

# Cohesion Fund 2014-2020

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The Committee on Regional Development adopted the report by Victor BOTINARU (S&D, RO) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006.

It recommended that the European Parliament's position at first reading under the ordinary legislative should be to amend the Commission proposal as follows:

**Subject-matter of the Cohesion Fund:** Members noted that a Cohesion Fund was established for the purpose of **strengthening the economic, social and territorial cohesion** of the Union in the interests of promoting sustainable development.

**Investment priorities:** the scope of the Cohesion Fund was broadened to include:

- support for **energy efficiency** and renewable energy use in the housing sector;
- support for **high efficiency** district heating and **cogeneration** of heat and power;
- support of investment for adaptation to **climate change** including eco-system based approaches;
- investing in the **waste** sector and in the **water** sector, not only to meet the requirements of the Union's environmental *acquis* but to address needs identified by the Member States;
- **soil protection and restoration** and promotion of **ecosystem** services including through NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures;
- actions for the **revitalisation of cities**, regeneration and decontamination of brownfield sites (including conversion areas), and promotion of noise-reduction measures;
- **environmentally-friendly** (including low-noise) and low-carbon **transport systems** including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure.

A reference was maintained in relation to the support that might be granted by the Cohesion Fund to the [Connecting Europe Facility](#)'s transport infrastructure projects in Cohesion Member States.

**Scope of application:** Members foresaw the explicit exclusion of support for the manufacturing, processing and marketing of tobacco and tobacco products, and for undertakings in difficulties as defined under Union State aid rules.

**Indicators:** the Commission shall be empowered to adopt a delegated act to amend the list of common output indicators in the Annex to this Regulation, in order to make adjustments, where justified to ensure effective assessment of progress in programme implementation.