



**The “Seal of Excellence” allows projects successfully evaluated under Horizon Europe to be funded by Cohesion Policy without having to pass another selection process**, if they are consistent with the region’s or the programme’s smart specialisation strategy.



On a voluntary basis, and within certain limits, Member States can transfer Cohesion Policy resources to another EU instrument to fund a project; in this case, the rules of the other instrument apply. The other way around, Member States can also choose to use their Cohesion Policy money to finance a project selected under another EU budget tool; in this case Cohesion Policy rules apply.

**These new rules can facilitate synergies between Cohesion Policy and Erasmus+, the EU programme for learning mobility, and LIFE, the programme for environment and climate action.**