIONS
- DEMANDING COOPERATION



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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- 1. Adaptation**
- 2. Renewables**
- 3. Innovation**
- 4. Transport**
- 5. Demographic change**

- 6. Geographical SI.**
 - **Top down development**
 - **Scoring high on specific selection criteria**



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NWE IVB 2009 CALENDAR

- 4th Call ends 17 April 12.00h
- 5th Call ends 7 October 12.00h
- ANNUAL EVENT 8 and 9 October
ROTTERDAM (NL)
CLIMATE CHANGE + 4 priorities



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Ethos INTERREG IVB

2007-2013

Investment/action
oriented
Innovative
Transnational
Cross sectoral
Multi-level



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AMBITIOUS ?

COHESIVE EU SOCIETY
THROUGH COOPERATION
TOUCHING ON EU CITIZENS'
DAILY LIFE



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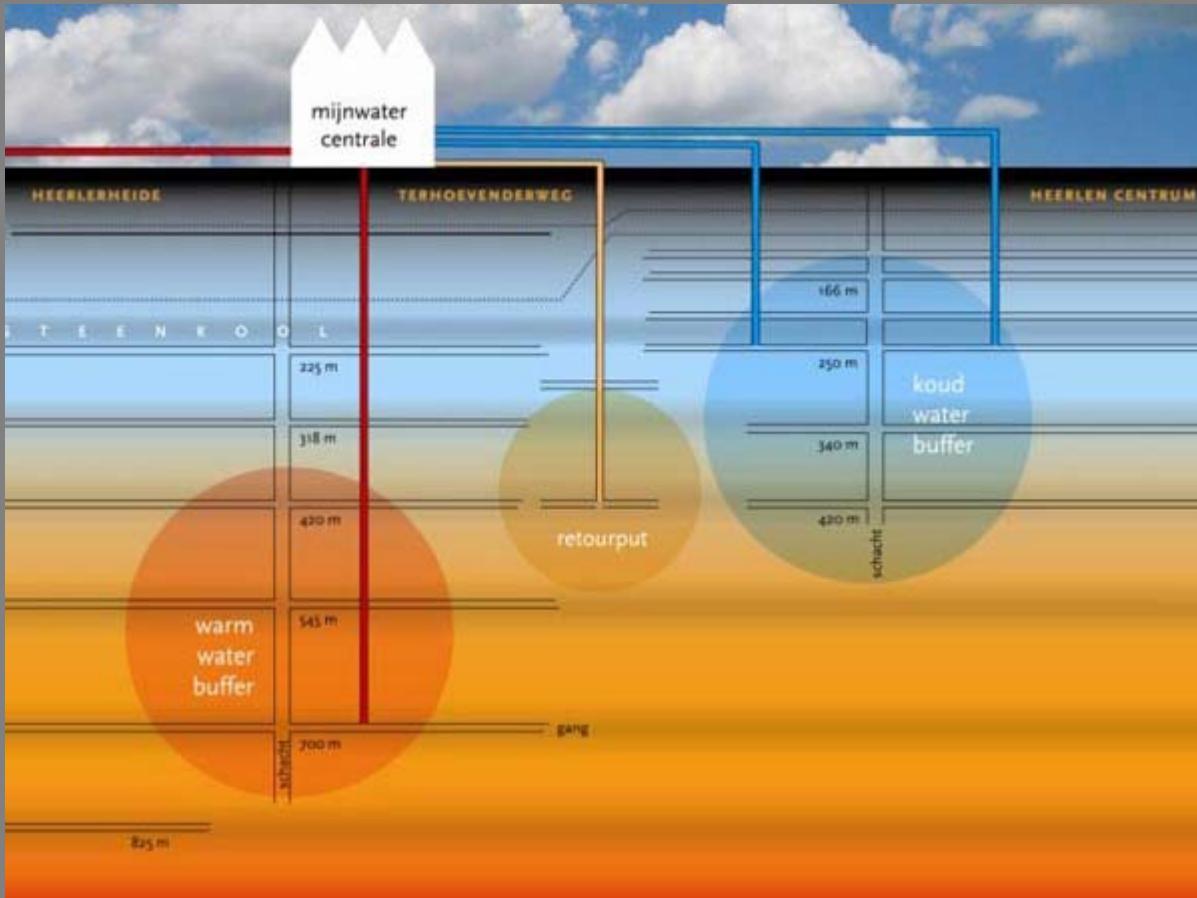
Issues 'CO2-cluster'

Awareness, planning, investments in:

- Transport
- Nature
- Build environment
- Adaptation
- Renewables



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(2000-2006)

Water Cluster
18 projects
130 partners
€ 77 m ERDF





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- Climate over all priorities.
- Transnationality
- Strong partnerships

investments/actions through joint decisions



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Annual reporting.

Large sets of indicators

Per project, program.

Output, Impact and result

Qualitative

REPORT last period (sept'08)



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EU:

80 Territorial Cooperation programmes

25.000 projects

Information management?

INTERACT programme



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BACK INTO the CYCLE

EU Territorial Cohesion Policy (MS!)

Commission, Council and Parliament

Green paper: definition, subsidiarity and instruments

Public consultation

White paper



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INSTRUMENTS?

Local, regional, national plans, EU?

Looking for instruments:

Advocacy and money.

Also other forms of governance:

Legal instrument EGTC (France,
Belgium Flanders and Walloonia)



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DILEMMA's

LOCAL ACTION ↔ GLOBAL ISSUE

18th/19th century governance ↔ 21st challenges?



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Personal thoughts on some taboos:

- Definition of growth
- Market a religion? Pricing (oil, land)
- Limits to demographic growth?
- Democracy at its limits?
- Global governances / EU governance?
- Where did we go wrong?



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But always **COOPERATION**

**INVESTING
IN
OPPORTUNITIES**

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