



# Environmental integration in the implementation of 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy

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# Sustainable development principle

- Art. 8 of Common Provisions Regulation (1303/2013):
  - "The Member States and the Commission shall ensure that **environmental protection requirements, resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity, disaster resilience, and risk prevention and management** are promoted in the preparation and implementation of Partnership Agreements and programmes"

# Sustainable development principle

- What?
  - Member States and Commission to mainstream sustainable development in programme implementation (Art. 8 + Annex 1 CPR)
  - Managing Authorities to avoid or reduce environmentally harmful effects (Annex 1 CPR)
- How?
  - Prioritise most resource-efficient options
  - Use green public procurement
  - Encourage innovative approaches
  - Prioritise green infrastructure and ecosystem-based approaches
  - ...
- Key role of project selection criteria
- Reporting in 2017

# Ex-ante conditionalities

- Water sector (ExAC 6.1)
  - 9 action plans to be completed
  - Self-suspension for Canary Islands
  - Notification of RBMPs through WISE and through SFC
- Waste sector (ExAC 6.2)
  - 7 action plans to be completed
- Failure to complete the action plan by end of 2016 may result in a suspension of payments in 2017

# Update on REGIO initiatives

- Open Data Platform launched  
<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/>
- PEER2PEER tool for experts in public authorities  
[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/policy/how/improving-investment/taiex-regio-peer-2-peer](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/how/improving-investment/taiex-regio-peer-2-peer)
- EMA network  
<https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/events/meeting-european-network-energy-and-managing-authorities-cohesion-policy-2014-2020>
- Guidelines for ESIF-EFSI combinations  
[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/sources/thesfunds/fin\\_inst/pdf/efsi\\_esif\\_compl\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/thesfunds/fin_inst/pdf/efsi_esif_compl_en.pdf)
- Urban Innovative Actions and EU Urban Agenda
- Brochure on funding opportunities for disaster risk management

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