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**QUARTERLY BAROMETER OF THE DEVELOPMENTS (IMPLEMENTATION AND
PREPARATION) OF THE COMMUNITY LEGISLATIONS AND PROGRAMMES
BETWEEN NOW AND 1ST JANUARY 2014**

Community Policies and Regional Development

FOREWORD

The objective of this barometer is to regularly review the developments in the implementation of the Community policies covered by the 2007-2013 programming period and on the work starting with regard to the reforms to be introduced in view of the post 2013 programming period. We intend to update and disseminate it quarterly.

This barometer contains six chapters:

- Budget
- Cohesion policy
- CIP
- Competition policy : State aid
- Research
- Other policies

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BUDGET		
Intro	2007-2013	Preparing the post 2013 period
<p>The EU budget is calculated on the following basis: Total expenditure ± 1.04% of EU GDP</p>	<p>The broad balances are as follows for a total budget of the order of ± €140 billion per year (1,045% of EU GDI) distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% cohesion and competitiveness (Cohesion, FP7, CIP, ...) • 42.5% common agricultural policy, of which 31% market support and 11% rural development • 5.8% EU in the world • 5.7% administration • 1.0% citizenship, security and justice 	<p>The main discussions concentrate on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total budget (freeze or reduction: pressure of Member States net contributors) • The importance of different policies: CAP vs cohesion vs sectorial policy
COHESION POLICY		
Intro	2007-2013	Preparing the post 2013 period
<p>The main changes introduced on 1st January 2007 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisbonisation of the objectives (earmarking) to the benefit of entrepreneurial activities, RTDI • Reduction of targets and of the number of funds involved (EAGGF and fisheries) • Renationalisation of funds for trans-regional cooperation • Abandonment of innovative actions • Introduction of joint initiatives ERDF-EIF/EIB, JEREMIE JASPER, JESSICA; ... • Approved Operational Programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 calls for proposals launched within the framework of the INTERREG IV C initiative. • Fast Track Projects approved • JEREMIE JASPER, JESSICA projects. • Launch of the JASMIN pilot initiative (micro-credit EIF-ERDF) • Review of certain rules in order to contribute to Community efforts to fight against the crisis (http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Financial%20crisis/IP-09-1175_EN_220709.pdf) • € 85 billion: the volume of funds dedicated to the Lisbon objectives (RTDI & entrepreneurship) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and consultation on regional cohesion (http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Regional%20development/Green%20Paper%20on%20Territorial%20Cohesion_E.pdf.pdf) • Publication of the so-called "BARCA" report, including promotion of the return to innovative actions (http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Regional%20development/Barca_report.pdf) • Publication of the document Regions 2020 (http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Regional%20development/regions2020_en.pdf) • Publication of the 6th progress report on economic and social cohesion (http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Regional%20development/6th%20progress%20report%20on%20cohesion.pdf)

C I P		
Intro	2007-2013	Preparing the post 2013 period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regrouping provisions to support SMEs, ICT and energy • Merger of the Euro Info Centre and Innovation Relay Centres networks in the Enterprise Europe Network • Stop the financing of the IRE network secretariat on 31.12.2008 • Amendment of the EIF mandate in the field of financial engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the support for eco-innovation • Adoption of the Small Business Act (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2008:0394:FIN:EN:PDF) • Launch of a Europe-Innova and Pro Inno call for projects • Implementation of awareness campaigns on entrepreneurship (European SME Week) and access to funding sources • Launch of 2 calls for projects under the CIP framework: eco-innovation and Intelligent Energy Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of a strategy to build clusters of global dimensions • Preparing a new plan for innovation (http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Innovation/Reviewing%20Community%20Innovation%20Policy%20in%20a%20changing%20world.pdf)
COMPETITION POLICY: STATE AID		
Intro	2007-2013	Preparing the post 2013 period
<p>The overall State Aid policy has been revised in the context of the Lisbon Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the so-called "block exemption" rules (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:214:0003:0047:EN:PDF) • Transitional period (2 years) adjusting the State aid rules in order to counter the impact of the economic and financial crisis. Among others, increase of the so-called "de minimis" threshold up to €500 000, below which aids need not be notified (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:016:0001:0009:EN:PDF) 	

RESEARCH		
Intro	2007-2013	Preparing the post 2013 period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structuring FP7 around 4 axes : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cooperation – Ideas – People – Capacity • The axis "Ideas" is introduced. • The pilot project "Regions of Knowledge" is institutionalized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of all programmer priorities • Launch of 3 calls for projects with the framework of "Regions of Knowledge". The 4th (late 2009) should involve clusters related to the concept of "transport" 	
OTHER POLICIES		
Intro	2007-2013	Preparing the post 2013 period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Transregional networks • Climate change 	<p>Communication on relations between universities and enterprises http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Social%20affairs/IP-09-529_EN_univenter.pdf</p> <p>Transeuropean networks € 5 billion of additional funds (contribution to the fight against the crisis) dedicated to transnational infrastructure and broadband network</p>	<p>Climate-Energy Package: 2 x 20 2010 http://www.eurada.org/site/files/Sustainable%20Development/MEMO-08-33_EN_energyclimate.pdfie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions – 20% share of alternative energies in EU energy – Publication of a model of national action plans on renewable energy (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:182:0033:0062:EN:PDF)