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EUROPE 2020: opportunities and challenges

Role of regions and cities

Committee of the Regions' contribution and political vision

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Strong convergence on direction of reforms ...

- Concrete results before crisis
- Partnership EU & Member States
- « Lisbonisation » of structural funds



... but a delivery gap has built up:

- Uneven progress between Member States
- Key targets (R&D, employment) not reached
- Lack of ownership; weak communication
- Regions not sufficiently involved
- Too EU-inward looking

**→ UPDATE VISION TO POST-CRISIS WORLD &
IMPROVE DELIVERY**

Prepared by the Secretariat General of the European Commission

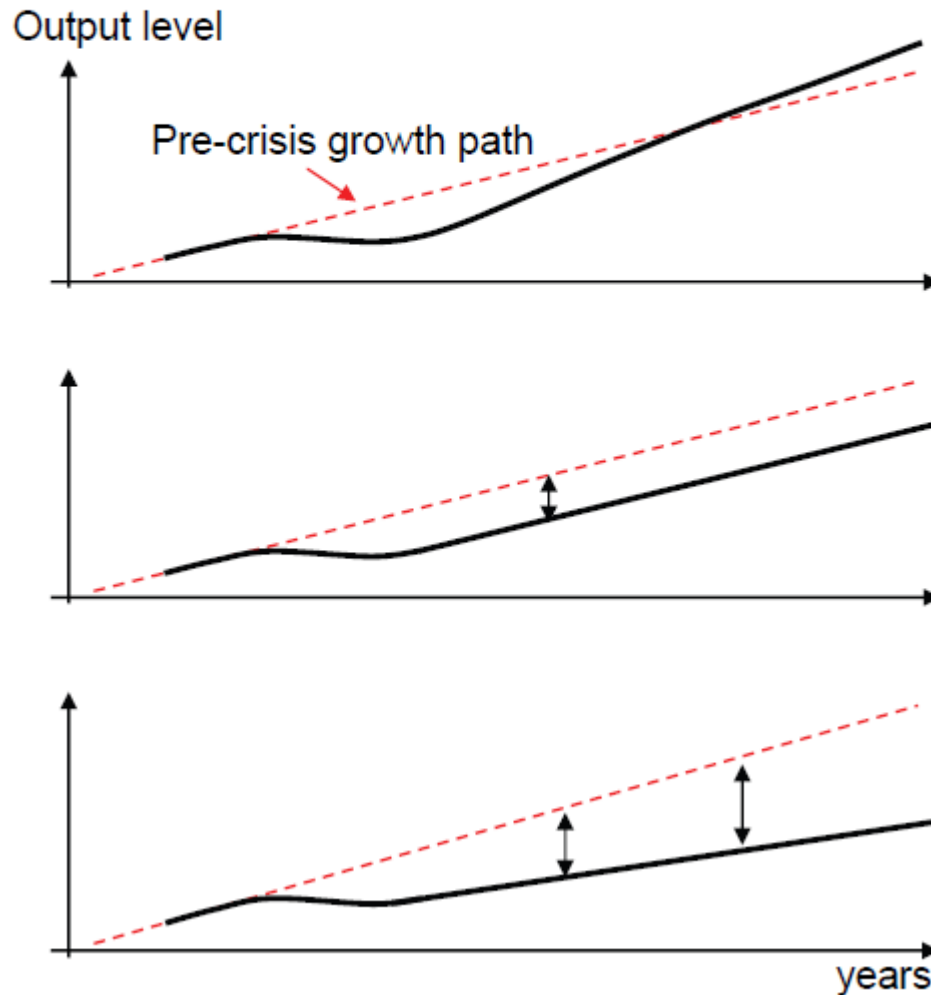
Europe 2020 objectives

- **Get out of the crisis**
- **Prepare for next decade**



Where do we want Europe in 2020?

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« Strong recovery »
a full return to earlier
growth path and a
capacity to go beyond

« Sluggish recovery »
a permanent loss in
wealth and stagnation on
a lower growth path

« Lost decade »
a permanent loss in wealth
and an eroded potential for
future growth

Presentation of J.M. Barroso to the Informal European Council, 11 February 2010

EUROPE 2020

EUROPE 2020 Priorities

- **smart growth**
 - fostering knowledge, innovation, education and digital society
- **sustainable growth**
 - making our production more resource efficient while boosting our competitiveness
- **inclusive growth**
 - raising participation in the labour market, the acquisition of skills and the fight against poverty



Headline EU-level targets

which Member States will be asked to translate into national targets reflecting different starting points

- **75 % of the population aged 20-64 should be employed.**
- **3% of the EU's GDP should be invested in R&D.**
- **The "20/20/20" climate/energy targets should be met.**
- **The share of early school leavers should be under 10% and at least 40% of the younger generation should have a degree or diploma.**
- **20 million less people should be at risk of poverty.**

Europe 2020 Flagship initiatives (1)

- **Innovation union**
 - re-focussing R&D and innovation policy on major challenges, while closing the gap between science and market to turn inventions into products. As an example, the Community Patent could save companies 289€ million each year.
- **Youth on the move**
 - enhancing the quality and international attractiveness of Europe's higher education system by promoting student and young professional mobility. As a concrete action, vacancies in all Member States should be more accessible through out Europe and professional qualifications and experience properly recognised.

Europe 2020 Flagship initiatives (2)

- **A digital agenda for Europe**
 - delivering sustainable economic and social benefits from a Digital Single Market based on ultra fast internet. All Europeans should have access to high speed internet by 2013.
- **Resource-efficient Europe**
 - supporting the shift towards a resource efficient and low-carbon economy. Europe should stick to its 2020 targets in terms of energy production, efficiency and consumption. This would result in €60 billion less in oil and gas imports by 2020.

Europe 2020 Flagship initiatives (3)

- **An industrial policy for the globalisation era**
 - helping the EU's industrial base to be competitive in the post-crisis world, promoting entrepreneurship and developing new skills. This would create millions of new jobs;
- **An agenda for new skills and jobs**
 - creating the conditions for modernising labour markets, with a view to raising employment levels and ensuring the sustainability of our social models, while baby-boomers retire;
- **European platform against poverty**
 - ensuring economic, social and territorial cohesion by helping the poor and socially excluded and enabling them to play an active part in society.

Next Steps

- **From May to December 2010: European Commission launches the 7 Flagship initiatives**
- **By 12 November 2010: Member States are expected to submit first drafts of their National Reform Programs**
- **December 2010: European Council starts its thematic meetings discussing R&D and innovation**
- **March 2011: Spring European Council gives political orientations within the framework of the European Semester (coordinating both fiscal and structural policies)**
- **April 2011: Member States submit final version of their National Reform Programs**

The local and regional authorities as partners for EU 2020

- **Have competencies/abilities in several countries**
- **Help giving a territorial dimension**
- **Are close to citizens**

**Implementing the Lisbon Treaty: subsidiarity,
proportionality**

Unlocking positive systemic effects through partnership

- **Integration of sectoral policies**
- **Coordination of tasks/agendas**
- **Synchronization**

Multilevel governance is the lever

- **EC pushes MS (governance guidelines)**
- **Council, Barroso:**
 - LRA involved since the design stage
 - NRPs should report

The Committee of the Regions says

- **Europe 2020 needs a territorial dimension**
 - Starting points, specific targets also at territorial level
- **Cohesion policy should contribute**
 - In full respect of its mission
 - Covering all countries
- **Administrative simplification needed**
- **An opportunity to rationalize and concentrate EU policy instruments**
 - Value added even with the same global amount of EU resources
- **Territorial impact assessment**

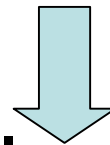
To this aim, CoR proposes Territorial Pacts at country level

- **Between national governments, LRAs**
- **To agree goals, targets, operational coordination**
 - In contractual terms where needed
- **Structural Funds contribute**
- **Administrative simplification**
- **Monitoring, evaluation**
- **Contributing to cohesion, sustainability**

EU Budget Review and LRAs

Commission's Communication on the EU Budget Review
(19 October 2010)

Common Strategic Framework



Development and Investment Partnership
Contract between the Commission and
each Member State



Territorial Pacts in Member States

CoR will keep monitoring, reporting and contributing to EU debate

- Annual Report
- Territorial Dialogue
- Thematic work

The Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform: mission

- **Monitoring/reporting** how LRAs participate in the new strategy
- **feeding** into CoR consultative activity and EU debate
- **voicing** political concerns and proposals of LRAs
- **facilitate** sharing of good practices


The Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform: structure

- **132 Members of the Platform**, representing cities and regions from all 27 member states
- including **Signatories of the Covenant of Mayors**, involved in climate change and environment-related actions
- **Political Coordinators:**
 - **Ms Christine Chapman** (CoR, Welsh National Assembly)
for activities related to: Competitiveness, Innovation, Inclusion
 - **Mr Nichi Vendola** (CoR, President of Puglia Region)
for activities related to: Climate change, Sustainability



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The Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform: state of play

- **ACTIVITIES**
 - Consultations, surveys, quick surveys
 - CoR Annual Monitoring Report
 - Preparing Territorial Dialogue
 - Organizing Workshops (of which: Open Days)
- **NEXT STEPS**



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