CPMR Task Force on Climate

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Future of the EU Budget timeline

- **March 2018:** European Parliament report on future of MFF (Olbrycht/Thomas) - expected adoption

- **End May 2018:** post-2020 EU Budget proposal (followed by legislative proposals on all EU policies end May/early June)

- **April 2019:** ‘planned’ adoption of EU Budget (and legislative proposals on EU policies/programmes) for post-2020

- **May 2019:** European Parliament elections
Drivers for EU budget reform

With regards to funding and timing:
• Impact of Brexit on both!
• Very tight timetable means evolution rather than revolution

With regards to overall direction:
• JC Juncker wants EU strategy before MFF is agreed... (impossible?)
• New priorities: defence, fight against terrorism, migration, Eurozone budget
• Strengthening the European Semester and structural reforms implementation

Unprecedented lack of cohesion within all EU institutions...
The European Commission wants...

To fill ‘Brexit’ gap and to finance new priorities (defence…) by making savings within MFF and with ‘fresh money’

- **Fresh money** will be ‘found’:
  - By increasing Member States contributions to the EU budget to 1.1x%
  - By introducing new ‘own resources’

- **Savings** will be found:
  - by reducing CAP and Cohesion policy budgets by 5-10%
  - overall share of CAP and Cohesion Policy in MFF will fall from 70% currently to 60% after 2020

- More money for research, ERASMUS and youth unemployment; strong support for Connecting Europe Facility
The European Parliament wants...

Draft Thomas/Olbricht report:

• A EU budget to reflect the ambition of the European Union: 1.3% GNI from Member States and new own resources

• An overall strategy for growth and jobs

• A strong Cohesion Policy and CAP

• To double Horizon 2020 budget

• Financial instruments to be limited to certain areas and priorities
Stresses the importance of the EU’s leading role in tackling climate change and its internal and external biodiversity commitments and goals; asks for appropriate financial resources to be provided to implement the Paris agreement and thorough climate mainstreaming of future EU spending; recalls that the next MFF should help the Union to achieve its 2030 climate and energy framework objectives; underlines that the EU should not finance projects and investments that are contrary to the achievement of these goals;
CPMR position on future MFF

• Focused around **CPMR historical priorities**: territorial cohesion, accessibility, multilevel governance, potential of maritime economy, macroregional / sea basin dimension...

• Build on **existing CPMR positions** on future EU policies for post-2020

• **React to recent EU policy developments** (link with EU semester, attack on ‘traditional’ policies, etc...)
General messages

• EU Budget should reflect the ambition of the EU and its priorities:
  • New priorities need new money
  • Do not sacrifice ‘traditional policies’ to make way for new priorities
  • It should continue to be an investment budget

• Give EU regions the flexibility they need to realise EU objectives on the ground:
  • Shared management programmes are key to addressing many EU priorities

• Need for clear long term EU strategy for growth and jobs
  • Greater clarity about role and function of funds
  • Synergies (with EFSI) are not the solution to everything
Integrating climate messages

Mistake would be to create a single EU fund...

EFSI
• Need for clear links to EU objectives (e.g. sustainable transport)

Cohesion policy
• An investment policy to support EU priorities (including climate change)
• Climate will feature highly after 2020:
  – likely thematic objective on climate/energy transition/circular economy
  – possible “climate indicators” in the allocation methodology for ESI funds
• Shared management programmes is essential: allows climate response to be ‘tailored’ to specific challenges and opportunities
• Cohesion policy also addresses specific territories (e.g. islands)

Transport
• Strongly supports action of the Commission on greening transport
• Increase share of CEF support to ‘decarbonization’ to 5%
Many thanks for your attention!

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