



DG Regio updates

for the Steering group meeting of PA 9

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Group of high-level specialists on the future of Cohesion Policy

- Post-2027 discussions on what will happen in the next programming period 2028-2035
- Who?
 - Representatives of academia, socio-economic partners, civil society, policy makers from national, regional and local level and Commission colleagues.
- What?
 - [10 meetings](#) + academic contributions + Commission issue papers + insights from stakeholders
 - [Report](#), 20/2/2024
- N.B. The report not to be considered as representative of the EC official position

Recommendations from the High-Level Specialists Report

**Cohesion
Policy
should**

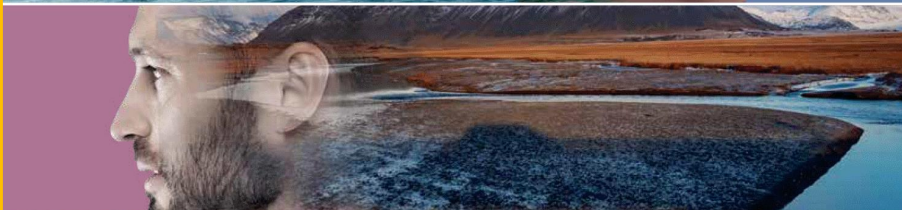
- ❖ Help institutional capacity building
- ❖ Build synergies
- ❖ Improve governance
- ❖ Be more performance-based instead of cost-based
- ❖ Always focus on its main purpose: minimize disparities by helping under developed regions, rural areas

enlargement

What about ETC, Interreg and Macro-regional strategies?

- Talks on the importance of the Strategies as links with enlargement countries!
 - EUSDR as strategic actor for reinforcement of institutional capacity in Ukraine and Moldova.
 - As much as Interreg Programmes, the strategies are tools for closer and practical cooperation with partner countries.
- Strategies as facilitators of civil society organisations, youth, academia and businesses to engage.

Ninth report on economic, social and territorial cohesion



- Thanks to the cumulated impact of cohesion policy funding in 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 programmes, EU GDP is estimated to be 0.9% higher in 2030. This impact is much higher in cohesion countries.

Main persistent challenges:

- Some regions have fallen into development traps
- The effects of climate change in the EU may exacerbate regional disparities

Lessons learnt:

- The policy will need to evolve towards a more performance-based delivery model – this will accelerate implementation.
- The built-in flexibility of the policy should be further improved to enable a better reactivity to unforeseen crises and adjustments to emerging challenges, while maintaining the framework stable.



❖ **12 and 13 June in Brussels, at THE EGG**

❖ Workshops, plenaries and the «**speed dating with the Commission**»

❖ **On 14 June, High Level Group Meeting and Four Trio Presidencies Meeting**

Link to register: [Macro-Regional & Sea Basin Strategies Days 2024 \(regio-events.eu\)](https://regio-events.eu)

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