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Summary of the 'Partnership Agreement' with Greece, 2014-2020

Overall information

The European Commission adopted on 23 May the Partnership Agreements with Greece which sets down the strategy for the optimal use of European Structural and Investment Funds for the period 2014-2020. The Partnership Agreement lays down the foundations for a new economic model in Greece based on competitiveness and innovation and contributes to the efforts of the country to exit from the crisis.

The strategy sets the ground for investments under Cohesion Policy, Rural development as well as fisheries and maritime policy. The strategic decisions taken will stimulate growth by strengthening the competitiveness and innovation of Greek SMEs, by creating sustainable jobs and through the modernisation of public administration and the promotion of structural and administrative reforms.

The overall objective sought through this agreement is to turn the country into a sustainable, innovation-driven and outward looking economy with sustainable growth and jobs. To this end, five key strategic priorities have been identified, in particular:

- Strengthening the competitiveness and extroversion of enterprises
- Capacity building and development of human resources
- Environmental protection - transition to a climate-friendly economy
- Modernisation - Completing infrastructures for economic and social development
- Enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration and local governance

The different actions and investment priorities proposed focus mainly on dynamic productive sectors of the Greek economy which are the main pillars of the country's development – **tourism, agro-food system, energy, environment, blue growth** and **logistics**. These sectors are expected to have a greater involvement in the expanding economic activity in the new programming period and thereby promoting the country's dynamic entrepreneurship clusters. At the same time, focusing on the above-mentioned priorities will help the country achieve the Europe 2020 objectives.

The present strategy has an underlying logic of progressing actions, frontloading the ones related to the acute unemployment problem. At the start of the programming period, it will support investments in areas with more foreseeable returns and will gradually expand to areas that could

generate value-added returns over the long-term that could turn Greece into a competitive economy. Main goal of the strategy is a considerable proportion of the funds to act as a catalyst to mobilise private investments in the next decade.

Expected results

ESI Funds will assist Greece to achieve national targets of Europe 2020 strategy as set out in the National Reform Programme (NRP), implementing Council country-specific recommendations and enabling the structural reforms provided for in the Economic Adjustment Programme. The main expected results are the following:

- Increase of investment in research and technological development by the enterprises
 - R&D expenditure as a percentage of GDP from 0.67% in 2011 to 1.2%
 - Business expenditure as a percentage of GDP from 0.18% in 2011 to 0.4%
- Increase the use of RES (as a percentage of gross final consumption from 13.83 % in 2013 to 20 % in 2020, on the basis of Law 3851/2010.
- Reduction of primary energy consumption by 2.85 Mtoe in 2020 compared to 2005
- Reduction of GHG emissions for non-ETS sectors by 4% compared to 2005, in accordance with Decision 406/2009/EC.
- *Solid waste*: Strengthen the prevention of waste production, increase re-use of waste, increase high quality recycling streams with separate collection, ensure adequacy in infrastructure for recovery and waste disposal, reduce territorial waste disposal. More specifically,
 - Increase of municipal waste generally recovered from 18% (2011) to 68 % (2020)
 - Increase the percentage of recyclable waste recycled from 30% (2011) to 54 % (2020)
 - Reduce the rate of municipal waste going to landfill by 82 % (2011) to 32 % (2020)

Increase of employment rate from 55.3% in 2012 to 70% by 2020.

Financial Allocations

For 2014-2020, Greece has been allocated around €15.3 billion (current prices) in total Cohesion Policy funding:

- **€7 billion** for less developed regions
- **€2.3 billion** for transition regions
- **€2.5 billion** for more developed regions
- **3.2 billion** from the Cohesion Fund
- **€0.2 billion** for European Territorial Cooperation
- **€0.17 billion** for Youth Employment Initiative

In addition, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development will invest a further **€4.2 billion**, whereas the allocation under Fisheries and Maritime Policy amounts to €389 million.

Program architecture

The new strategy will be delivered through thirteen multi regional operational programs and four national multi-fund programs. In addition, there will be one operational program for the EMFF and the EARDF as well as one national program covering Technical Assistance. In total, there will be 20 programs to deliver the 2014-2020 strategy in Greece. In particular the 2014-2020 OPs are:

1. Competitiveness, entrepreneurship and innovation
2. Transport infrastructure, environment and sustainable development
3. Human Resources Development — education and lifelong learning
4. Public sector reform
5. Rural Development
6. Fisheries
7. Technical Assistance **and**
8. 13 Regional OPs

The main features of the programming architecture are:

- A big number of multi - fund OPs (1, 2, 4, 7 (see above) and 13 ROPs).
- Regions will manage 35% of the total of ERDF, ESF & CF.
- About 30% of OP Rural Development will be delegated to regions.
- Part of the Cohesion Fund budget from OP Infrastructure and Environment earmarked for TO 6 "Environment" – mostly for the implementation of liquid waste management projects – delegated to the M.A. of the regions.
- 15 million € delegated to central TA management on the basis of art. 25 (contribution from ERDF, ESF & CF).
- Regarding annual commitments, the programming foresees more ESF money during the first years (and a bit less ERDF and CF budget) to meet the overall commitments profile.

Table 1: Indicative allocation of Union support by Thematic Objective at national level for each of the ESI Funds, including the performance reserve [EURO]

Thematic Objective	ERDF	ESF	Cohesion Fund	EAFRD	EMFF	Total
1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation	935.875.471,68	0,00	0,00	350.818.236,00	0,00	1.286.693.707,68
2. Enhancing access to, and use and quality of, ICT	785.171.770,56	0,00	0,00	41.567.686,00	0,00	818.739.456,56
3. Enhancing the competitiveness of SMES, of the agricultural sector (for the EAFRD) and of the fishery and aquaculture sector (for	1.328.415.918,72	0,00	0,00	1.092.551.884,00	200.000.000,00	2.620.967.802,72

Thematic Objective	ERDF	ESF	Cohesion Fund	EAFRD	EMFF	Total
the EMFF)						
4. Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors	1.305.048.318,72	0,00	0,00	309.798.040,00	5.000.000,00	1.619.846.358,72
5. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management	326.277.564,48	0,00	0,00	450.325.334,00	0,00	776.602.898,48
6. Preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	818.607.026,88	0,00	1.838.108.636,16	1.058.079.179,00	125.000.000,00	3.839.794.842,04
7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures	1.920.609.631,68	0,00	1.282.125.816,00	0,00	0,00	3.202.735.447,68
8. Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility	0,00	1.525.759.069,44	0,00	400.440.511,00	46.000.000,00	1.972.199.580,44
9. Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination	213.433.748,16	789.185.725,44	0,00	300.717.256,00	0,00	1.303.336.729,60
10. Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning	213.433.748,16	950.802.413,76	0,00	139.939.412,00	0,00	1.304.175.573,92
11. Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration	0,00	281.126.069,76	0,00	0,00	0,00	281.126.069,76
Technical Assistance	326.953.049,96	147.786.386,60	130.009.768,84	79.723.255,00	12.777.914,00	697.250.374,40
TOTAL	8.173.826.249,00	3.694.659.665,00	3.250.244.221,00	4.223.960.793,00	388.777.914,00	19.731.468.842,00

Table 2: Resources for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) programmed under Thematic Objective 8 “Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility”

YEI specific allocation	(EUR) 171.517.029
ESF matching funding	(EUR) 171.517.029
Total YEI resources	(EUR) 343.034.058
YEI resources for young persons residing outside the eligible regions (Article 16 ESF Regulation)	(EUR) —

Table 3: ESF share of Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF)

Share of ESF in the Structural Funds (ESF and ERDF) resources for the operational programmes for the Convergence and Regional competitiveness and	26,43 %
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employment objectives in the 2007-2013 programming period	
ESF minimum share (pursuant to Annex IX of the CPR)	28,10 %
ESF share of Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF) in the 2014-2020 programming period	31,13 %

