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Territorial Impact Assessment of Territorial Cohesion in Italy and Europe

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Impact of European Territorial Cooperation projects in Italy

Agency for Territorial Cohesion

Office 6 ETC Programs, international activities and bilateral cooperation
Financial resources

These resources represent:

- the **51%** of the total planned resources related to **10 ETC programmes with funded projects by 2017**;
- The **34%** of the total planned resources related to **all 19 ETC programmes** that involve Italy (2.968.777.544 euro).

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<th>ETC PROGRAMMES</th>
<th>Resources assigned to the financed Projects (euro) (a)</th>
<th>Resources assigned to the Italian partners (euro) (b)</th>
<th>Incidence % (b/a)</th>
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<td>FR-IT ALC</td>
<td>120.565.817,99</td>
<td>70.401.167,10</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>IT-AT</td>
<td>69.145.096,79</td>
<td>44.427.088,59</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>IT-FR MAR</td>
<td>132.704.172,18</td>
<td>88.119.695,49</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>IT-SI</td>
<td>34.008.306,06</td>
<td>23.546.788,60</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>AI</td>
<td>11.501.170,01</td>
<td>3.153.099,51</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>AS</td>
<td>75.538.710,62</td>
<td>22.813.044,03</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>CE</td>
<td>193.011.515,30</td>
<td>39.432.525,11</td>
<td>20,4%</td>
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<td>MED</td>
<td>149.248.937,48</td>
<td>40.089.561,32</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>INT EU</td>
<td>210.545.975,00</td>
<td>28.455.095,00</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>URB III</td>
<td>17.576.931,38</td>
<td>2.132.305,15</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTALE</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.010.575.546,28</strong></td>
<td><strong>362.603.217,04</strong></td>
<td><strong>36%</strong></td>
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The total number of the participations to the funded projects on 31.12.2017 is **4,629** units.

The total number of Italian participations (as lead partner or project partner) to the funded projects on 31.12.2017 is **1,444**, i.e. the **31% of the involved partners (4,629)**.

Italian beneficiaries are lead partner in **287** projects.
Territorial distribution of the resources assigned to the Italian partners for the funded projects on 31.12.2017

Territorial distribution of the Italian partners per region for the funded projects on 31.12.2017
Thematic Objectives

ETC Programming for TOs

ETC Implementation for TOs

Distribution of resources assigned to Italian partners divided per TO
General considerations

Negative aspects:

- **ETC projects** mainly produce a local impact and not a more strategic one
- Persisting difficulties in **data collecting** and **harmonization**
- Different **Monitoring Systems** working in a independent way
- **Self assessment** considered as a formal obligation and not as an opportunity
- Not adequate relevance assigned to **impact assessment**
- Lack of **capitalization** of results
- Low level of **integration** among programs, policies and funds (except for RIS3)
- Not sufficient **quality of projects**
General considerations

Positive aspects:

- Acknowledgement of the relevance of Impact Assessment in the post 2020 Cohesion Policy Package
- New monitoring approach aiming at understanding the relevant changes
- Diffusion of open data platforms (Open Coesione, Cohesion Data, KEEP, etc.)
- National Plan on Capitalization and mainstreaming activities
- New importance of interregional cooperation for RIS 3 (Component 5 ETC ?)
- Investments in capacity building and Funds for project drafting
- New programming approach based on few and concrete territorial needs and not on the competence of the most performing applicants
Research evidence for post 2020

In which topics we can use territorial evidence?

- Definition of **new Cooperation Programme geographical areas** (definition of functional areas, what’s for Mediterranean Programs?)
- Evolution of **Macaregeonal strategies** (EUSAIR, EUSALP, WEST MED Initiative)
- Integration among **European Territorial and Urban Agenda** (New EU Urban Initiative?)
- **Innear Areas** (Italian Best practice, new 5% threshold proposed by European Parliament)
- Possible increase of the **EGTC** role
- **ITI/CLLD** and other territorial instrument (Art. 23 CPR)
- Better integration of **funds at local level** (multifund programs/strategies/territorial tool)
Our Tool-Box

- **Knowledge base evidence** (impact analysis of what we have done)
- Start as soon as possible with **collection of data** coherent with the Strategic and Specific Objectives
- Ready-to-use **interoperable monitoring systems** and **data platform**
- Additional **indicators’ set** able to capture the changes
- Define since the beginning of the programming period our **informative needs**
- Communication of **evaluation results**
- Much more **integrated evaluation (cross-programme Ev Plan)**
- Correct **timeline of the Evaluation Exercise**
Thank you

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